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Transgender Day of Visibility

MARCH 30TH, 2025

2:30-6:30PM

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Calendar of Events

March 2,	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
March 3,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 3,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 5,	12:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Zoom
March 6,	6:00 PM	LGBT Center Board Meets	Center
March 9,	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
March 10,	11:00 AM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 10,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 11,	6:30 PM	PFLAG	Center
March 13,	7:00 PM	PFLAG Virtual Book Club	PFLAG-org.zoom.us
March 16,	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
March 17,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 17,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 18,	6:30 PM	Charity Bingo benefiting DATV	Yellow Cab Tavern
March 18,	7:00 PM	The Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
March 19,	12:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Zoom
March 22,	7:30 PM	Heart of Ohio - Gay Mens Chorus -	See Page 7
March 23,	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
March 23,	2:00 PM	Dayton Pride Planning	Center
March 24,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 24,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 28,	7:00 PM	Parent/Caregiver Support - 1010 Valley St, Dayton	
March 30,	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
March 30,	2:30 PM	Transgender Day of Visibility - Yellow Cab Tavern	
March 31,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 31,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center

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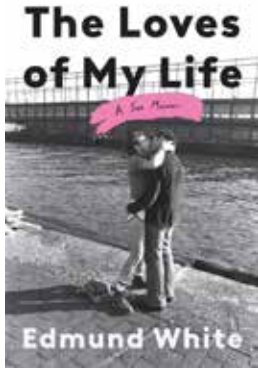
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"The Loves of My Life: A Sex Memoir" by Edmund White
c.2025, Bloomsbury \$27.99

256 pages



These days, you're awfully distracted. You can't think right, can't stay focused, you daydream and fantasize and imagine. You're completely twitterpated and feeling the best kind of despair and happiness together. Face it: you're hopelessly in love – again – and as in the new memoir, **"The Loves of My Life" by Edmund White**, it's glorious.

When an accomplished novelist reaches the middle of his eighth decade, he should state what's been most important in his life. For Edmund White, it's the "thousands of sex partners" he's had since he was

a mere child.

He was ten years old or thereabouts when he fell in love with a boy he alternately calls Nick and Cam. They spent a lot of after-school time together, wrestling and roughhousing, as boys do, and it eventually became sexual.

Six years later, White was working for his father and making enough money to hire men for sex, mostly straight men who hailed from Kentucky, just across the border from White's Ohio home. Sometimes, doing so put him in danger because being gay then was something shameful and undiscussed.

At around this time, he met an older, "camp" man who taught him the slang of gay life.

He met some of his lovers on Craigslist and some while traveling with a man he calls his "first husband." He sought therapy, hoping to be "cured" of homosexuality, and he briefly fell in love with a woman, thinking he'd get married and raise a family. He loved younger men and older men, from Madrid, Boston, Scotland, at bathhouses, at parties, and he's had several love-of-his-life romances. Sex, says White, was always linked with love. He's watched too many men die of AIDS. He had "AYOR" sex ("at your own risk"). He's slept with men around the world and once, he got poison ivy for it.

All this was fun then, he says, but “Now in the cold polar heart of old age,” he looks back at it all “as comical and pointless, repetitious and dishonorable.”

Considering that “The Loves of My Life” is subtitled as it is, it’s not as explicit as you might think it would be. Yes, this memoir will steam up a window right quick, but the heat is tempered by author Edmund White’s sense of humor and wry outlook.

Those two aspects tend to give a reader a break in what would otherwise be a long string of fast-and-furious romps and a litany of randiness. Break intact, stories connect but you can enjoy each for its own merits of exploration and *joie de vivre*, accompanied by straightforwardness and what feels like honest soul-searching without much gratuitousness. White also freely admits to a few mistakes in his lifetime, further endearing himself to readers.

It shouldn’t need to be said that there’s profanity inside this book – you should expect it from its subtitle – but beware, if you’re looking for pearls to clutch. For readers who don’t care about that and want a decent memoir, “The Loves of My Life” is a very pleasant distraction



QUIPS AND CHAINS Paperback – June 18, 2024 \$11.99
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This is a novelty book of gay leather, kink, and fetish word puzzle by Paul Heras. This entertaining and comical puzzle book is intended for adults who are interested in testing their knowledge against traditional and modern word puzzles. Eight different types of puzzles are included!

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Poets Corner

by True Hoffman



The Shamrock



In the forest,
surrounded by deer
and honeybees,
is a shamrock,
glistening with the
rains of life.



Fairies whisper
in the treetops,
and leprechauns
chase bunny rabbits
through the rolling hills,
and rainbows—
endless rainbows—
kiss the horizon,



where green grass
greet the grand,
golden sun,
and magic
meanders through
the mysteries
of memory.



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It Begins

The Trump Administration continues its attack on the LGBTQ community and “reshape” the American Family as outlined in the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025. While on the campaign trail when many people cried out against Project 2025, Mr. Trump claimed he has not read it. I am absolutely sure that this was true, he had not read it, after all it was written by his former cabinet and advisers as a blueprint to dismantling government agencies and has a lot to say about what your private relationships should look like and who you should marry.

