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Hours

3 pm - 2:30 am
7 days

Happy Hour

3 pm - 9 pm
Monday - Saturday

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Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7 pm to Midnight
Friday & Saturday 7 pm to 2 am

Calendar of Events

2-Mar	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group at the LGBT Center
4-Mar	6:30 PM	Center Monthly Board Meeting at the LGBT Center
5-Mar	7:00 PM	Yoga at the LGBT Center
9-Mar	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group at the LGBT Center
10-Mar	7:00 PM	PFLAG Montly Meeting at Harmony Creek Church
11-Mar	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes (HIV+ Group support) LGBT Center
13-Mar	7:00 PM	Movie Night at the Center - A double feature
12-Mar	7:00 PM	Yoga LGBT Center
16-Mar	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group at the LGBT Center
17-Mar	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group - Trans Support a the LGBT Center
19-Mar	7:00 PM	Yoga at the LGBT Center
22-Mar	6:00 PM	PRIDE Planning Meeting at the LGBT Center
23-Mar	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group at the LGBT Center
25-Mar	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes (HIV+ Group) LGBT Center
25-Mar	6:00 PM	Chapters LGBT Book Club at the LGBT Center
26-Mar	7:00 PM	Yoga at the LGBT Center
29-Mar	4:00 PM	Dayton LGBT Leaders Summitt at LGBT Center
30-Mar	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group at the LGBT Center
31-Mar	7:00 PM	Trans Prom Apollo Rm, of Wright State

If you worry about what might be, and wonder what might have been,
you will ignore what is." *unknown*

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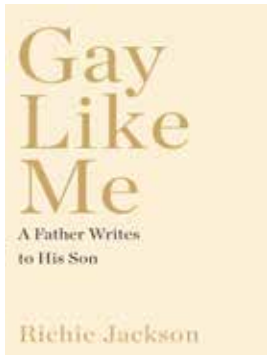
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"Gay Like Me: A Father Writes to His Son" by Richie Jackson

c.2020, Harper

\$24.99 / \$31.00 Canada

163 pages



Like father, like son.

When you were small, people said you looked just like your dad. As you grew up, they said you had his sense of humor or his temper, you laughed alike, you walked alike. Today, you may be close or you may have a chasm of miles or emotion between you, but as in the new book **"Gay Like Me" by Richie Jackson**, you're a lot more like Dad than you think.

From the time he was small, Richie Jackson knew two things: he "felt lucky to be gay," and he wanted to be a father someday.

"Everything good that has happened to me is because I am gay," he says – and that includes the birth of his son, born to a surrogate when Jackson was in his thirties. Since then, in the meantime, the sentiment has surely doubled since Jackson's son came out as gay.

That was his "greatest wish for" his son, that he know the joy of being gay because it's "a gift." Says Jackson, he is "thrilled for the flight ahead of you" and "wary of the fight ahead of you" because wonderful things could happen but vigilance is required, and the knowledge that pain sometimes comes from people you didn't think would hurt you.

Still, Jackson is excited for his son, who is college-age now and who grew up at a time when AIDS isn't a death sentence, hiding isn't mandatory, and so many large battles have already been fought by people at Stonewall, in the military, in marriage equality, and in everyday life. These things give Jackson hope as he launches his eldest

son in the world as a gay man, but he has advice....

Know who you are, he counsels, and “never diminish your essence.” Know the heroes who went before you. Never let your sexuality shame you and never use it to shame others. Know your partner’s HIV status in advance. Don’t fall into the same drugs-and-alcohol trap that’s ensnared so many other gay men. And “vote as if your life depends on it, because it does.”

Is there a modern teenager in the world who takes his father’s advice? Perhaps not, but if he’s a gay young man, he might still be glad to have “Gay Like Me.”

Written with enthusiasm and gratitude, author Richie Jackson also displays a lot of loving steel hidden in the things he wants his son to know. His advice is fierce, but tempered with the kind of acquired fear that traumatically becomes a part of one’s DNA. In the sweetest of dad-tones, he’s honest, using a please-don’t-do-as-I-did warning, heavy on the “*please.*” He doesn’t just write words *to* his son, but he penned them *about* his son, and they’re caressing, but difficult, words that aren’t only for the sake of, or aimed at, one specific, specifically-young man.

You don’t, in other words, have to be young or gay or even a man to enjoy “Gay Like Me.” Mothers of gay teens will want it, fathers and sons alike.

