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**Before you get all hot and bothered, Get tested!**

**July 24 | 8-11 PM**

# **SUMMER LOVIN'**

**Rapid HIV Tests!**

**Fabulous Prizes!**

**Dayton LGBT Center  
24 N. Jefferson St.  
Suite 200, Dayton**



**Contact Jake Yousif for questions at [jakeyousif@equitashealth.com](mailto:jakeyousif@equitashealth.com)**

# Calendar of Events

July 1 6 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Board Meeting	Online/Center
July 1 7 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
July 4	<i>Happy Independence Day</i>	
July 5 7 PM	LGBT AA Meeting	Online/Center
July 5 7 PM	SOAR At The Center	Center
July 8 7 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
July 9 5 PM	Community PRIDE Fairborn	Ampitheater
July 10 12 PM	Black Pride	McIntosh Park
July 12 7 PM	LGBT AA Meeting	Online/Center
July 13 7 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Harmony Ck
July 14	<i>International Non-Binary Day</i>	
July 17	Pozitive Attitudes Summit	Crown Plaza
July 19 7 PM	LGBT AA Meeting	Online/Center
July 20 7 PM	Gatlyn Dame Support Group	Online/Center
July 22 7 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
July 24 8 AM	Rainbow Rafters 46th Annual Rafting Trip	WV
July 24 8 PM	Summer Lovin' HIV Testing Event	Center
July 26 7 PM	LGBT AA Meeting	Online/Center
July 28 7 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
July 29 7 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center

Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive.

Leah LaBelle

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# Book Reviews

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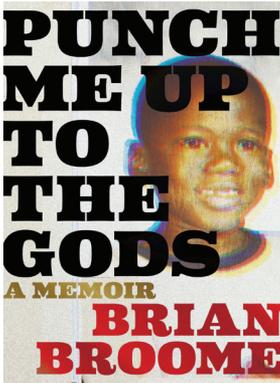
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"Punch Me Up to the Gods: A Memoir" by Brian Broome

c.2021, HMH Books

\$26.00 / \$38.00 Canada

272 pages



Little kids have it so easy.

Somebody feeds them when they're hungry, does their laundry, buys them toys, and plays with them. Somebody escorts them everywhere and sometimes, they even get carried. Yep, life is good when you're a little kid except, as in the new memoir, **"Punch Me Up to the Gods" by Brian Broome**, when it's not.

He called Corey his "best friend," but Corey was no friend to ten-year-old Brian Broome. Sure, things were sympatico at first but it didn't take long for Corey to sense Broome's insecurities, or to start pummeling Broome, or to humiliate him. Broome's father hoped that Corey might act as "a form of therapy" for a boy who played with girls too much; Broome endured the abuse and didn't complain to the adults because he was a little in love with Corey.

As if Corey's thrashings weren't harsh enough, Broome's dad beat Broome for a multitude of reasons, from a pink shirt to frustration over unemployment to racism: he said he'd rather kill his children himself than to let a white person do it. Broome, in fact, often wished that he was white like the people on TV, so he'd have the benefits of it. White parents really seemed to love their kids...

Broome dreamed of moving far away from the tiny working-class Ohio town of his birth, to a larger city where he believed he could avoid the bullying and teasing, leave his life behind, and escape the embarrassment of his parents' ramshackle existence. He did leave once, for college, but he was deeply humiliated by the racism and homophobia of his roommates. He called his mother then, and she came to get him.

She was one of a handful of Black women who saved him.

Being a man isn't easy. Being a Black man in America is harder. Being a gay Black man led Broome to drugs, alcohol, and away from his family – although, he says, “... yes, I was loved. Just not in ways that I could understand.”

Be prepared to be messed with here. Your emotions may never be the same.

There's a tightly-coiled, ready-to-strike fist wrapped in melancholy and a miles-long people-watching incident in this book, both giving aptness to its title. “Punch Me Up to the Gods” refers to author Brian Broome's father's second-favorite words before the beatings began, and they'll hit you hard, too. You're not embarrassed, in fact, to be seen carrying a book around, are you? Because you will, this one.

Happily, there are moments of humor, too, as Broome recalls things that occurred in his youth, or maybe just a few years ago. He surprises readers with similes that are sobering, in the middle of laughter. He steps back sometimes, to pick at something else, turns it over twice to examine it, and pulls it into his tale.

For this, you won't regret picking this wonderfully companionable, startlingly gracious and compelling memoir. “Punch Me Up to the Gods” is a don't-miss, devouring it is so easy.

