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Calendar of Events

May 30,	7:00 PM	Interfaith PRIDE Service	St. John's UCC
May 31,	6:00 PM	Friday's PRIDE Affair	St. Clair Street
June 01,	11:00 AM	Dayton PRIDE 2024 Parade	Jefferson St
June 01,	12:00 PM	Dayton PRIDE Festival	St. Clair Street
June 02,	7:30 AM	Registration Running with PRIDE	Eastwood MP
June 02,	9:00 AM	Running with PRIDE (race begins)	Eastwood MP
June 03,	1:00 PM	FREE HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
June 03,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
June 04,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
June 08,	8:00 PM	Dayton Gay Men's Chorus	Masonic Center
June 10,	1:00 PM	FREE HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
June 10,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
June 11,	6:00 PM	PFLAG Dayton Monthly Meeting	Center
June 13,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center
June 17,	1:00 PM	FREE HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
June 17,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
June 18,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
June 18,	7:00 PM	The Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
June 19,	Juneteenth		
June 20,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center
June 24,	1:00 PM	FREE HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
June 24,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
June 25,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
June 27,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center

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Book Reviews

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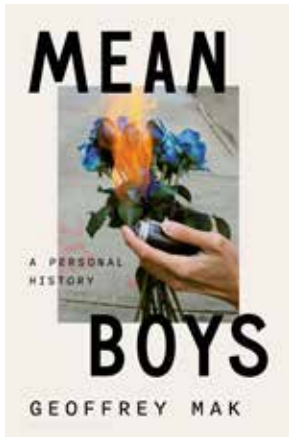
"Mean Boys: A Personal History"

c.2024, Bloomsbury

\$28.99

by Geoffrey Mak

267 pages



This and that.

It's how a pleasant conversation is fed, with give and take, back and forth, wandering casually and naturally, a bit of one subject easing into the next with no preamble. It's communication you can enjoy, like what you'll find inside "**Mean Boys**" by **Geoffrey Mak**.

Sometimes, a conversation ends up exactly where it started.

Take, for instance, Shakespeare's *King Lear*, which leads Mak to think about his life and his

inability to "cull the appropriate narratives out of nonsense..." Part of that problem, he says, was that his living arrangements weren't consistent. He sometimes "never really knew where I was living," whether it was Berlin or California, in a studio or high-end accommodations. The parties, the jokes, the internet consumption were as varied as the homes and sometimes, "it didn't really matter." Sometimes, you have to accept things and just "move on."

When he was twelve years old, Mak's father left his corporate job, saying that he was "called by God" to become a minister. It created a lot of resentment for Mak, for the lack of respect his father got, and because his parents were "passionately anti-gay..." He moved as far away from home as he could, and he blocked all communication with his parents for years, until he realized that "By hating my father, I ended up hating myself, too..."

And then there was club life which, in Mak's descriptions, doesn't sound much different in Berghain (Germany) as it is in New York. He says he "threw myself into night life," in New York Houses, in places that gave "a

skinny Chinese kid from the suburbs... rules I still live by,” on random dance floors, and in Pornceptual. Eventually this, drugs, work, politics, pandemic, basically everything and life in general led to a mental crisis, and Mak sought help.

“I don’t know why I’m telling you all this,” Mak says at one point.

“Sometimes life was bad, and sometimes it wasn’t, and sometimes it just was.”

