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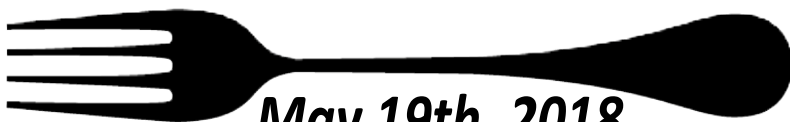


Spring Fling Community Dinner

Building a Strong Community, One Fork at a Time!

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

24 N. Jefferson Street, STE 200, Dayton, OH 45402



May 19th, 2018

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner Served at 6:30 pm

Bring a cover dish to share, main dish and desserts provided.

Come for the company, conversation, and community!

PRIDE PREVIEW

"What does Pride mean to you?"

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THE GREATER DAYTON



Calendar of Events



May 2 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Monthly Board meetings at the LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson St., STE 200 Dayton, OH 45402

May 4 9:00 pm Pride Fundraiser at MJ's on Jefferson

May 6 1-4 Pride Planning Meeting at the center. Please join us and help us plan our pride celebrations.

May 6 5:00 pm The Gatlyn Dame Movie Night at the Center
LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson ST., STE 200 Dayton, OH 45402

May 8 7:00 pm PFLAG Monthly Meeting at Harmony Creek Church
5280 Bigger Rd, Kettering, OH 45440

May 13-1-5 pm GAME DAY at the Center - Join us for fun and games.

May 14-7:00 pm The Metro Library's LGBT Book Club meets at the Center

May 15-7 pm Transgender Support Group - The Gatlyn Dame Group meets at the LGBT Center

May 30-6:00 pm Chapters LGBT Book Club meets at the LGBT Center

May 31- 6:30 pm Kick off of Pride at the Dayton Metro Library
Documentary about Armistead Maupin



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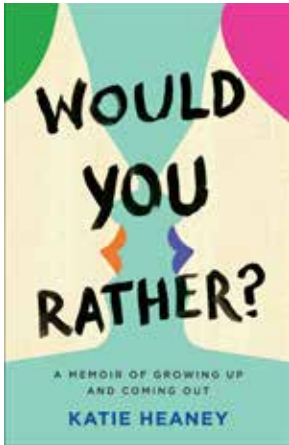
Book Reviews

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"Would You Rather? A Memoir of Growing Up and Coming Out" by Katie Heaney c.2018, Ballantine Books \$16.00 / \$22.00 Canada 256 pages



You're late!

Oops, you overslept, got caught in traffic, the elevator was slow. Phone lines were down, email was down. You forgot, and you're late, sorry. Or, as in the new book "**Would You Rather?**" by **Katie Heaney**, your understanding was just a bit delayed. Where do you go when you're looking for love?

For Katie Heaney, it was, well, pretty much anywhere. She'd always wanted a boyfriend and she'd had lots of crushes in her life but she was

never meaningfully kissed. At age twenty-one, she went to Madrid for a semester with the hopes of meeting someone, but there were only seven men in the group of a hundred students.

In Spain, though, after binge-streaming *The L Word* and falling for Shane, she began to think that maybe she might be a lesbian. Musing, she messaged her best friend, who let Heaney talk it out and decide that there was a big MAYBE involved.

Even so, she never saw herself with a girlfriend.

She grew up in the cold of Minnesota, had planned on spending the rest of her life close to home, and moved into an apartment near Minneapolis with her straight best friend but that was too cozy-comfy. Heaney on-and-off flirted with the possibly being gay and she met a woman who was, no question, lesbian, which made her decide to shake herself out of her complacency. She visited New York, and then moved there.

Being in The Big Apple was a big deal, but Heaney remained frustratingly dateless. By age twenty-four, everyone she knew had dated and she began blogging about it, she wrote a book, and she noticed that that affected the

way men acted toward her. Four years later, her “attraction to men was just... gone” and picturing herself with a woman came “pretty easily,” which was all it seemed to take: shortly thereafter, Heaney met Lydia online, and her almost-thirty-year dating desert became an oasis. She not only imagined herself with a woman, she *was with a woman* and nothing felt more right.

And now, says Heaney, “I am living with the best roommate I have ever had.”

Sometimes funny, sometimes self-depreciatingly cringe-worthy, “Would You Rather?” is a refreshing change over the I’ve-known-since-I-was-a-child LGBTQ memoirs. Readers may also notice that it’s a bit overboard. Author Katie Heaney writes of her journey with a charming awkwardness that endears her to any reader who’s ever felt as though the different drummer they’re marching to is actually playing the bongos: same beat, different crowd. This book will resonate with all who feel left behind in a world where peers are hooked up solid, and frustration mixes with indecisiveness mixes with self-questioning. Once readers have gotten to the happy not-quite-ending, though, Heaney continues to examine her situation which, while it doesn’t completely ruin the books’ earlier allure, bruises the story somewhat.

Still, this book is worthy, if nothing but for its unique coming-out POV. For that, “Would You Rather?” fits perfectly for memoir-lovers, Heaney fans, and those who bloom late.

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It Is All About PRIDE & Voices of Value!

