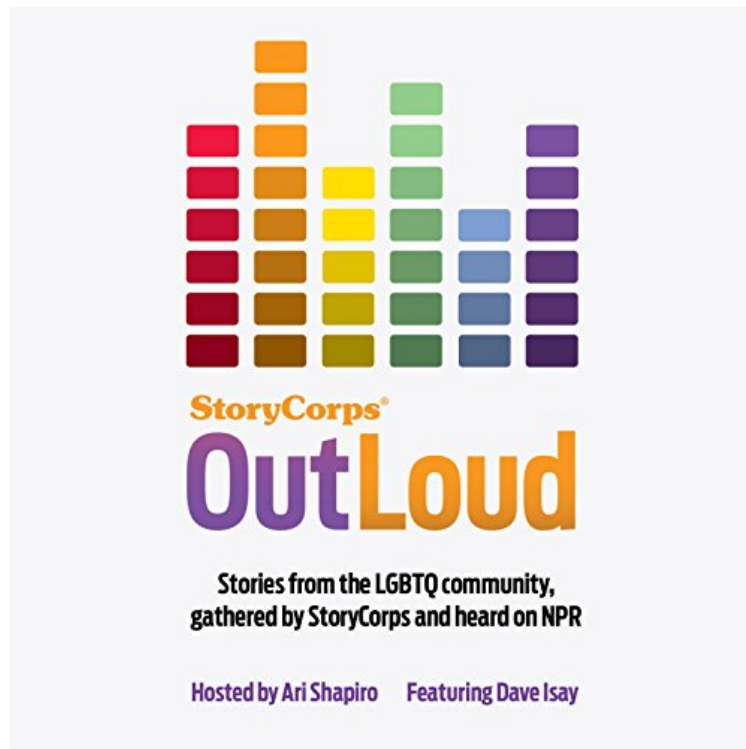


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David Isay : StoryCorps: Outloud before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised StoryCorps: Outloud:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Maybe expensive audio, but often found in libraries By Dione Basseri Not...really a book, so it feels weird for it to be on Goodreads. HOWEVER. So enjoyable, so uplifting, and, while we shouldn't always be telling queer youth "it gets better," this recording provides some great context to the decades of trials and triumphs of the queer community. In the first half, we hear from a lesbian veteran who wasn't allowed to participate in her wife's memorials (but who was accepted by her wife's mother), a son of an evangelical household who eventually gained the love of all of his siblings (even if his parents still won't acknowledge him), and the first gay man in California who was allowed to adopt a child. The latter half is made up of interviews of survivors of the Stonewall Riots. Mostly from the queer community, but also a few lines from the police officers involved. And thank GOODNESS it makes good note that the main movers were trans-women of color! Especially cool, considering the recording was done on Stonewall's 20th anniversary, in 1989. Not exactly the most enlightened time. As regards purchasing this...I'm not sure? I feel like it's not bad as a gift, because no one really focuses on how much someone spent on a gift vs the enjoyment they get from the gift. But for myself, I don't think I'd have spent the \$20 on the audio CDs. I was lucky to find this in a Humble Bundle, so it was all of a part of the original price, for me. I'd say, if you want to listen, but are balking at price, as I did, check if your public library has a copy. It seems to be widely

purchased in most progressive communities.

StoryCorps recognizes the profound historical importance of capturing the stories of the LGBTQ community and the urgent need for this work to happen now. StoryCorps OutLoud is a multi-year initiative dedicated to recording and preserving LGBTQ stories across America. OutLoud honors the stories of those who lived before the 1969 Stonewall uprisings, celebrates the lives of LGBTQ youth, and amplifies the voices of those most often excluded from the historical record. The end result is a diverse collection of stories that enriches our nation's history. StoryCorps OutLoud sets out across the country to record and preserve the stories of LGBT individuals, along with their families and friends. OutLoud is a project undertaken in the memory of Isay's father, psychiatrist Dr. Richard Isay. Professionally credited for helping to persuade the mental health community that homosexuality is not a mental disorder, Dr. Isay was himself a closeted gay man for many years. He came out to his son at the age of 52 and, in 2011, he married his partner of 31 years, Gordon Harrell, before passing away suddenly from cancer on June 28, 2012. On June 28, 2014, the 45th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, StoryCorps inaugurated OutLoud, a three-year project to capture the experiences of L.G.B.T.Q. people. In particular, the project will seek stories from young people, minorities and those who lived before the uprising, which was a response by gays to a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village and helped precipitate the gay rights movement.

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