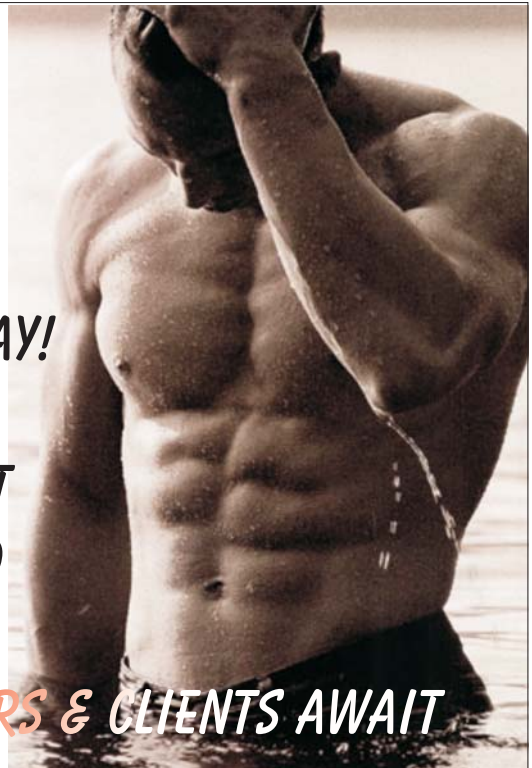
Though there are times when this book feels like having a heart-to-heart with an interesting new acquaintance, “Mean Boys” can make you squirm. For sure, it’s not a beachy-read or something you’ll breeze through in a weekend. No, author Geoffrey Mak jumps from one random topic to another with enough frequency to make you pay super-close to attention to his words, lest you miss something. That won’t leave you whiplashed; instead, you’re pulled into the often-dissipated melee just enough to feel almost *involved* with it – but with a distinct sense that you’re being held at arms’ length, too. That some stories have no definitive timeline or geographical stamp – making it hard to find solid ground – also adds to the slight loss of equilibrium here, like walking on slippery river rock.

Surprisingly, that’s not entirely unpleasant but readers will want to know that the ending in “Mean Boys” could leave their heads swirling with a dozen thoughts on life, belonging, and death. If you like depth in your memoirs, you’ll like that... and this.

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Poets Corner

by True Hoffman

Intertwined

There was a distance in the beginning until there wasn't ~
until we were wrapped around one another - two sunflowers with their
stems intertwined - our hearts - two willow trees with inoculation.

Each time I look up at your zenith - your enigma of light -
I am amazed - shattered in the wish of knowing you sooner.

I felt a peace like no other -
a warmth like a fire learning to glow again.
In your innocence - I wish to drown - or even dive.
For I am curious to know to know your complexities - your spirit -
and your ghost.

Dreams of your kisses -
simple apparitions of your amygdala.

When your not around - memories - moments pirouette through my
mind. Your eyes hold me still like electricity in a telephone wire -
cerulean - azure - and with a glimmer of sunshine.

With you - I feel more awakened -
I feel like the season means more -
they are no longer intervals of time
checking in and out of the hotels of my soul.

Four you arrived with them now - a sound so sweet -
a pendulum with a beautiful metronome
that I would love to hear over and over again.

Our hands - sculpture - gently appreciating and witnessing the art before
us - our face - proof - mirrors of desire -
a confirmation worth remembering.

And our passion - a magnetic pull so wondrous - gravity gets jealous.

And the moon keeps shining though it all -
and the wind returns to your hair -

where my fingers first met you -
and where I wish you to exist forever.



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**DAYTON
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2024**

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 7PM

INTERFAITH SERVICE

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

515 E. 3RD STREET



**DAYTON
PRIDE
2024**

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 6-10PM

AFFAIR ON SAINT CLAIR: ROCK THIS BLOCK

136 N. SAINT CLAIR STREET

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ENTERTAINMENT:**

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Dayton PRIDE Events of 2024

by Randy Phillips

The month of May is a count down to PRIDE here in Dayton. Due to the construction going on at Courthouse Square this year, Dayton PRIDE needed to find a different venue to hold the event. While many venues were looked at, a street party became the obvious choice. To hold the event in the street right in front of the new Greater Dayton LGBT Center also means many will now get introduced to the New Center at the same time. This year, the main stage will be built in front of the new LGBT Center on St. Clair, by 1st Street.

On Thursday, May 30, at 7 PM. PRIDE kicks off with an interfaith service hosted by the Rev. Adam Wurring at St. John's UCC and lead by various local ministers and lay individuals to offer prayer, peace, acceptance and understanding as this PRIDE season kicks off.

On Friday, May 31, at 6 PM Pride begins with The Affair on St. Clair as the Street becomes closed to traffic between 1st Street and 2nd Street for a wonderful PRIDE celebration block party featuring live bands, the Theatre Lab and headlining the evening is the one and only Rubi Girls! This family friendly event is always fun and growing every year. Do Not Miss It!

On Saturday, June 1st is the main event, line up for the Parade begins at 10 AM on Jefferson Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Promptly at 11AM the Parade will step off traveling west on 2nd Street to Main Street and turn right traveling one block to 1st Street and then east on 1st Street to the main stage on St. Clair where the Parade will join the rest of the crowd for a wonderful day of PRIDE celebrations and vendors and booths line the street from 1st to 3rd Street celebrating PRIDE. From noon to 4:00 PM, live entertainment on the main stage will include singers, drag personalities, and local government officials, all to celebrate the queer people of Dayton and beyond.

