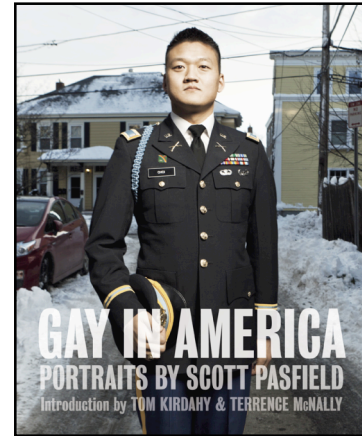


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GAY IN AMERICA

**A Groundbreaking, Stereotype-Shattering, Unprecedented 224-Page Book
Of Intimate Photos And Deeply Personal Stories From
140 Gay American Men in 50 States
www.gayinamerica.us**

Book Caps Extraordinary Year For Gay Americans

New York, NY, June 1, 2011 – New York City photographer **Scott Pasfield** and **Welcome Books** today announced the release of ***Gay In America***, a groundbreaking, stereotype-shattering, unprecedented 224-page book of intimate photos and deeply personal stories from 140 gay American men. Introduced by activist **Tom Kirdahy** and his husband, playwright **Terrence McNally**, ***Gay In America*** will be in stores on September 27, 2011 and can be pre-ordered now on Amazon.com.

Photographer **Scott Pasfield** traveled 52,000 miles across all fifty states over a three-year span gathering stories and documenting the lives of gay men from all walks of life. At turns joyful and somber, reflective and celebratory, each narrative and image is an enlightening look into the variety of gay life in the United States.

“I wanted to create a book that would change opinions and educate; to produce a profound collection of ordinary, proud, out gay men who defy clichés and stereotypes.”

His striking and perceptive portraits reflect the same beautiful diversity found in any sampling of our population. Each of these men is unique and whole, complex and fallible, just as we all are. They come in every size and shape, every religion, color, profession, and background. There are farmers, writers, doctors, lawyers, artists, teachers, and students; there are fathers and husbands, activists, and businessmen. Some are successful, some are struggling, some are political, some are wealthy, some are wounded, and some are deeply content.

“I was surprised to find these tough, rugged men, who had never been into a gay bar in their lives, or were just living happily, in a monogamous relationship and doing their thing.”

Their commonality draws from a single shared trait: their homosexuality. These are men who are attracted to men, and have chosen not to disguise that truth. For many, there have been harsh consequences to this decision, but also deep rewards. The message that prevails is one of great hope that true equality is close within our reach, if only we would grasp it.

Arriving in the Fall, ***Gay In America*** may very well be the capstone of what has been an extraordinary year for gay Americans, the foundation for which has been heroically laid by people like **Dan Savage** and **Terry Miller**—who have empowered millions with their **It Gets Better**

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Project, Andrew Goldberg, whose intimate PBS documentary **"Out In America"** will air nationwide on June 8, **Dan Choi**, whose outspoken anti-DADT activism continues to gain influence, governor **Andrew Cuomo** who said, "For me this is personal," regarding his forceful backing of same-sex marriage in the state of New York and **President Obama**, who in his State of the Union address this year stated, "Starting this year, no American will be forbidden from serving the country they love because of who they love."

More about **Gay In America** (bio, press, events, advance praise) at www.gayinamerica.us
To view the entire book online, request the password at andy@popularpublicity.com



Scott Pasfield is a New York-based portrait photographer who specializes in portraiture. His work has appeared in numerous publications, from BlackBook to Fortune, Poz to Gotham. His clients include the Independent Film Channel, Time Inc., and the American Red Cross. Scott has taught at the Santa Fe Photography Workshops and is a member of Platon's celebrated Nulopia Forum. He and his partner Nick divide their time between New York City, Long Island and Vermont.

Tom Kirdahy has dedicated his professional and personal life working for LGBT causes. Kirdahy spent nearly two decades as an attorney providing free legal services to people with HIV/AIDS, helping to create projects at Gay Men's Health Crisis, Bronx AIDS Services, and more. He currently serves on the board of the NYC LGBT Center. Kirdahy lives on the east end of Long Island and in New York City with his spouse, the playwright Terrence McNally.

Terrence McNally is the recipient of four Tony Awards for his plays Love! Valour! Compassion! and Master Class and his books for the musicals Ragtime and Kiss of the Spider Woman. Among his other plays are Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune and Lips Together, Teeth Apart. In 2010 there was a celebration of his work at the John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Most recently, he was presented with the Dramatists Guild Lifetime Achievement Award.

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"Sprawling, moving, and lively, Scott Pasfield's Gay In America shows what being a gay male looks, sounds, and feels like in today's USA. An inspiring cross section."
– Michael Musto, Village Voice

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