Pride kicks off this year on May 31st at 6:30 pm with a documentary of the author of “Tales of the City”, Armistead Maupin held at the Dayton Metro Library. This award-winning documentary examines the life and work of Armistead Maupin and his friends, it offers a disarmingly frank look at his journey from interning for Sen. Jesse Helms to the jungles of Vietnam to 1970s San Francisco’s cultural war. Do not miss this film!

Friday, June 1st – Our celebration begins with an “Affair On The Square” from 5 pm to 10 pm, a beer, and food truck rally for the whole community to enjoy. The Affair will feature entertainment by The Rubi Girls.

Following the “Affair On The Square” will be a .5k Bar Crawl From Court-house Square to what we affectionately call the Fruit Loop. This crawl is approximately .5K where we will be hitting each of the local establishments for a drink. So plan now to join us for an “Affair On The Square” and the Svedka .5K bar crawl. Tickets are sold in advance.

Saturday, June 2nd – Dayton PRIDE once again starts with a hearty breakfast served up at M.J.’s on Jefferson beginning at 9 am. (Cost is a mere \$5.00 donation per person.)

Line up for the Parade begins at 11 am at Cooper Park on the Corner of 2nd & St Clair Streets. Step off will begin promptly at Noon. The Parade will turn right from St Clair onto Third Street and proceed to Jefferson Street where the parade will turn right onto Jefferson proceeding down Second Street where it will turn Left. Once on Second Street, the parade will continue to Main Street where it will turn left and proceed to Court-house Square to the awaiting crowd of folks to welcome them to our community festival which will take place from Noon until 4 pm. Dayton PRIDE 2018 will include a children & youth section. Third Street will be blocked between Main & Ludlow to create this section. The East end, close to Main Street will feature an Auto Show with both new and classic cars and our all new food court. The West end will feature a family-friendly entertainment. This area will have a tent for face painting and exhibitors geared towards a family-friendly atmosphere. It will also feature a bouncy house for the younger ones to enjoy.

The highlight of every Dayton PRIDE festival will be happening on the Main Stage! The excitement will continue throughout the day, we have a full line up of great local entertainers for your enjoyment! An insightful group of exhibitors will be sharing their information and services and do not forget the great food and drink, and yes, BEER!

Sunday begins with the Annual 5K Pride Run/Walk sponsored by PFLAG at 9 am at Welcome Park in Dayton. Sunday also marks our 3rd edition of Spikes and Heels – A Greater Dayton Pride Kickball Tournament Sunday, June 3rd 12pm-6pm at Jackson-Burns park complete with a Beer Tent & Food Trucks.

Spikes & Heels Kickball Tournament is an exciting addition to the Greater Dayton Pride events! We invite teams of all athletic abilities to this fun, family-friendly, & fantastic kickball tournament! Come in your best spikes or heels to play or come cheer on your favorite team! We even offer trophies for the team with the best decorated tent and the best dressed cheerleaders, so come out and cheer on!

Kickball registration is available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Captains, please fill out an online application form, and your team will be included in the tournament as soon as we receive your payment in full. Waiver forms must be completed by all team members at check-in at the start of the tournament on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 at noon.

The theme for PRIDE this is is “Voices of Value.” So join us as we show the world we are a voice to be reconed with. Pride is always a fun packed weekend. So plan now to come out and enjoy this exciting time with us as we celebrate our PRIDE.



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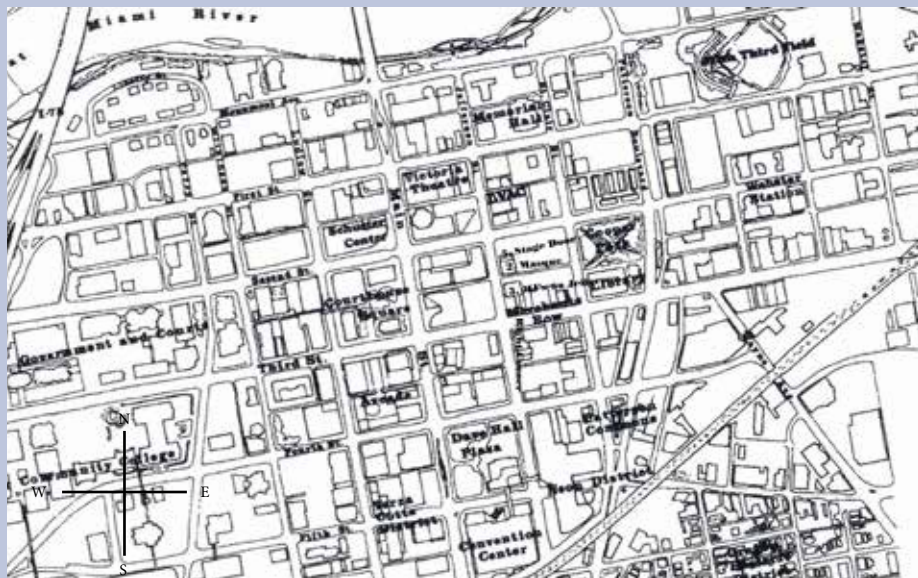
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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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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