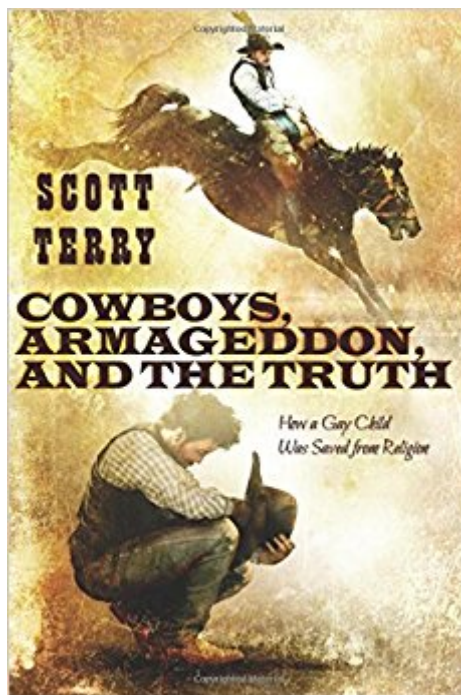




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Cowboys, Armageddon, And The Truth: How A Gay Child Was Saved From Religion



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An inspiring depiction of human endurance and the heart-healing balms of generosity and kindness. -- Jeff Mann, author of *Purgatory* Nominated for the Over The Rainbow Book List by the American Library Association in July 2012 *Cowboys, Armageddon and The Truth* tells a real hero's journey. Terry proves to be a wonderful model of the sensitive gay man rising up through and out of religious orthodoxy and coming into his own. This book is about the gay hero's journey. --Toby Johnson, author of *Gay Spirituality* "Scott Terry's gritty, colorful account of his church-choked years is insightful and cringe-inducing--a window into the lives of people with a terrible need to confine themselves in rigid little boxes. I shuddered at his predicament, marveled at his resilience, and was heartened by his breakthrough." --Will Fellows, author of *Farm Boys* "Scott Terry's stirring memoir illustrates the maiming pain that families can inflict on their members, especially the young and powerless, and the many ways that orthodox religion can isolate and warp its believers." --Jeff Mann, author of *Purgatory* "A lively, affectionate autobiography with messages of inspiration and acceptance." --Kirkus Reviews

Cowboys, Armageddon, and The Truth was named one of the Top 20 Must Read Books of 2013 by Advocate Magazine. It is the winner of the 2013 Rainbow Book Award in the LGBT Non-fiction

category, and it was named Best Debut Gay Novel of year by Elisa Awards. It was named one of the best LGBT releases of 2012 by Out In Print and Band of Thebes book lists. It is a Bronze Medal winner in the Living Now Book Awards, a finalist in the Next Generation Book Awards, and a finalist in the International Book Awards.

This book needs to be sent around the world, it needs to hit all religion, all people who have prejudice, and anyone else who are interested in Jehovah's Witnesses and how they look at a Gay person in the organization. I can't say enough about this as it is so well written, probably in the top 5 I have ever read, that was written by an Ex Jehovah Witness. He has a way of making you feel back in time, and then brings you through tears and happiness, but it is a page turner and a big lesson for a lot of people. Also, it is a good book for people to see what they do to their children when they divorce and remarry and do not really know who they are marrying but only that they are of the same religion, you can get into real problems. This step mother was horrible and still said she was a child of God? she treated these young ones less than animals, it was sick. I have never read a book that had so many lessons in it about prejudice, all in one book, you can get a lot of wisdom. Don't miss this book, it is excellent.

This book is way better than I was expecting, although I don't know why I was expecting anything less. It is powerful and riveting and sad and angry-making and sometimes I have to stop reading it and look out the train window and wonder how Scott Terry survived at all. Sometimes I find myself remembering things that I either forgot or pushed out of my head but here they are, my exact thoughts at 14 years old, written down by someone else. Thank you Sean Connery, indeed. Buy this book and read it.

A must-read for anyone who is, was, or is thinking of becoming a Jehovah's Witness. As someone also raised in the religion, so much of what Mr. Terry wrote coincided with my own experiences. In some ways, it was a fascinating trip down memory lane, as there were things I had forgotten. The book is excellently written, with vivid details that fully draw the reader in. I was more moved by this book than anything I've read in a very long time. Cannot recommend it highly enough.

Absolutely loved this book. I am lesbian, a survivor of abuse, and an ex-JW. While I am saddened by Scott Terry's experiences, I am also encouraged that there are people in the ex-jw community that understand the unique hardships that come from being LGBT and growing up a witness. Thank

you, Scott, for sharing your life with us.

An excellent read. An insight into the double standards of Jehovah's witnesses who can treat children so poorly. The writer rises above such an upbringing and becomes a worthy member of society and an inspiration to other young and old trapped in high control cults. I highly recommend this book.

I picked up this book with some trepidation since there are a growing number of gay-kid-survives-religion-and-lives-to-tell-the-tale books out there these days. It's a genre that has been explored. Still, being myself a survivor of both other-and-self-inflicted religiosity, I am drawn to these stories. This one was exceptional, with some elements that made it unique. In this case, the religion was only a part of the story. The bitter step-mother and intentionally blind father added an element of suspense. Would his father ever awaken to what was going on right under his own nose? Also, Mr. Terry is an apt storyteller with a style that engaged and drew me along. In this nearly stream of consciousness retelling of his own childhood and coming of age, we get the facts - there is neither bitterness nor mindless condemnation. One gets the sense that the demons are laid to rest, but the story needed to be told. I wondered why he was writing this book and his explanation in the final few lines cinched it for me. It is an ending that is upbeat and heartfelt but absolutely in no way maudlin nor over accusatory. But do yourself the favor of not jumping ahead. Let him tell you when he tells you, at the very end. It's the proper time and not before. I pulled back from 5 stars for a couple of reasons. The repetition in Mr. Terry's style of writing at times kept snagging me out of the narrative. He would restate something I had just read, so a little editing could have been done. Also, I wish he told us more about the experience of what it was actually like to ride an untamed animal in the rodeo. It's there, but I wanted to hear more about how that feels in the gut, muscle and bone. What little there was intriguing and not many of us can said to have had the experience. However, these are small flaws in an otherwise terrific story of survival against large odds - abuse, neglect, emotional scarring and religious fanaticism. Fortunately, set against that was love and a spirit that found release, healing and ultimately peace. Read this book, you won't be sorry.

This story is gut-wrenching at times as it tells of one man's life journey from a deprived childhood and religious domination to freedom and self acknowledgment. Take this journey with him, and know that you will not soon forget this story of triumph over such devastating life circumstances. Then count your blessings!

Shortly after receiving this book, I found myself engulfed in it. Its a excellent read and I highly recommend it. Makes me sad to read that a step parent can be so evil and juvenile. His step mom is the true devil here. No matter what religion she is her horns will always be shining!

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