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DADDY LOVER GOD

A SACRED INTIMATE JOURNEY

BY DON SHEWEY

What is sexual healing, besides being the name of Marvin Gaye's last great record?

The goal of sacred intimacy is to facilitate self-knowledge through erotic pleasure. Sacred intimates approach sexuality with the understanding that it's related to spirituality. They help people identify, embrace, and practice desire as holy, to see sexual embodiment as an expression of the soul. They hold the body as sacred and view erotic energy as a crucial component of human life and spiritual health. Their primary intention is that of healing -- not just addressing the wounds to the spirit and the flesh caused by sexual abuse, addiction, or disease but also acknowledging that the fun and the pleasure, the vitality and the divine mystery of sex have nourishing properties in and of themselves.

Inspired by the visionary teachings of Joseph Kramer and the Body Electric School, **Don Shewey** shares his journey of building a sacred intimate practice and cultivating the capacity to treat each client as a combination of Daddy, lover, and God. This unvarnished account of his unfolding discoveries will be both illuminating and validating to past, present, and future practitioners, to seekers of sexual healing, or simply to sentient beings with an interest in the varieties of human sexual experience.

“At once a deeply moving memoir and vivid instruction manual, *Daddy Lover God* reveals in startlingly honest and lucid prose what it means to answer the call to become a sexual healer. Whether his practice is called massage or sex work or sacred intimacy, for Don Shewey his vocation is never less than holy; his keen storytelling never less than gripping. He is a man on a mission to foster erotic abundance and pleasure in a world sorely in need of this tender medicine.”

--Martin Moran (*The Tricky Part, All the Rage*)

“This is a memoir about one man's journey from fear and ignorance to a full flowering of gay sexuality. After a successful career as an editor and journalist, Don Shewey was trained as a masseur who understands the link between the erotic and the divine. Citing many case histories, he explores the wounded psyches of his clients and his own spiritual and physical hesitations.”

--Edmund White (*A Boy's Own Story, States of Desire*)

"*Daddy Lover God* is an intimate portrait of intimacy (physical, sexual, emotional, and spiritual) that examines sex work through the lens of healing and sacred calling. Like sex itself, it is revealing, funny, sensual, sad, challenging, and beautiful, all at different times.”

--Hugh Ryan (*When Brooklyn Was Queer*)

“*Daddy Lover God* takes Don Shewey through a labyrinth of self-discovery. Donning and shedding the avatars of altar boy, erotic masseur, sex worker, psychotherapist, ‘good’ Roman Catholic, and pagan healer, Shewey imparts the explicit details of this circuitous true-life pilgrimage with clear-eyed honesty, wit, and devotion.

--Ishmael Houston-Jones (*Fat and Other Stories: some writing about sex*)

Daddy Lover God: a sacred intimate journey by Don Shewey

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