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SAT., Sept. 2, 2023

12:00PM - 4:00PM

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Calendar of Events

Sep. 04, 2023	12:00 PM	Bob Lion's Volleyball Picnic	Taylorsville MetroPark
Sep. 04, 2023		Labor Day	
Sep. 04, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sep. 04, 2023	7:00 PM	SOAR-Survivors Overcoming Assault and Rape	Center
Sep. 05, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Sep. 06, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Sep. 07, 2023	6:00 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Meeting	Center
Sep. 07, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Sep. 11, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sep. 12, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Sep. 12, 2023	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Center
Sep. 14, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Sep. 16, 2023	7:00 PM	Fall Community Dinner	Center
Sep. 18, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sep. 19, 2023	4:30 PM	LGBT Health Clinic	Center
Sep. 19, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Sep. 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Sep. 20, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Sep. 23, 2023		Celebrate Bisexuality Day	
Sep. 25, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sep. 26, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's	Spaghetti Warehouse
Sep. 28, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Sep. 30, 2023	1:00 PM	Bowling Fundraiser	Poelking Lanes

A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work. **Colin Powell**

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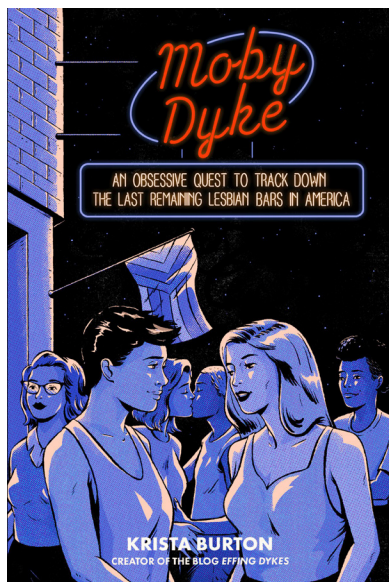
Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

aka: "The Book Worm"

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"Moby Dyke: An Obsessive Quest to Track Down the Last Remaining Lesbian Bars in America" by Krista Burton c.2023, Simon & Schuster
\$28.99 320 pages



The last stool on the left, over by the neon beer sign, is yours.

That's your spot, the place where you can see almost the entire place. You hold court there, have a few drinks there, and you meet new friends. On that stool, you're among your people but enjoy it while you can: in "Moby Dyke" by Krista Burton, watch how your seat is in a dwindling place.

A few years ago, toward the end of the pandemic, masking, and lock-downs, Krista Burton was asked what she missed most. Her answer was a surprise: she longed to be in a crowded "dyke bar," shoulder-to-shoulder with people like her.

Dyke bars. Wouldn't that make a great subject for a book?

Burton found an agent but then she found bad news: supposedly, there were just twenty lesbian bars left in the entire country!

Not wanting to miss anymore opportunity, and with book contract in-hand, Burton began planning roadtrips. It was, she said, "the *gayest possible* dream project..."

She began in San Francisco at "the oldest... lesbian-founded, owned, and continuously operated bar" there. From her home in Minnesota, she flew to New York City to visit two lesbian bars. A visit to a San Diego bar was wrapped up with a friend's wedding.

Burton's husband, a trans man, loved the football atmosphere in a Milwaukee lesbian bar. She caught a drag show in Indiana. Columbus, Ohio was "extremely queer-friendly." She endured karaoke in Nashville, and she visited a cannabis dispensary while in Denver. Seattle was a place of nostalgia. She was mistaken for straight in Houston, was impressed by a *real* Dallas club, almost missed visiting a Mobile bar, wanted to quit

when she was in Atlanta (but didn't), then went to Phoenix and Richmond, imagined herself as a "senator's gay wife" in Washington D.C., and she wrapped her tour up in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Once, Burton says, LGBTQ people were persecuted and arrested for dancing, drinking, and for being themselves in a public place.

"We could all go anywhere now."

Just twenty lesbian bars? You're giving that "Whaaaat?" squint, aren't you?

It's okay, author-blogger Krista Burton addresses that number at the end of "Moby Dyke" by writing with delight that since lock-downs are over, lesbian bars have rebounded.

She doesn't address the bars she missed in the first place...

And yet, you'll get the picture with the twenty she includes – in part, because, as she admits and as many bartenders and owners told her, lesbian bars aren't just for lesbians anymore. To call a drinking establishment a "lesbian bar" ignores the diverse crowds, drag shows, quiet activism, and the inclusion that's now offered alongside the fun Burton craved.

