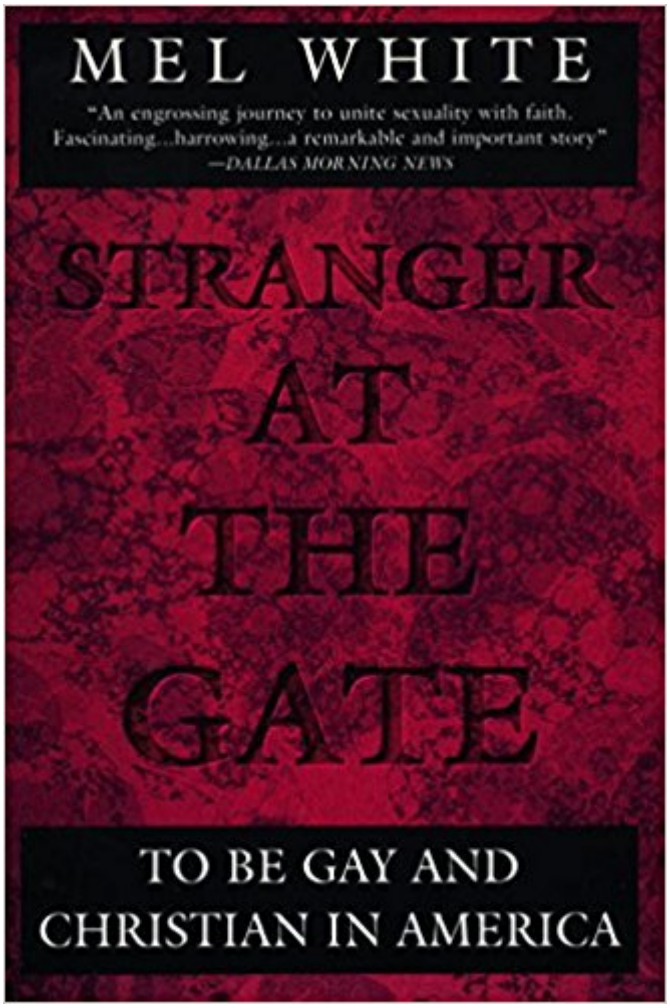
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Synopsis

"CompellingÃ¢â ¬Â¦ eloquent and compassionateÃ¢â ¬Â¦ We learn as much about growing up in the Christian right as we do about gay life in Mel WhiteÃ¢â ¬â„¢s heartfelt and revealing memoir."Ã¢â ¬â •San Francisco ExaminerUntil Christmas Eve 1991, Mel White was regarded by the leaders of the religious right as one of their most talented and productive supporters. He penned the speeches of Ollie North. He was a ghostwriter for Jerry Falwell, worked with Jim Bakker, flew in Pat Robertson's private jet, walked sandy beaches with Billy Graham. What these men didn't know was that Mel WhiteÃ¢â ¬â •evangelical minister, committed Christian, family manÃ¢â ¬â •was gay.In this remarkable book, Mel White details his twenty-five years of being counseled, exorcised, electric-shocked, prayed for, and nearly driven to suicide because his church said homosexuality was wrong. But his salvationÃ¢â ¬â •to be openly gay and ChristianÃ¢â ¬â •is more than a unique coming-out story. It is a chilling exposÃƒÂ© that goes right into the secret meetings and hidden agendas of the religious right. Told by an eyewitness and sure to anger those Mel White once knew best, Stranger at the Gate is a warning about where the politics of hate may lead AmericaÃ¢â ¬Â¦ a brave book by a good man whose words can make us richer in spirit and much wiser too.

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This is the account of a deeply religious man's coming to terms with his gayness and the impact that process had on his life. A former ghostwriter for Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Billy Graham, and other religious-right personalities, White offers a compelling story; gay readers raised in a

fundamentalist Christian environment will find themselves saying, "That happened to me." Yet the book’s subtitle is somewhat misleading. This is not really so much about being gay and Christian in America as it is the story of one individual’s struggles. To describe what it means to be gay and Christian is truly a difficult task; perhaps there is no one concrete definition. Recommended for public, academic, and theological libraries and gay/lesbian resource centers.Lee Arnold, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, PhiladelphiaCopyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There are plenty of clergymen’s coming-out stories (most by Anglican priests) and plenty of gay replies to Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and other antigay Christian evangelists, but on both counts, this is the one everybody’s been waiting for. Raised in the same mold as those religious-right leaders, White was their colleague and collaborator. He ghostwrote two books for Falwell (including Mr. Moral Majority’s "autobiography"), one for Robertson, and speeches for nonclerical gay-baiter Ollie North and the less problematic Billy Graham. Before the ghosting, White pursued a hectically successful career as an evangelical filmmaker, conference and retreat organizer, and occasional preacher. All the while, he, a married man with two children, struggled with homosexuality, which he says he felt from his earliest awareness of sexual consciousness. He lasted 25 years as a committed family man before he and long-suffering wife Lyla agreed he had to come out completely and divorced. Although decidedly egotistical (we especially wish White would say more about his heroic wife), this autobiography is moving, inspirational, and not a little spectacular--which makes it all the more readable. Ray Olson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

VERY GOOD book if you or a loved one is gay and the church at large is beating them up. This book had great insight for those who dont know better. Personally I have purchased this book many times to give to those struggling and for those who do the beating on gays. This book will help free you from guilt and shame. Mel White is am excellent writer and speaks from experience. I recommend everyone who is a believer or church goer to read this book even if it does not effect them because someday down the road they will encounter someone who is gay dealing with depression and suicide, this book will give them great insight

Really dated now. This was recommended by a friend but I found the information boring for todays lifestyle. Am glad a gay minister took a stand and give him credit for changing his lifestyle but still he

aided the right wing conservatives against gays and they probably just dismissed him.

Mel’s story is the story of most gay Christians who have denied themselves and lived their lives in the closet. He offers encouragement to be everything God created you to be and shows you how to love and accept yourself by stopping the insanity of trying to be something you are not. It may save lives and will definitely save you from heartache. You may not get the approval from some who choose to stay ignorant about homosexuality, but you’ll find peace with yourself and peace with God. Excellent book.

An uplifting account of a gay Christian mans journey through life.I love the honesty Dr. White displays in his personal story. He opens his heart and bares his soul with an honesty that touches and uplifts me.For me it’s a story of grace given by both man and God.It also unravels a story of "un-grace" and opens a discussion about sinister, political motivations by the religious right.I can see this book being used an historical reference in years to come with people marvelling at the prejudice that existed in our time. Dr. White will be well regarded as a leader who helped Gay men and woman find a bridge back to a spiritual life.

Very insightful book behind what it means to be a Christian and the actions that support it. A must read for anyone that truly claims to be Christian.

A close view of what it means to be human for all of us and how much giving responsibility to others (traditions, religions, media, etc.) as moral definitions to accept or reject others without first knowing them can destroy wonderful lives.

This book is more the story of Mel’s life than I expected, but a good read for sure.He shares enough historical context for an interpretation of the Bible passages used against us, that after reading, I’m armed with better argument for God’s same grace, love and acceptance as the heterosexuals of the world.I think we owe him one for putting this book out there.

Beautiful story of the suffering of a gay Christian man trying hard not to be gay but finally accepting his orientation and glorifying God in it.

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