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Hours
3 pm - 2:30 am
7 days

Happy Hour
3 pm - 9 pm
Monday - Saturday

20 N Jefferson St - Dayton, OH 45402

MJ's Kitchen Hours:


Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 5:30 pm to Midnight

Friday & Saturday 5:30 pm to 2 am

Calendar of Events

- Apr 27-May14 The Human Race Theatre presents "*Thurgood*" for more:
<http://www.humanracetheatre.org/>
- May 4 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Monthly board meeting at the Center 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200 Dayton
- May 5-21 The Dayton Playhouse presents "*Ragtime*" for more:
<http://wordpress.thedaytonplayhouse.com/>
- May 7 4:00 pm The Gatlyn Dame Group Social at Spaghetti Warehouse 36 W. Fifth Street, Dayton 45402
- May 9 7 pm PFLAG Dayton's monthly meeting at Harmony Creek Church 5280 Bigger Road, Dayton 45440
- May 12-28 The Dayton Theatre Guild presents "*Wonder of the World*"

- May 16 7 pm The transgender support group - Gatlyn Dame Group meets at the LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200
- May 20 5:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Community Dinner is held at 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200, Dayton 45402 see page 8
- May 21 4 pm Pride Planning Meeting at the Center. Come join a committee and help plan our pride celebrations.
- May 31 7 pm The Neon Theater screens “Handsome Devil” a story about two students forced to be roommates. see page 6
- June 1 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Monthly board meeting at the Center 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200 Dayton
- June 2 5 pm “The Affair on the Square” with live entertainment, food, beer and the ever vivacious Rubi Girls
9:30 pm the .5K Svedka Bar Crawl
- June 3 9 am Pride Breakfast at MJ’s on Jefferson
11 am Parade Line up, Cooper Park. Noon Step Off
12 pm - 4 pm Pride Festival at Courthouse Square
4:30 pm Post-Pride and Pre-Party Recoup at the Center
8 pm The Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus at the Victoria
- June 4 9 am 2nd Annual Running with Pride 5K Run/Walk at Welcome Park, 1601 Edwin C. Moses Blvd, Dayton
12 pm The 2nd Annual Spikes & Heels kickball Tournament



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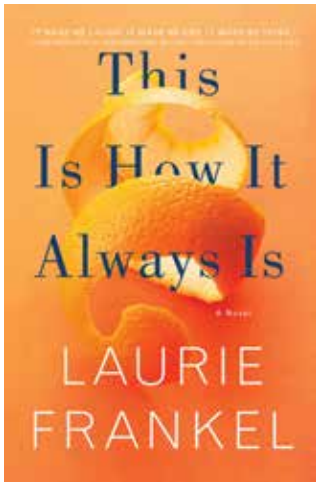
Book Reviews

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"This Is How It Always Is" by Laurie Frankel c.2017, Flatiron Books
\$25.99 / \$26.99 Canada 329 pages



You must not tell.

You cannot breathe a word to anyone who doesn't already know. That Which Cannot Be Spoken must remain buried, put away, frozen, lips sealed, or in the closet. You cannot tell because, as in the new novel "**This Is How It Always Is**" by Laurie Frankel, secrets change everything.

In the beginning was Roosevelt, known to his loved ones as Roo. Not long after he was born, Ben entered the family. Then the twins, Orion and Rigel, arrived and so Rosie Walsh, still hoping for a girl baby, did everything the Talmud recommended she do next. Months later, she

and her husband, Penn, welcomed... Claude.

And that was okay. Another boy in their raucous, rowdy family of boys was fine and Rosie and Penn loved them all. They were happy in their big, rambling, open farmhouse just outside of Madison, Wisconsin. Rosie loved her job. Penn worked on his novel. And Claude dreamed of being a girl.

It started when, as do most parents, Rosie told Claude that he could "be anything" he wanted to be someday. Claude was three years old and loved dress-up; it didn't seem odd to let him wear dresses at home. But soon, home wasn't enough and Claude tantrumed until he was allowed to wear dresses to preschool, though he was told that he'd have to use the nurse's station bathroom and his teacher was "not happy."

Still, Rosie and Penn were willing to do what it took to make Claude feel secure. With his dresses and pink, he was a confident child; without, he was sullen and sad. None of his classmates minded his clothing. His brothers never gave it a second thought. Claude was simply Claude, until he asked his parents to call him Poppy.

And that was fine, too, especially when the family moved to another state and it was easier to keep quiet – until it wasn't. Until Poppy started growing up, the world became a vicious place, and secret-keeping couldn't last forever.

And so, here's the thing: once you've started reading "This Is How It Always Is," you might as well just clear your schedule. Cancel all appointments. You won't want to do anything but read, so just give in. Blame it on the book.

Part of the appeal, I think, is in the way that author Laurie Frankel writes: there are no airs, no try-to-impress-you words, nothing uppity. Her characters are normal people with everyday lives, trying to maintain that normalcy and Frankel writes like they might talk: with down-to-earth matter-of-factness and a fast dash of humor that winds its way through a serious topic. And on that topic, you've perhaps heard it before (or something similar) but not in a voice like this, and not quite as enjoyable. One more thing: be sure to read Frankel's after-notes, which brings her novel full-circle and will make you smile. But don't peek; instead, start "This Is How It Always Is" from the beginning and savor it properly. It'll make you want to tell everyone.