In fact, [Christian Nationalist](#) vision of the family is a key ingredient of the 922 page manual. According to Project 2025, not all families are created equal. On page 451, it defines the “right” kind of family as “a married mother, father, and their children.” It claims this is the “foundation of a well-ordered nation and a healthy society.” Yes, I could point to the similar propaganda that came out of Germany in the 1930’s, but I will refrain.

Promoting this biblical concept of family is cited as a top-five goal for a revamped Department of Health and Human Services, which it criticizes for “having lost its way” by “promoting equity in everything we do.”

The document says efforts at promoting diversity should be repealed and replaced with policies that support what it calls the formation of “stable, married, nuclear families.”

In other words, the authors of Project 2025 believe they have the right to dictate what your family should look like, extending the arm of government into your home — and into your bedroom — to enforce a Christian nationalist worldview. They consider this not just a policy preference, but a core function of governance itself.

To propel this view, Idaho lawmakers pushed forward a resolution to overturn the Supreme Court’s ruling on same sex marriage, arguing it’s an overstep of federal authority. The House State Affairs Committee’s decision prompted emotional testimony, with opponents stressing the importance of equal rights and questioning the historical misuse of states’ rights arguments. Both local and out-of-state voices, including those labeled as anti-LGBTQ+ groups, expressed their viewpoints. The resolution now

heads to the full House for a vote, and it appears their main goal is to get to the Supreme Court so *Obergefell v. Hodges* can be overturned.

It should be noted that traditional families — people who are married with children — no longer make up the majority of family compositions in the U.S., according to recent [polling by the Pew Research Center](#). This shift in family structures is due in part to more same-sex couples adopting children or starting their own families, reflecting the diverse and evolving landscape of today's American society.

That diversity, according to the authors of Project 2025, poses a danger to “the very moral foundations of our society.”

The document lays out several proposals for undermining the rights of those who don't fit the biblical definition of a family. For instance, it wants the government to protect the right of businesses to [discriminate against same-sex couples](#) and says that federal grants should be made available to faith-based groups that refuse to recognize same-sex marriage, specifically, groups that, “affirm that marriage is between not just any two adults, but one man and one unrelated woman.”

While acknowledging that this would violate the [Respect for Marriage Act](#), which bans discrimination against same-sex couples, the document nonetheless calls for the government to “protect faith-based grant recipients that maintain a biblically based, social science–reinforced definition of marriage and family.”

Its policy proposals also [demonize children raised in nontraditional households](#), stating, “Social science reports that assess the outcomes for children raised in homes aside from a heterosexual, intact marriage are clear: All other family forms involve higher levels of instability; financial stress or poverty; or poorer behavioral, psychological, or educational outcomes” which is a misstatement of the facts.

One especially alarming proposal is to [criminalize transgender identity as pornography](#). This proposal likely takes its cue from Russia's so-called gay propaganda bill passed in 2022, which bans all forms of what it refers to as LGBTQ “propaganda” and prohibits Russians from promoting same-sex relationships. Similarly, Project 2025 considers the “propagation of transgender ideology” to be pornography.

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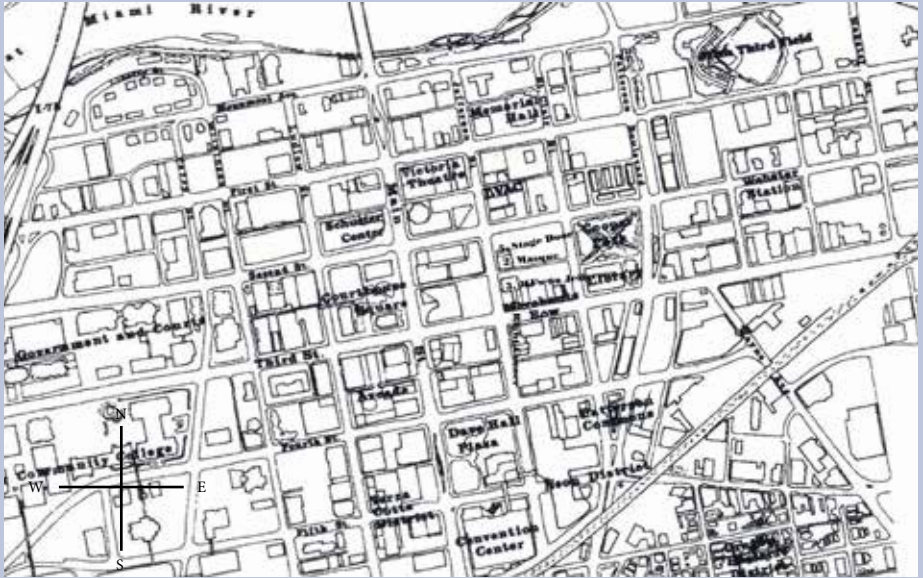


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AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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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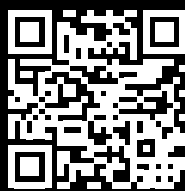


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