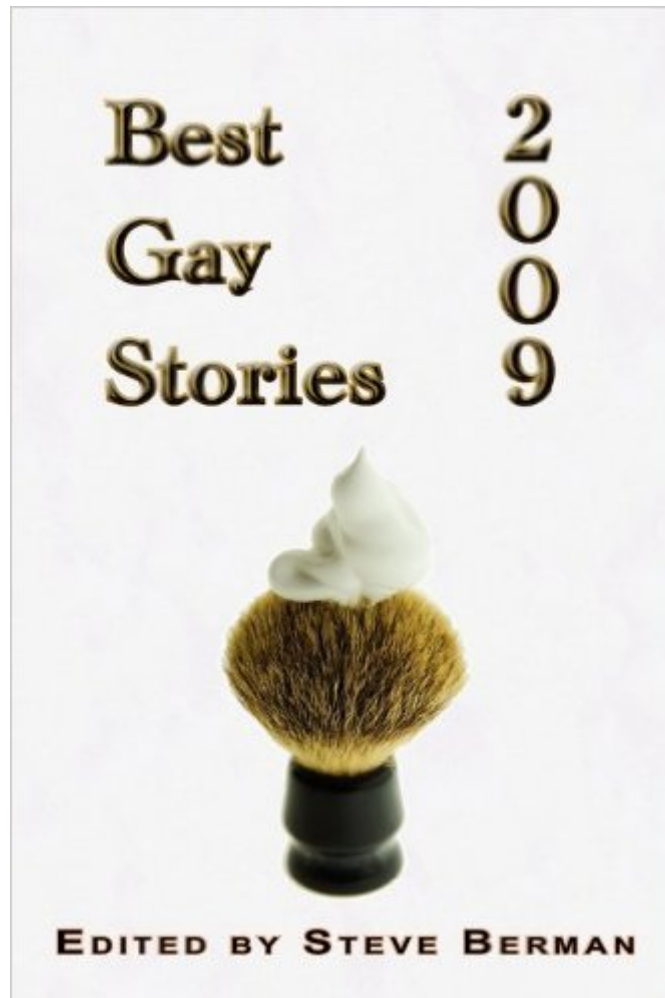


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# Best Gay Stories 2009



## Synopsis

Best Gay Stories 2009 offers eighteen tales showing the handsome face of gay writing. Noted editor Steve Berman, a finalist for the Gaylactic Spectrum Award and Lambda Literary Award, has spent the past year reading page after page to bring booklovers a collection of the finest stories featuring the pain of first loves and the comfort of old lovers, wistful essays and poignant confessions. These stories, by award-winning authors as well as fresh voices in the field, encompass the range of emotions every gay man feels in his lifetime.

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Should gay stories be judged with the same criteria as straight stories? Of course. Is there such a thing as gay or straight stories? A more difficult question. As a writer, I chose this book to get an idea of what constituted a "best" gay story. The particular taste of the editor is certainly a factor and his take on literary (or fictional) excellence. I had an agenda: I want my gay characters in a novel I am writing to be three dimensional and not cliches. The examples in this collection vary from the banal to the sublime--not unusual in any collection of short stories by different authors, gay or straight. I accomplished my goal, enjoyed many of the stories, learned from them about gay life and just plain life. I won't mention my favorites, since every reader will have his own interests and taste, but the collection in general--if uneven--is an interesting read.

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