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Welcome To Paradise!

Live theater is back and that means one of the best shows at the Waterfront Playhouse, The Rocky Horror Show.

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Let's talk about breasts, Baby!

Well, actually let's talk about full-on nudity! This year's Womenfest in Key West I was surprised to see more and more women embrace the clothing optional events. They weren't just topless either... Maybe I am old school but I was surprised to see so many women choose to be publicly nude. That being said, I would like to add that I am damn impressed! I think that the current generation of 20-somethings have been vocal and visible in ways that my generation could only dream of. I am proud as hell of the boldness, the body confidence and the free-the-nipple attitude and mentality of the instagram generation. The women that I see on social media are true to form in real life and they were exposed in all their glory both at Pride and Womenfest on the island. You go girls. Are you seeing this in your neighborhoods?

Pride this year also had a new theme in that the sexes are mixing and mingling in ways that I haven't traditionally seen happen in our community. The pool party here had both clothed and not, men, women and non-binary persons enjoying each other's presence. If this is a growth spurt in our community I am ALL for it. In my many many years as an out lesbian and I have often lamented that the girls and the gays have been sort of in their respective corners, if you will. We were happy that we each existed but the cosmos didn't party with the coronas very often. There were naked boy events and dancing dyke events and

LEZ GO OUT

never the twain did meet. Perhaps 2020 had so much absence that it made all of the hearts grow fonder. The visibility and audible voices of our non-binary and queer "family" members may have also helped blur lines of division that was thought to be rather black and white in the past. I am ALL for this inclusion as well.

Fantasy Fest has always embraced nudity in the form of body painting art and I am wondering if this will ever become popular among the lesbian community? I think that just being nude together is a hugely empowering step and perhaps in time it may expand. For now I am still getting over the awe I felt seeing women so comfortable baring all in such a confident and equal way. Women have worked hard to get to this point, I just never thought that I would see it in my lifetime in any way other than as a daring and momentary breaking of someone's rules. I'd like to think that deep down our grandmother's would be proud. Now, I am struggling with my own body confidence and I am not yet ready to bare my all, but I believe now that I could and that it would be.. ok. That, alone, is a very very big deal.

I will always love an all-female space but as a (nearly) middle aged lesbian I am happy to see our community come together. Nudity and all! Lez Go Out and bring on all of that body-positive, free-the-nipple, line blurring inclusion that you've got. I'm proud of who we are becoming as a community. This island has always had that mentality with Fantasy Fest and the One Human Family motto and it is fabulous to see the rest of the country following suit. Stay sexy everybody! Every body.



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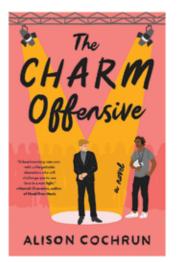




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"THE CHARM OFFENSIVE: A NOVEL" BY ALISON COCHRUN c.2021, Atria | \$17.00 | 368 pages



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It's deafening, really – perhaps because there's a standing ovation beneath it. All the work you did, the emoting, the emotions, you know how much your fans appreciate it. So take a bow. Drink in the love. As in the new novel, "The Charm Offensive" by Alison Cochrun, that's one thing that's sometimes missing in life.

Dev Deshpande was good at his job. He knew it, his colleagues knew it, it was fact. He might personally be terrible at love – case in point: he was still smarting from a three months ago break-up with his

boyfriend, Ryan – but Dev was a pro at his job as producer for the reality TV show, Ever After. In fact, he'd been in charge of making dreams happen for six years' worth of beautiful Ever After contestants; it helped that he believed in fairy tales.

Maybe one day, he'd find his own Prince Charming.

Just not this season.

This season, his lead director made him handle the "prince" instead of the usual "princesses," and that was a challenge.

Charles Winshaw was twenty-eight, devastatingly handsome, extremely wealthy, and a nervous, introverted nerd who rarely dated. Geeky, awkward, and prone to panic attacks, he sincerely had no clue how to be

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romantic. Truth was, he was only there because his best friend and agent put him on Ever After to counter a reputation for being weird.

Still, Charlie was weird, and it was up to Dev to make him work for the show.

Shoring up Charlie's confidence didn't work, and neither did a pep talk. He couldn't seem to just perform a role without freaking out and it was becoming obvious. By the time Dev's assistant suggested having a few practice dates, Dev was willing to try anything.

He took Charlie to dinner. He spent time doing jigsaw puzzles with him, and he got Charlie to relax a little. If sparks flew, well, it was one-sided: Charlie was completely straight.

Wasn't he?

You know what's going to happen in the end, don't you? Of course, you do. You'll know it by Page Thirty, step-by-step, with virtually no surprises, which leaves a long way to the final sentence of "The Charm Offensive."