THE INAUGURAL

*Dayton*

**BLACK PRIDE**

FOOD, VENDORS, ENTERTAINMENT, & MORE

SATURDAY  
**JUL 10**  
2021  
**12PM - 6PM**

**McIntosh Park**  
Edwin C Moses Blvd  
& W Riverview Ave

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# Alert: Action Needed

In the 134th Ohio General Assembly, Representative Bret Hillyer, and Representative Michael Skindell, along with 35 co-sponsors have signed on to sponsor The Ohio Fairness Act. This Act would amend sections 4112.01 and 4112.05 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation as an informal method that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

The Ohio Senate Version is sponsored by Nickie Antonio, and Michael Rulli along with 9 co-sponsors which again, amend sections 4112.01 and 4112.05 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation as an informal method that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

Additionally many Ohio cities continue to adopt fairness and equality amendments to their books, so clearly it would seem we are moving in the right direction.

Then in the 11th hour on June 28th extremist politicians have crafted the state budget with the intent to help the wealthiest Ohioans while harming the rest of us, especially Ohioans who are Black, brown, transgender, and gender non-conforming, those who live in rural areas, have low incomes and are in need of abortion care. A state budget reflects what the state values--and Ohio conservatives have made it clear that they do not value Ohioans with this proposed budget. By using the budget to attack our rights, and our access to health care, the republican majority has decided to use the budget to prioritize and uplift programs that benefit themselves and harm our communities. These corrupt politicians are not representative of us or our communities' needs. They don't reflect Ohio. They know when we come together, we're powerful. Together, we have the power to demand that leaders do right by all Ohioans.

Ohio extremists are creating the state's budget in quiet, quick, backroom deals. They waited until public comment on the budget was over to add amendments that use the budget as a trojan horse to take away reproductive health care and undercut evidence-based, LGBTQ-inclusive sex education.

These amendments added at the last minute:

Threaten all abortion providers in Southwest Ohio including the Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati and Women's Med Center of Dayton. These providers have been targeted because they have variance agreements directly with physicians instead of a transfer agreement with a private hospital. Both the variance and transfer agreement requirements are completely medically unnecessary and are entirely about adding hurdles to abortion providers, making it more difficult for them to keep their doors open. The budget amendment seeks to further restrict access by listing additional arbitrary restrictions the physicians contracted through the variance must comply with including stating the physicians cannot work with state-funded medical facilities, medical schools, and teaching hospitals. Further suppress comprehensive sex education by adding barriers to schools that want to teach a comprehensive curriculum rather than abstinence-only programming, which is not accurate and causes harm to students.

Give medical practitioners the ability to refuse to participate in any medical treatment that they object to regardless of harm to the patient, including gender-affirming care, contraception, fertility treatments, and abortion care.

We know a budget that will close down two reproductive health clinics that serve thousands of patients, further legalize discrimination by allowing doctors to refuse care, push comprehensive sex education out of schools, give \$6 million in taxpayer funding to crisis pregnancy centers and \$2 million in taxpayer money to dangerous abstinence-only programming is NOT OUR OHIO BUDGET.

OUR OHIO BUDGET would ensure people get the pandemic economic relief they need to fully recover from the last 15 months, it would provide affordable health care, it would expand, not attack access to abortion and other reproductive health care services, and it would declare racism a public health crisis, allowing us to begin to address the impact racism has on health care outcomes.

Call or email the governor's office and let him know he should veto this budget! This is not right for Ohio. We need to pass the Ohio Fairness Act to make all of Ohio more inclusive, not deviously restricting rights to favor a few. <https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/contact>



# **YOGA AT THE CENTER**

**Thursday's at 7 PM**

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

24 N. Jefferson St., STE 200

Dayton, OH 45402

**The only thing missing is You!**

**NAMASTE**

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# Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center

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(937) 274-1776



## Support Groups

**Transgender Support = Gatlyn Dame Group**  
**Soar = Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape**  
**LGBTQ AA = Alcoholic's Anonymous**  
**Positive Attitudes = HIV+ support**  
**Men's Groups**  
**Women's Groups**  
**Youth Groups**

## Health Support

**FREE: LGBT Yoga Classes**  
**FREE: Health & Wellness Clinic**

*Blood Pressure & Glucose Testing*  
*HRT Consulting*  
*Adult Vaccines Screenings*

## Sexual Health

**FREE HIV & STI Testing**  
**Offering**

*PrEP - A once-daily pill that prevents HIV*  
*PAPI - A program that helps pay for the cost of PrEP*

## Education

**We offer a lending Library**  
**3,000 + Books**  
**LGBT Historical Archive**  
**LGBT History Classes**  
**Special interest Classes**

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# Gay Bowling League

Excitement

**Bowling Begins,  
Sunday, August 29th  
1PM**

**Poelking Lanes  
1403 Wilmington Ave  
Dayton, OH**

For more info: [GBLbowling@gmail.com](mailto:GBLbowling@gmail.com)

# Gay Dayton Map



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. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
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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Open Daily @ 3 pm



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu