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**SAT, DEC 15 | 8 PM-1 AM**

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# Calendar of Events

- Repeating events:      Each Monday - AA Group at 7 pm at the Center  
                                 Each Thursday - Yoga at 7 pm at the Center  
                                 Each Sunday - Yoga at noon at the Center
- Dec 5    **6:30 pm**, Greater Dayton LGBT Center monthly board meeting
- Dec 8    **6:00 pm**, The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus Christmas Concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Dec 9    **1:30 pm**, The Big Gay Meeting of Community Leaders
- Dec 11   **7 pm**, PFLAG monthly meeting at Harmony Creek Church  
          7 pm, Youth First monthly meeting at Harmony Creek Church
- Dec 12   **7 pm**, Sexual Assault Support Group at the Center
- Dec 15   **8 pm - 1 am**, FREE STI/HIV Testing at the Center
- Dec 18   **7 pm**, Transgender/Non-Binary Support Group - Gatlyn Dame Group meets at the Center
- Dec 25   Merry Christmas- The Center will be open to drop in 1-5 pm  
          No One Should Be Alone On Christmas! Spend the Day with US!
- Dec 26   **7 pm**, Sexual Assault Support Group at the Center
- Dec 31   7 pm, AA group will meet at the Center - New Year Eve!
- Jan 1                                    *Happy New Year!!!*

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# Book Reviews

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aka: "The Book Worm"

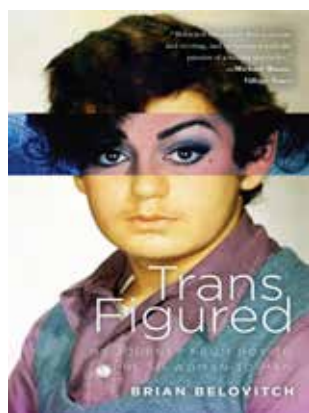
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"Trans Figured: My Journey From Boy to Girl to Woman to Man"

by Brian Belovitch c.2018, Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.

\$24.99 / \$38.99 Canada

232 pages



It's not a good fit.

You saw it and loved it, but now you know the truth: it's too small or too large. Too brassy or too muted. It's the wrong color or the wrong neighborhood or just *not you*. It doesn't fit because maybe, as in the new memoir "**Trans Figured**" by **Brian Belovitch**, it's the wrong gender.

In his family of almost all boys, Brian Belovitch stood out because he lacked something his brothers had in abundance: hypermasculinity.

Belovitch was soft and "chubby" with curls and long eyelashes and was often mistaken for a little girl as a preschooler, which was just fine with him. He enjoyed his femininity, even though he knew that it would get him a beating – if not from his brothers, then from his father.

Even as a young child, Belovitch says, he was overly-curious about sex, and especially about the male body. He recognized early that girls held "no interest" but boys were another matter. He was in fourth grade when he had his first sexual encounter, with a slightly older male classmate.

By his early teens, Belovitch had discovered alcohol and shoplifting. He'd run away a few times, and visiting gay clubs near his Rhode Island home was, for him, a natural next step. After a traumatic coming-out to his family, he moved in with a man he considered his first real friend; it was through Paulie that Belovitch met a community of trans women.

And that was when "Natalia" was born with "great joy..."

She was beautiful, sexy, "my own special creation," says Belovitch of himself as a trans woman. As Natalia, she was the toast of New York,

a model and actress thanks to hormones, silcones, pilfered clothing, and a desperate need for love. Belovitch got married as Natalia, and divorced; she led him to prostitution, heroin, cocaine, alcohol, HIV, and an attempted suicide. He was Natalia when he reached out to friends and sought therapy. As Natalia, he took “a... look at the direction in which my life was heading.”

Belovitch was Natalia when he realized that he was “feminine-inclined,” but Natalia had to go...

Toward the end of this totally frank memoir, author Brian Belovitch says that if it wasn't for the AIDS epidemic, his “story would be as common as salt.” Readers may find that arguable, since “Trans Figured” goes *well beyond* unique.

Beware, though, that it's going to put you through the wringer. Belovitch is completely open about the abuse he experienced, and his recounting can be graphic. Beware *where* you read this book, because it contains nudity inside. Also know that nostalgia for the 1970s may hit you but that's going to include a breathlessly steep plunge into memories of cocaine, promiscuity, and epidemic.