Now, it's true that this novel is cute. It has its lightly humorous moments and author Alison Cochrun gives it a good cast, from contestant to show creator. It doesn't lack details; in fact, reality dating show-watchers will feel right at home here. It even has the ubiquitous panoply of exotic locales for the "challenges" that the contestants must do.

At issue is the length of this book. There's too much of it, too many shirts that creep up, too many mentions of vomit, too much needless drama, too many will-he-won't-he, when we know full well he will. This extra doesn't ratchet up the tension, it makes things slow.

And so: cute story, familiar scenes, good characters in "The Charm Offensive." But if taut is what you want in a rom-com, leave this book and bow out.



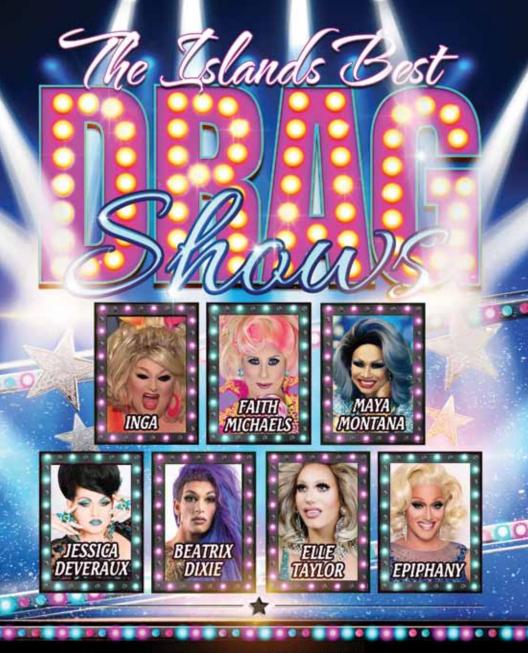


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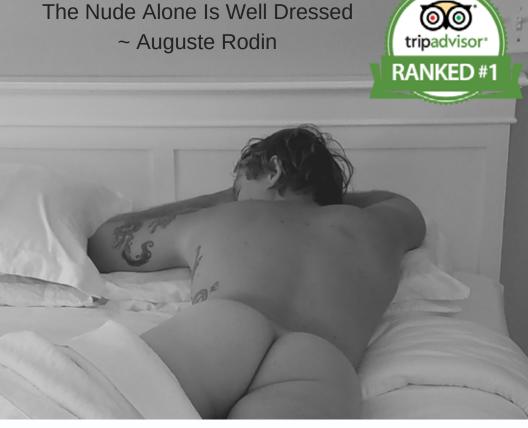
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I've performed at a bunch of Bear events in the last month and I have to say that the bears are really coming out of Covid full force! It's always interesting to me to see how our community's fetishes wax and wane. For instance, I remember 20 years ago when there wasn't a "puppy" in sight. But then we didn't listen to Bob Barker's advice, to "always spay and neuter your twinks", and now we have an overpopulation of puppies. Puppies are everywhere and Bear events now all have puppy play pens, puppy groomers and trainers, even puppy pageants. The Westminster Dog Show is NOT ready for our puppy love, that's for sure.

Perhaps in a subconscious response to one of the side effects of Covd-19, smell-based sports at these events seems to have increased. Many of the Bear weekends had multiple sessions of an event called "Smell My Pits, Pig!"

I'm still not sure if they were a celebration of the fact, we all could smell, or just our usual desire for filth. But what I do know is there was no reason for producers of the event in Historical Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to have this olfactory event from 12-1pm in the same conference room where, at 1pm, "Cathy from Prudential" would be hosting a seminar on estate planning for same-sex couples. I so wanted to find Cathy, a middle aged, middle management bank advisor; sitting in her car in the parking lot trying to psych herself up for the sights and smells she was about to endure. I pictured her staring into the flip down vanity mirror in her Toyota Camry, putting small dabs of vapo-rub under her nose to mitigate the "OH-de-toilet" aroma that lingered in that conference room. "Come on, Cathy! You can do this! You love the gays!", she would say to herself. And then take one last fresh breath of air before entering into Satan's arm pit.

Aside from these Pit stops. I can tell you chastity cages are coming back

MY BIG GAY LIFE

with a vengeance. I guess some of you really got into lockdown-play and have decided your dicks and balls are still on stay-at-home orders. I saw one that was quite grand. It was spun surgical stainless steel. Which didn't really do much for me sexually, but did remind me I've been wanting to replace my flatware for a while. I was told, with great pride, by the man attached to the cage that without the key to the cage, the only way to remove it would be to cut it off with plasma torch. I then told him I thought he should probably start wearing a medic-alert bracelet that told people where the damn key was if he didn't want to wake up in an emergency room bed with his balls cooked to medium-rare

The one thing I didn't see, and that we all could use for the foreseeable future, is harness extenders. Let's face it, everyone got bigger during Covid. We're going through a very Rubenesque period in modern gay history. So, let's make it a little easier on our checkbooks and our fetish-ware and create harness extenders. No one wants to try to squeeze back into their pre-covid harness! That just seems cruel and unusual punishment. But we also don't want to drop another \$500 on a new custom harness when we "swear we're going to start our health kick tomorrow!". Well tomorrows come and go and we just want to cum and go without losing circulation from our harness-turned-tit-sling. So do a bear a favor and someone patent and release Harness Extenders. You'll make so much money off of all us porkers that you won't have to lose weight yourself. You'll be able to afford a whole new wardrobe of caftans!