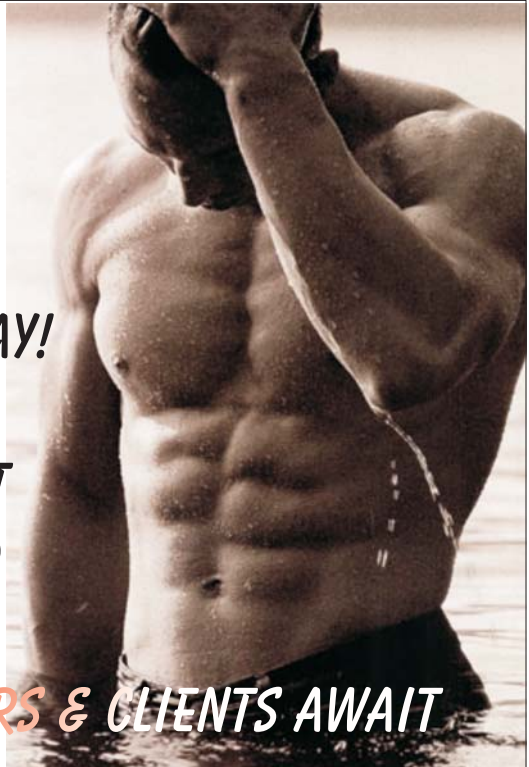
Don't think this book is all about bar-hopping, either. It's funny, with observations that are so sharp, they'll cut you, and it's part memoir. That'll hurt your heart.

Yes, there are omissions in this book but what's here overshadows what's missing. If you want a fun, funny memoir-in-a-bar, grab "Moby Dyke" and pull up a stool.

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Poets Corner

by True Hoffman



I went out
and I saw the streets
They were covered in troubled things
There was a woman holding an old
photograph
And a man with a mind that's gone
nearly black

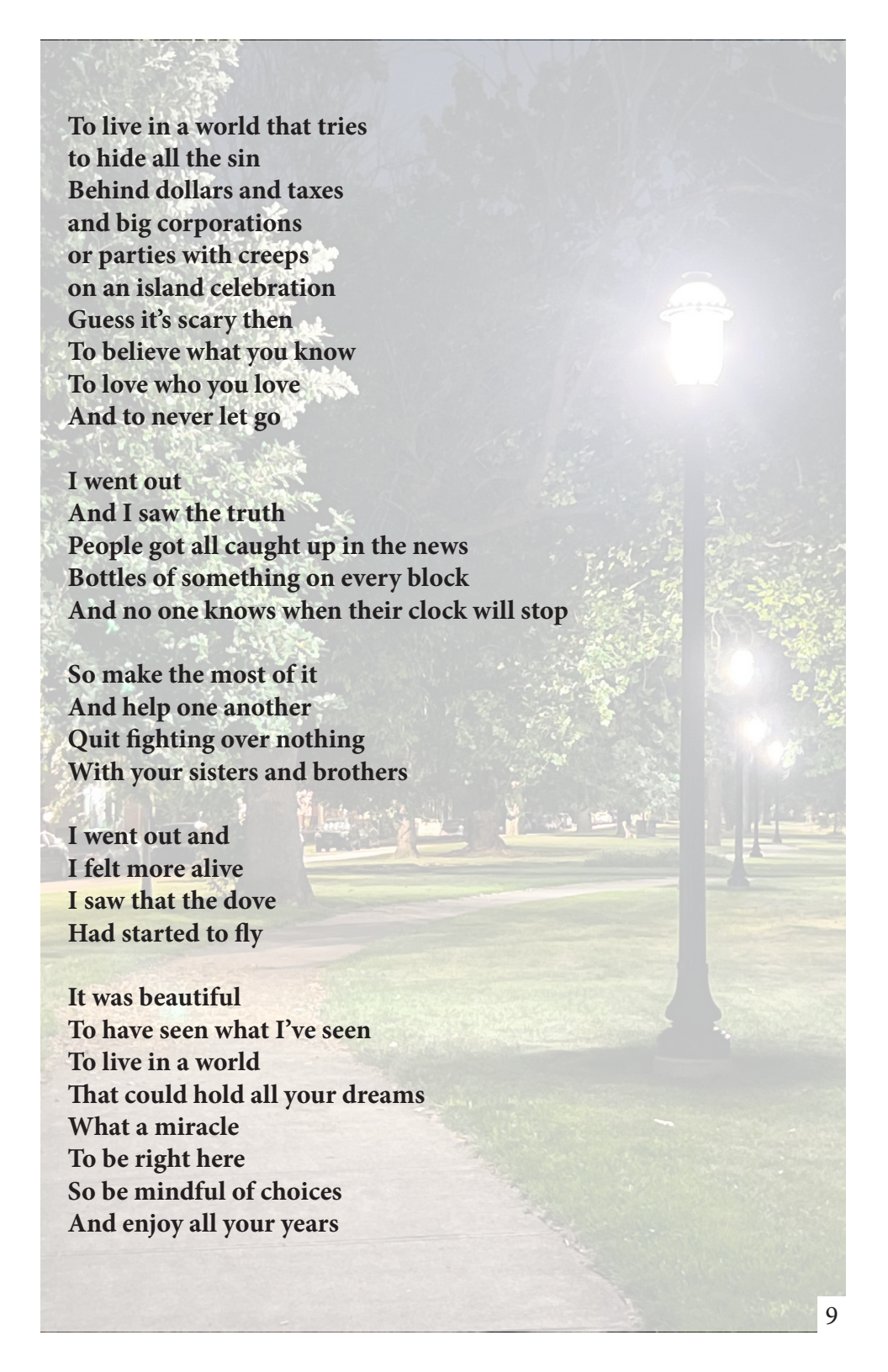
I went out
and I know what I've seen
It's the world itself tearing apart at
the seams
People are screaming "God help me"
And wildfires rage across the seven
seas