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PRIDE 2017 - We the People



The excitement is building for Pride 2017 with many festivities just around the corner. The first Pride event takes place on Wednesday May 31 at 7 pm at the Neon Theater as we screen “*Handsome Devil.*” This film is about Ned and Conor who are forced

to share a bedroom at their boarding school. The loner and the star athlete at this crazy for rugby school where they form an unlikely friendship until it’s tested by the authorities. This is a film you will not want to miss so mark your calendars now for May 31st.



Then we kick off PRIDE weekend with the “*Affair on the Square*” on Friday June 2nd from 5 pm to 10 pm featuring food trucks and of course our famous beer truck. We have some fantastic live entertainment hitting the stage beginning at 6 pm with The Dayton Gay Men’s



Chorus. Headlining the evening’s entertainment is the one and only; The Rubi Girls! The evening is not over yet. Following the *Affair on the Square* is our .5K Bar Crawl sponsored by Svedka Vodka. Tickets for the bar crawl are \$15.00 for center members and \$20.00 for non-members. Participants are led by team captains to all four participating

bars, Club Masque, M J’s on Jefferson, The Right Corner and The Stage Door. Your ticket provides a cocktail at each of the bars. ***What a fun night!***

Saturday June 3rd starts off with a hearty breakfast beginning at 9 am at M J’s on Jefferson. The parade begins lining up at 11 am with a check in at Cooper Park on the corner of 2nd and St Clair Streets. The parade will step



off at noon as it turns right onto Third ST to Jefferson Street. At Jefferson ST the parade will turn right and proceed north on Jefferson where the parade turns left onto Second ST. The parade will then progress to Main ST where the Parade will turn left on Main and proceed to Courthouse Square. Once at Courthouse

Square the festivities will go into full swing with the festival running until 4 pm. A bit wiiery for the party to continue? Do not worry, PRIDE is not over stop by the LGBT Center from 4:30 PM to 9 PM for the Post PRIDE - Pre-Party Re-Coup room that will open for relaxing and rehydration. We will show a movie and have popcorn. At 8 PM the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will be joined by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company and present "*A Modern Dance, A Modern Funk*" at the Victoria Theatre, in downtown Dayton.



On Sunday June 4th PFLAG kicks off this PRIDE day with the *2nd Annual Running With PRIDE 5K* run/walk! The start time is 9 am at Welcome Park, 1601 Edwin C. Moses BLVD, Dayton 45417. Please register by May 9th at www.pflagdayton.org.

Winding up our PRIDE weekend on Sunday June 4 is the *2nd Annual Spikes & Heels Kickball Tournament* from Noon to 4 pm. Food trucks and beer tent will be available so you may stop by and enjoy the frivolity. This is a super fun event as teams vie for a six foot trophy and named Spikes & Heels Champs!



So get plenty of rest now and join us for a fun and exciting weekend of PRIDE!

The Greater Dayton LGBT Community Dinner 2017

Saturday May 20, 2017 - *Spring Fling* - you bring the side dishes and the sponsoring partners will have the fried chicken & vegetarian entrees!

HOW TO GO Bring a salad, dessert or side dish to share - the event sponsors will have the main entrées, tableware and beverages.

THE LOCATION is the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson ST, STE 200 Dayton, OH 45402 -Pay parking lots are behind the building. (Pay station wakes up when you push the START button.)

TIME The evening begins at 5:30 pm with a social hour followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The dinner will be followed by a program with community announcements and entertainment. Our featured speaker is Tyler Gregory of the NO BULL CHALLENGE

SPONSORS: The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, The Miami Valley Ohio Prime Timers, The Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Tree of Life Community, Harmony Creek Church, The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus, The MuCrew, Equitas Health Care For All, The Dayton Chapter of PFLAG, Eternal Joy MCC, Equality Ohio, and The Living Beatitudes Community, a ministry of Dignity Dayton.

For more information email: info@daytonlgbtcenter.org

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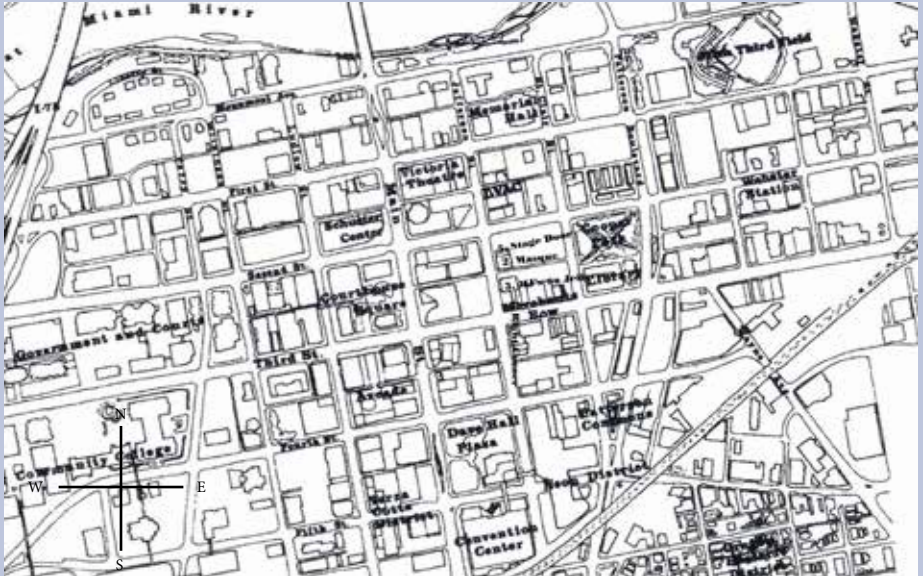
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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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