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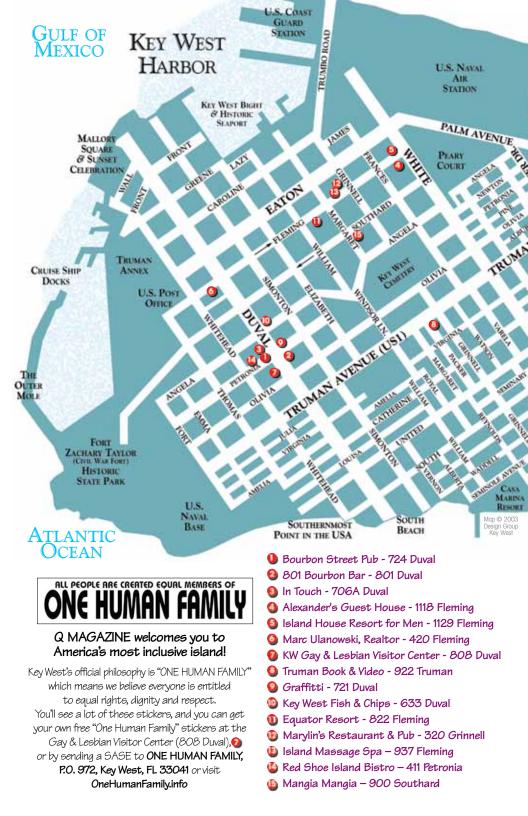
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> Aqua Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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UESDAY

Aqua Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bourbon Bria singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar Renee Breslin singing live at 6 PM 801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

WEDNESDAY

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Aqua Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bourbon Bria singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

Sidebar Renee Breslin singing live at 6 PM

THURSDAY

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Agua

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Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM Bourbon Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Saloon 1 Circuit Thursdays starting at 9 PM

Sidebar Renee Breslin singing live at 6 PM

801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

FRIDAY

Aqua Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM

Saloon 1

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

801 Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

SATURDAY

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Alexander's Guest House Bingo with Bouvee' at 5 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Bourbon

Naked Saturdays at Noon Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

SUNDAY

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Karaoke starting at 5 PM Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua Drag Shows at 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Bourbon

After Tea 7 PM - 10 PM Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

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Saloon 1 SLU-T Sundays w/Donald at 9 PM

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This is a tough one. I mean you can't blame anyone for loving music. But it would be nice if he mixed it up a bit. In my day, you could have just broken the record in half or hid the phonograph needle or something like that. But since all the music on earth is now just a phone swipe away, your options are limited. I'd explain to him that it is no longer about Miley or her song, but



about his lack of concern for driving you insane. I'm sure you do something that he finds annoying. (And, if you think you don't... think again). Well now use that as ammo. Tell him you'll continue to do your annoying asshole thing every time he's an annoying asshole with that song. And if that doesn't work, maybe date a deaf guy next.

Dear Nana,

My boyfriend doesn't like cuddling after sex. In fact, he jumps up as soon as we've both cum and gets right in the shower. It's not like he's shameful of our sex or anything. He just sort of gleefully pops into the shower and then comes back out all clean with no post-sex cuddle or come down time together. I don't want to force him to do it if it's not his thing, but it's actually something I really like doing after sex. How do I bring this up without seeming like I'm trying to force him to change his sex habits?

Well, first of all, no one needs to force anyone to do anything ever. Other than forcing your dog to not piss on the good carpet. This includes "puppies" of all sorts, by the way. If I were you, I would bring it up very casually and not right after you've had sex or he's showered. Just make it casual conversation. See if he even notices that it's something he does all the time. Maybe he



doesn't realize that. Or maybe he does and knows exactly why he does it. If it's not something that's an ingrained obsession with him, he should be willing to try meeting you halfway between puddle cuddling and taking a Silkwood shower 7 seconds after he's dropped a load in you like a washing machine. No matter what the reasons are or aren't; calm and honest dialogue is always the key to building a strong relationship in and out of the boudoir.

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SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

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SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 The fortunate thing about being as ugly as you are is that you don't need a costume for Halloween.

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