Writing History

’Tis the season to curl up with a good book—or give one as a holiday present. A few suggestions:

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The Angel of History

by Rabih Alameddine

While in the waiting room of a psych clinic, gay Arab poet Jacob is visited by Satan and Death as he recounts his life, from growing up in Egypt to surviving the AIDS years in San Francisco.

Believing in Magic

by Cookie Johnson

In 1991, basketball legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson told the world he had HIV. Read about this historic event from the point of view of his wife, Cookie, who recounts nearly four decades of marriage.

How to Survive a Plague

by David France

You’ve seen the Academy Award–nominated documentary, now dive deeper into the history of the brave AIDS activists who changed the course of an epidemic—and the world.

When We Rise

by Cleve Jones

A friend of gay-rights pioneer Harvey Milk, Cleve Jones is also the guy behind the AIDS Memorial Quilt. This is his story, soon to be a miniseries starring Guy Pearce and created by Dustin Lance Black!

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