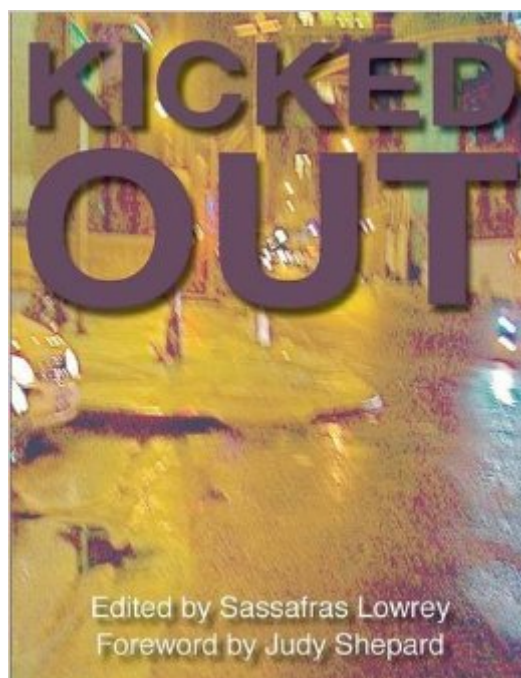


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Kicked Out



Synopsis

In the U.S., 40% of homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer(LGBTQ). Kicked Out brings together the voices of current and former homeless LGBTQ youth and tells the forgotten stories of some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens. Diverse contributors share stories of survival and abuse with poignant accounts of the sanctuary of community and the power of creating chosen families. Kicked Out highlights the nuanced perspectives of national organizations such as The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and The National Alliance Against Homelessness and regional agencies, including Sylvia's Place, The Circus Project and Family Builders. This anthology, introduced by Judy Shepard, gives voice to the voiceless and challenges the stereotypical face of homelessness.

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Customer Reviews

This was a solid 4-star book, but I added a star because the subject matter is so important: LGBT homeless youth. The contents are primarily stories written by those who have been kicked out of or have run away from hostile home environments (often due to religion or sexual abuse). A handful of pragmatic/academic analyses are included as a counterpoint to the first-person narratives. For some of the writers, homelessness is a relatively recent experience--for others it is now in their past. Editor Lowrey put together the book she* wished had been available when she was first on the streets and needed confirmation that she was not alone, that she could survive. And although some of the kids forced to fend for themselves have been tragically lost, others show incredible resilience,

banding together to form intentional families and the sanctuary of community. The book points out that very few urban areas have recognized the need to serve dispossessed LGBT youth by establishing shelters or safehouses; money is tight and public support is often hard to rouse. The homelessness of these kids is but a symptom of a larger and more pervasive cultural problem: we are a society that does not value all people, and somehow there seems to be a tacit belief that parents of LGBT youth are entitled to abdicate their responsibility to love and protect the children they have created. (Such a mindset is, of course, due to a homophobic and transphobic culture.) The stories are of slightly varying quality, partly due to the editor's conscious decision to leave the accounts in each writer's own words.

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