Gay Widowers: Life After the Death of a Partner

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Gay Widowers is a vault of memory; it holds essays that will make you sad, mad, even laugh. But most of all, you will be inspired by the resilience of these men who have lost their partners. Writers like Stephen Greco, Eric Gutierrez and Phill Wilson tackle many issues unique to gay mourning: Homophobia, inheritance woes and, last but never least, survivor's guilt. Reading this collection, edited by longtime therapist and AIDS activist Michael Shernoff, was like being in the company of a valued support group. I identified with much of the discussion and wished that this book had been around when my own partner died. It would have helped me then, but its honest portrayal of bereavement is no less powerful now.

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