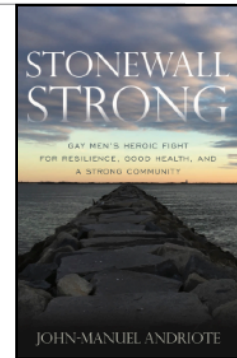


RELEASE for the PAPERBACK EDITION OF STONEWALL STRONG, BY JOHN-MANUEL ANDRIOTE

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To mark the 50th anniversary of the June 1969 Stonewall riots that launched the modern LGBTQ equality movement, Rowman & Littlefield is pleased to present a new paperback edition of John-Manuel Andriote's latest critically acclaimed book, *Stonewall Strong: Gay Men's Heroic Fight for Resilience, Good Health, and a Strong Community*.



Stonewall Strong examines the lessons in courage and survival spawned by the HIV-AIDS epidemic, and other traumas, that fuel gay men's powerful resilience. Andriote reframes challenging personal stories—including his own—and community history as tales of heroism, rather than victimization, offering much to teach anyone interested in strengthening their own resilience.

Since its hardcover publication in late 2017, *Stonewall Strong* has garnered coast-to-coast praise in the LGBTQ and HIV-related media.

The Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide said the book is “**gloriously perceptive.**” *HIVPlusMagazine* said, “**Andriote has penned an informative and insightful yet touching work that will resonate deeply with readers.**” *Art & Understanding* magazine called it “**quite remarkable...scrupulously researched and damn well written.**” *POZ* magazine said, “[*Stonewall Strong*] is an instructive and inspiring book for anyone.”

The book draws from Andriote's personal story, nearly 100 interviews he conducted with men and women across the United States—including such notables as retired **Rep. Barney Frank**, writer and AIDS activist **Larry Kramer**, and the **Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson**, the first openly gay bishop of the Episcopal church, and leading-edge behavioral research.

One fact emerges clearly throughout the book, and Andriote illustrates it through a wide range of individual stories: Most gay men are astonishingly resilient, despite the traumas that afflict them beginning in boyhood, and have much to teach others about becoming resilient.

John-Manuel Andriote began reporting on HIV-AIDS in 1986, while working on a master's degree in journalism at Northwestern University. His articles have appeared in the *Advocate*, *The Atlantic*, *Huffington Post*, *The Washington Post*, and many other LGBTQ and mainstream print and online publications. Andriote writes the “Stonewall Strong” blog for *Psychology Today*, sharing lessons on resilience from gay men's experiences.

Kirkus Reviews called Andriote's 1999 book *Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America* (University of Chicago Press) “The most important AIDS chronicle since Randy Shilts' *And the Band Played On.*” “I call *Stonewall Strong* the ‘bookend’ of *Victory Deferred*,” says Andriote. “Where *Victory Deferred* chronicled the impact of HIV-AIDS on individuals, government institutions, and the LGBTQ political movement for equality, *Stonewall Strong* celebrates what our history has taught us about our own courage, resilience, and strength.”

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