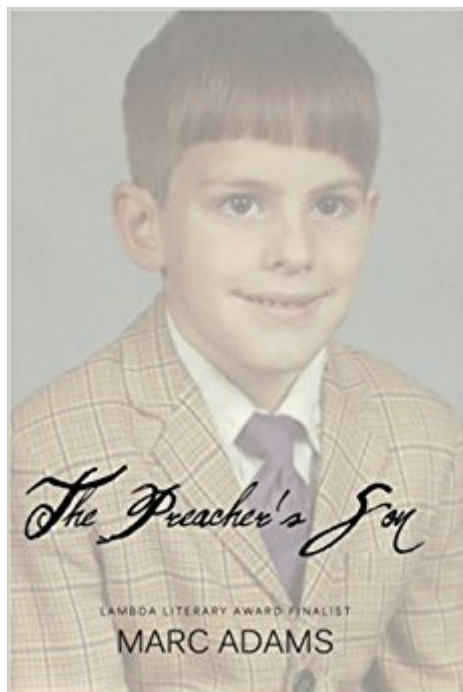


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The Preacher's Son



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Marc Adams is the author of nine books including *The Preacher's Son*, his award-winning autobiography, six collections of poetry, and *The Do's & Don'ts of Dealing with the Religious Right*. Reared in a cultish, fundamentalist Baptist home, aware that he was gay by the age of seven and weaving his way through religious schools (including Jerry Falwell's Liberty University) and reparative therapy techniques, Adams started his journey to self-acceptance at age 23. Marc Adams is also the founder and executive director of HeartStrong, Inc. It is the only educational nonprofit in the world with the sole mission to provide outreach and support to GLBT students terrorized at religious educational institutions.

Although for decades I have identified my father as a Fundamentalist, or--more specifically--as a Primitive Baptist, Marc's story helped me realize how extremely thoroughgoing my own fundamentalism has been. His writing is captivating and potent. It has the feel of a personal conversation where he bares all (yes; he does) in a compelling way.

Very enlightening and interesting book.. I would highly recommend the book to the gay community, especially their parents who may not be so understanding.

True story of a gay son of a strict baptist preacher, who attended Jerry Falwell's Liberty University.

This book inspired me with every page. I was touched deeply and strongly recommend it.

The Preacher's Son reads like a movie. A movie that will drag you to hell and back--a harrowing tale of one man's journey through hatred, prejudice, and self-loathing to redemption, happiness, and a new family built on unconditional love. This is a tale that depicts Marc's journey through a world (thankfully) not all of us are accustomed to. There are unfortunately others who still live this kind of life every day. I've heard of a girl at a religious school who, after being found out & expelled went home and, unable to face her family and church, drank a bottle of drano in order to her life. A boy who came out to his father and then was beaten nearly to death by that father, then thrown out on the street. Marc tells his story not only for these people, but for all of us who need to be made aware of the horrible wrongs done in the name of an otherwise loving and forgiving religion. But The Preacher's Son doesn't just show how a young man's life can be made unimaginably difficult by family, clergy, and teachers-- it also shows readers that there is always hope for love, friendship, and family. Anyone struggling with religion and their sexuality will find comfort and solace in this book's pages; anyone who has friends or family dealing with this struggle would benefit from the insights contained therein; congregations would also be well advised to pay attention to the lessons this book can teach. By no means light reading, the Preacher's Son is nonetheless "one hell of a good book" sure to open eyes, inform, and reassure. Adams writes so well that throughout the book his fear feels like our fear, his tears are our tears, his redemption is our redemption, and his final joy is, finally, ours as well. The only shortcoming is perhaps that those who should read it most probably never will.

I was given this book by a friend, a woman that I worked with. I never have read a book about homosexuality or anything, this was my first. And it was so relevant to some things that I had questions about being gay and a youth. The whole religious thing always confused me until I realized that there is no changing me, this is the way God made me, and he doesn't make mistakes. Oh my gosh this is a book review not an auto-bio. Anyway, I mean, this book, in my opinion, is a must read for any young gay person, I mean, not just teenagers and such. Because I am sure that, no matter what religion, there are always struggles with something, this is how one person fought those struggles for the better of his life. That's all I can say about it right now, I mean, I gave it 5

stars didn't I? They say "allow 4-6 weeks, may be outta print" DON'T let this stop you! Go find this book, go to a second hand store, if you have to. You won't regret it. talk latre

I agree with another reviewer, that this book be a must read for all gays (youth and older - male or female) who have struggled with fundamentalist "Christianity" and being gay. This book brought back many memories of my own struggles with this issue of Fundamentalistic dogma of "Christianity", and being a gay youth. Like Marc, I thought that by being involved with such a group would "cure" me of this 'thing'. Prayers, meetings, self-flagellation, 24 hour guilt, working at the world headquarters.....: the list is endless. Finally, the realization that a person is what they are, takes over and one seeks to define their own 'morality' and peace. This work has a positive input for those who have had (or still do ...) a similar story of their past youth (or present life). It has helped tremendously! Thank you Marc for your candid life expose.

This is my first gay biography that I have ever read. This book reminded me so much of painful experiences with religion and being gay as a young person. I am twenty-seven now and have accepted the fact that I am gay and don't feel ashamed about it anymore. I fought so hard to deny who I really was and had no one to turn too. Marc this book has changed my life in more ways than one. I can't begin to explain it. Because of this book I have decided to live my life more openly and I don't care what people any think anymore. At some point in our life I believe that we as gay people need to take a stand for who we are and for what we believe. The Preacher's Son is an awesome book and I recommend it to any young or older person struggling with their sexuality.

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