On Sunday, June 2nd is the 9th annual "**Running With PRIDE**" sponsored by PFLAG Dayton and held at Eastwood Metro Park. Registration for the day begins at 7:30 AM, and the family friendly run/walk begins at 9 AM.

On Saturday, June 8th at 8 PM is the "Save A Horse" concert by the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus featuring the Grammy nominated gay recording artist, Ty Herndon at the Dayton Masonic Center.

This is a very exciting PRIDE season. Happy PRIDE!



DAYTON
PRIDE
2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 11AM

DAYTON PRIDE PARADE

DOWNTOWN DAYTON

LINE UP STARTS AT 10:30 ON JEFFERSON STREET BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD STREETS

PARADE KICKS OFF AT 11AM

THE PARADE TRAVELS WEST ON 2ND STREET TO MAIN STREET, ONE BLOCK NORTH TO 1ST STREET AND THEN EAST ON 1ST STREET TO THE MAIN STAGE ON SAINT CLAIR



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9th Annual

Running With Pride

To register, please visit our website or register in-person on the day of the event. Registration cost is now \$35.

Proceeds from RWP will continue to fund PFLAG Dayton's Scholarship Program and educational programs.

This is a family fun event for those who want walk or run the 5k. If you want to be a part of the event, but don't want to race, please consider volunteering the day of the event. We can always use volunteers! Email to pflagdayton@gmail.com.

**We hope to see you at Eastwood MetroPark on
June 2nd, 2024!**

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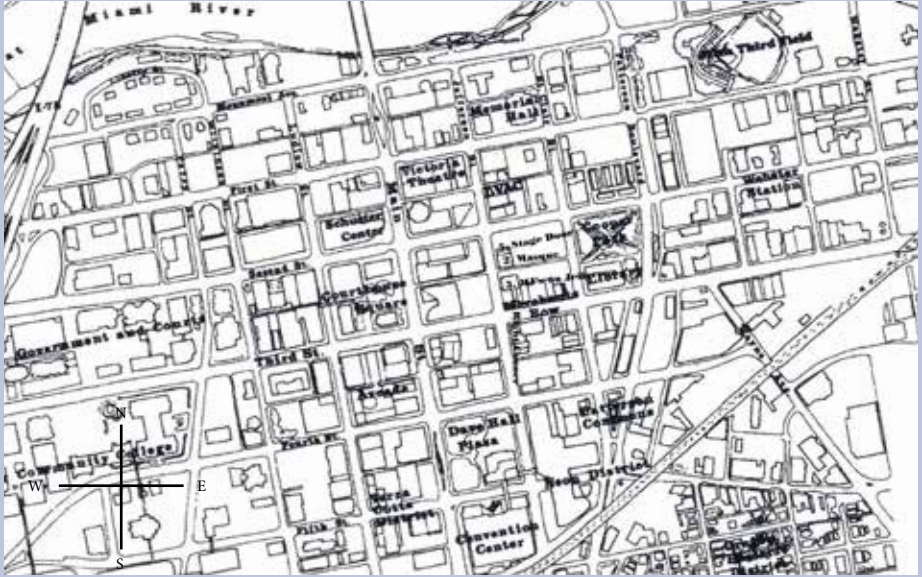


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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (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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DAYTON PRIDE 2024

Saturday June 1st
Doors open at 10am

Best Little Pride Pageant
Hosted by Tova UraVitch
2pm - 5pm

FREE TO COMPETE!

Sign Up By May 25th
Message Tova Uravitch for Details



Karaoke
Hosted by Brandon
5pm - 8pm

Male Dancers
Hosted by Jaymee Sexton
8pm - 10pm



Hosted By Jaymee Sexton
with Diablo D Meanor, Johnny Dangerously, Sensationable Silas and ShauDee

Main Event - Pride Show
Hosted by Carrie J. Summers
10pm



With Mocha Lisa, Gertrude, April Aries, Armani Devine, Destiny Genesis,
Landon Summers, Arione Decardeza, Chanel Cherry, Landon Cherry,
Puck Erup and Lukas Lane

MJ's
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