Still – without giving too much away – there's a happy ending to this memoir, one that manages to educate readers as it oddly entertains them with stories of times past. It's a happy ending well-deserved and well-told and, considering the overall uncommonness of “Trans Figured,” it fits.

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Thanksgiving can be a wonderful time of year, a time to share a meal and conversation with friends and family. Some in our LGBTQI family are disenfranchised from their blood families for living and being authentic. This is why it is so important for the Greater Dayton LGBT Center to have an Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for all in our LGBTQIA family, that we may share a meal and conversation and build community together. This year over 100 people came to the Center to share a meal and bring our “Family” together. Likewise on Thanksgiving Day we opened up the Center again so anyone who does not have family to be with on Thanksgiving, could come share with our chosen family, and together we shared a fantastic meal together, played a few games, and had a fantastic day!

On Christmas day we will open up again so our chosen family can gather, play a few games, and enjoy a wonderful day. No one should be alone for the holidays!

Looking forward into the New Year, the Center has some exciting events coming up. We have our Annual Women’s Valentines Dance coming up February 9<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be held at the LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson St, STE 200 in downtown Dayton with a live DJ, large dance floor, great food and fun for all. Cost is \$10.00 for LGBT members and \$15.00 for non-members, membership has its privileges!

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> is our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Bowling for Pride” fundraiser. The event will once again take place at Poelking Lanes, 1403 Wilmington Ave, Dayton. Check it at 1 PM with bowling beginning at 2 PM. Don’t forget our now famous raffle with all sorts of items for everyone, including your naughty side. This is a fun filled afternoon for the serious, and not so serious, bowlers. In fact the non-so serious is who we cater too! This year you may cut down on the check in time and purchase your tickets and pick your lane ahead of time, just follow this link to get your tickets today.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bowling-with-pride-tickets-52801982150?fbclid=IwAR1Zcrp-wU-r92YmxRr7Xp8esKfF7kH4YVRkL2GYyI8CZ9EYanzL0CRs-CE>

The Center will be beginning all new support groups in 2019. Please check the website often for the group schedules.

Happy Holidays!

# The Annual Woman's Valentine's Dance

February 9, 2019

Doors open at 7 pm

Cost: \$10 For LGBT Members  
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12th Annual

# BOWLING

For Pride

Saturday February 23rd

**Poelking Lanes**

1403 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, OH 45420

Check in at 1 pm, Bowling Starts at 2 pm

**Cost: \$20.00** each bowler (includes shoes)

**Game 1 ... 8 to Eat**

**Game 2 ... Bingo Bowl**

**Game 3 ... Garbage Bowl**

After Party at



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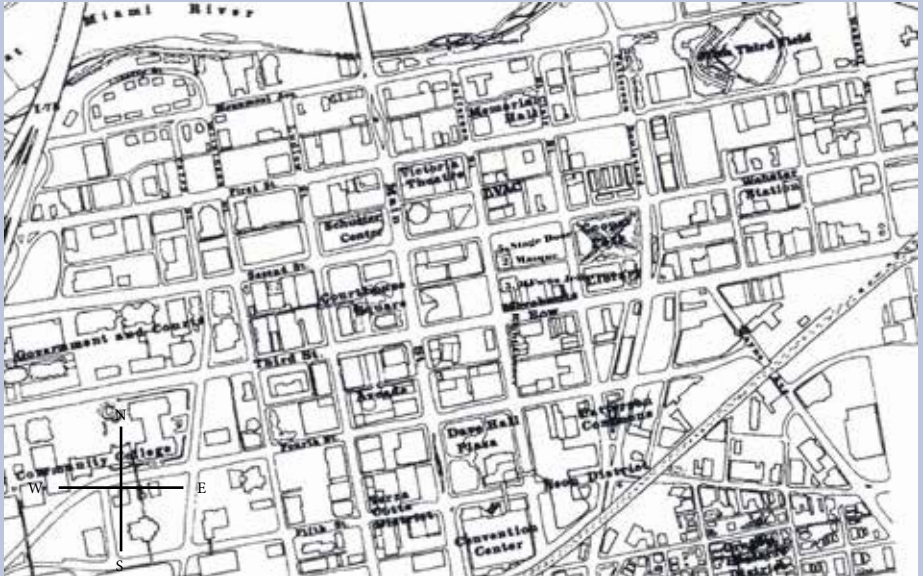


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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Masque, 34 N. Jefferson 228-2582 (18+, Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG,AH)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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