Memoirs, Mythology and More

This time of year, the best reading is done by sunlight! Find these suggested books in the POZ Bookstore:

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Damaged Goods

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by Glenna McCarthy

In this raw memoir, POZ's newest blogger tells it like it is as she recounts battles with addiction, sex work, hepatitis C and HIV. But she's a fighter (and an avid animal lover) who never goes down for the count.

Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing

My Journey as an AIDS Nurse

by Kay Haring and Robert Neubecker

The artist’s younger sister penned this kids’ book—complete with his childhood drawings—to answer the question “What was Keith Haring like as a kid?”

My Journey as an AIDS Nurse

by Dominick P. Varsalone

Breezy, bite-size stories packed with compassion tell the true story of a man who struggles with his homosexuality and who, in a quest to help friends, becomes an AIDS nurse. Along the way, he finds acceptance and healing.

The Pox Lover

by Anne-christine d’Adesky

The author—a member of ACT UP and the Lesbian Avengers —describes the book as: “a personal history of the 1990s, an activist diary-cum-battlefield-notes-cum-travelogue of…two pocked cities, Paris and New York.”

The PrEP Diaries

by Evan J. Peterson

This safe(r) sex memoir for today’s times succeeds on many counts. It’s both fun and informative—about contemporary queer life as well as Truvada as HIV prevention—while chronicling how PrEP is changing the epidemic.

The Sea Is Quiet Tonight

by Michael H. Ward

When Michael and Mark meet on Fire Island in 1981, a lifelong romance begins, one that’s chronicled, messiness and all, in this poignant and insightful memoir about love and loss in the early days of the epidemic.

The Troubleseeker

by Alan Lessik

Fans of Greek mythology, Santeria and gay eroticism must seek out this fantastical gods-and-mortals odyssey of Antinio, who leaves Cuba in 1980 for the United States, where HIV—and perhaps the great love of his life—awaits.

The War on Sex

by David M. Halperin and Trevor Hoppe

This collection of essays by scholars and activists documents how the U.S. government and civil society wage a war against sexual rights and liberties. One section is titled “Making HIV a Crime.”

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