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March Is National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month

Traumatic Brain Injury is one of the most misunderstood medical issues of the human body. It seems an easy enough question: How valuable is your brain? Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) are a major health problem. This includes damage from strokes, concussions, or any other injury to the head and brain. For many years once someone was diagnosed with a TBI, nothing further was done only to hope your brain will heal itself. Today advancements have been accomplished yet there is much more yet to learn. Research is showing that even mild concussions can have serious and life-long effects. Strokes have even more serious consequences. Much of the news lately has been about concussions. As USA Today, Sports Illustrated, and other publications have described, concussions can have a serious effect on one's brain function and behavior. Advances have been made in diagnosing and recognizing the seriousness of concussions, which is a huge step forward in the athletic world and good news for everyone. However, none of the articles have covered the other side of the coin: treatment. The good news is that there are treatment options currently available that have the potential to improve or even reverse the damage done by concussions and strokes. Much of this advancement has been through the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapies.

Additionally various support groups and educational organizations have popped up much like a local non-profit group whose mission is to increase public and professional awareness and understanding of brain injuries and methods of prevention. They accomplish this by educating our community, sharing research and information regarding new technologies, and by raising funds to help brain injured individuals and their families. Other good sources for information about Traumatic Brain Injuries are: The Brain Injury Association of America <https://www.biausa.org> they provide some helpful information and resources in each State.

TBI not only impacts an individual but the whole family where often times they must become the care givers. So during National TBI Month let's be thankful for the caregivers and ever mindful of those affected by Traumatic Brain Injuries.

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Join Us Friday March 13th

Double Feature begins at 7 pm

Bring your sleeping bag~pillow~ blanket~(chairs provided)

(You may bring your own beverages if you wish)

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center has purchased a blanket license from the Motion Picture Association to be able to show movies through out the year. It is the intent to begin showing movies that we may get together, share a movie and continue to build community together.

We are beginning with a double feature: “Friday The 13th” and “Parasite.” Bring a blanket, a pillow, or sleeping bag that you may be comfortable while watching the movies. Of course we do have chairs if you like. We will pop the popcorn and fire up the movie. So come join us Friday, March the 13th for Friday the 13th. Synopsis: “Crystal Lake’s history of murder doesn’t deter counselors from setting up a summer camp in the woodsy area. Superstitious locals warn against it, but the fresh-faced young people -- Jack (Kevin Bacon), Alice (Adrienne King), Bill (Harry Crosby), Marcie (Jeannine Taylor) and Ned (Mark Nelson) -- pay little heed to the old-timers. Then they find themselves stalked by a brutal killer. As they’re slashed, shot and stabbed, the counselors struggle to stay alive against a merciless opponent.” Showing begin at 7 pm.

At 9 pm we will screen the award winning film “Parasite.” A poor family, the Kims, con their way into becoming the servants of a rich family, the Parks. But their easy life gets complicated when their deception is threatened with exposure. Greed and class discrimination threaten the newly formed symbiotic relationship between the wealthy Park family and the destitute Kim clan. This is a wonderful film that will make you think and certainly has a twist. Join us at 9 pm for this wonderful film.

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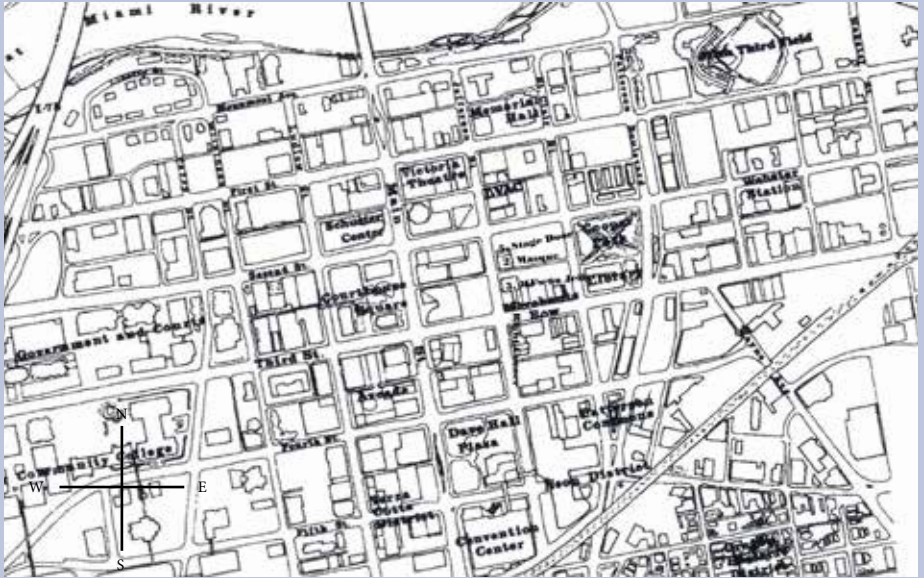
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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. 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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