I guess you could say
you could all donate
Instead of giving your time just to serve up a plate

Let me tell ya friend
What some good love will do
It'll keep you safe while you heal from a bruise

I went out
And I reached for the sky
There was a dove that fell
Like a tear from an eye

I went out
And I touched the grass
I thought about my future
And remembered my past

A photograph of a park path at night. A paved path leads from the bottom left towards the center. To the right of the path, a tall black street lamp with a glowing white globe stands prominently. In the background, there are several trees with green leaves, and other street lamps are visible further down the path. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the street lamp.

To live in a world that tries
to hide all the sin
Behind dollars and taxes
and big corporations
or parties with creeps
on an island celebration
Guess it's scary then
To believe what you know
To love who you love
And to never let go

I went out
And I saw the truth
People got all caught up in the news
Bottles of something on every block
And no one knows when their clock will stop

So make the most of it
And help one another
Quit fighting over nothing
With your sisters and brothers

I went out and
I felt more alive
I saw that the dove
Had started to fly

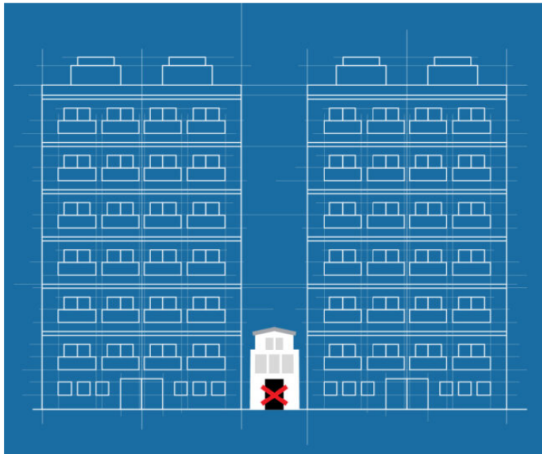
It was beautiful
To have seen what I've seen
To live in a world
That could hold all your dreams
What a miracle
To be right here
So be mindful of choices
And enjoy all your years



Presents

August Wilson's Radio Golf

August 25-September 10, 2023

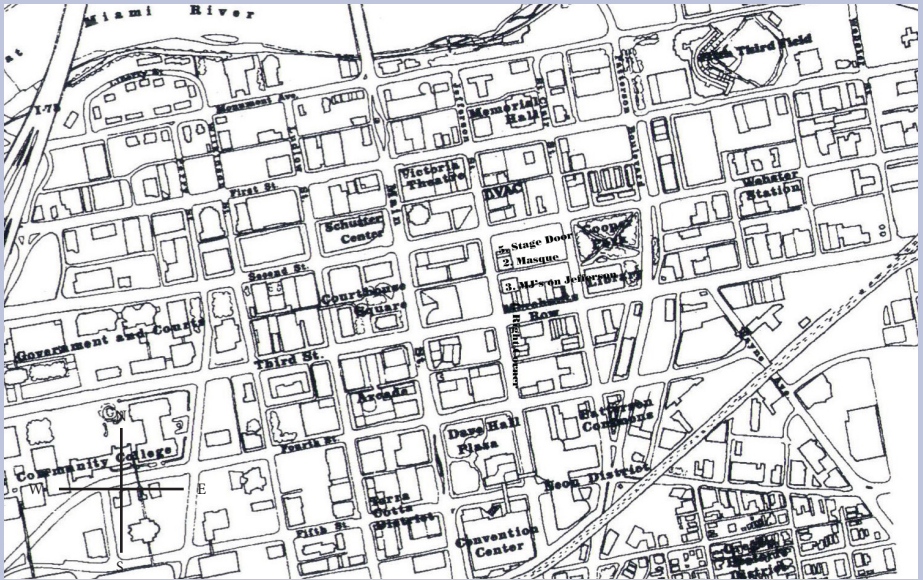


Directed by: Robert-Wayne Waldron

Harmond Wilks is running to be the first Black mayor of Pittsburgh, but the arrival of an unexpected visitor challenges his integrity. With humor and courage, August Wilson's *Radio Golf* examines the steep price "progress" can exact upon the soul.

For tickets, go to www.daytontheatreguild.org

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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
3. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
4. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
5. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
6. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 136 N. St Clair 274-1776

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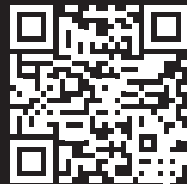


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Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu