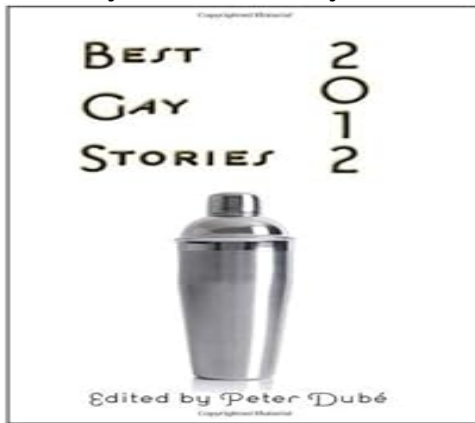


## Best Gay Stories 2012 By Peter Dubé Best Gay Stories 2012



As a break from intense engagement with TUCK EVERLASTING a young-adult title and now musical I thought I would re-engage with queer lit for a bit. The saddest features a middle-aged man who literally re-makes himself after divorcing his wife - going to the gym new haircut waxing and making himself more attractive to the looks-obsessed world of gay men only to face judgment. Trafford's marvelously skewed "The Renegade Angels of Parkdale" in which Zach recovering from the suicide of his boyfriend allows his friends to drag him out to a bar populated by gay angels. Trafford's sense of humor and irony are in full blossom as we track Zach's evening which ends up with him and a new chum named Alar (a word which means "resembling wings" for those of you who don't do crosswords). Rightly or wrongly self-loathing or not yearning for straight men is a very large part of some gay men's lives as evidenced by Elias Miguel Muñoz's blend of Star Trek and sexual exploration "The Unequivocal Moon" as well as Loren Arthur Moreno Jr:

You're bound to be entranced and intrigued by what's on the page. This is yet another entry in a fine series that demonstrates not only our diversity but the vast array of talent in our community, Best Gay Stories 2012 I can't remember ever reading an anthology in which I liked all of the stories, I can't remember an anthology in which I could not easily pick out a favorite: Peter Dube has done a great job in selecting genuinely fresh material: What I particularly liked is that these stories feature dozens and dozens of clever word phrasings and beautifully structured sentences: Best Gay Stories 2012 Best Gay Stories 2012.

My short story group read this volume and were somewhat disappointed with it, Most filter their experience through the unique prism of being gay but that scarcely unites their variety. My favorites are about transformation of identity or glimpses into the identity of others: Another centers on a lonely London man who meets men in parks late at night and finds himself enmeshed in a circle of accident and death: Not surprisingly these are among the longest works in the collection taking the time to flesh out events and a narrative arc, The short works while engaging rarely stayed with me beyond the pages themselves. I'm not sure I would call these Best but I don't spend that much time with short gay stories so I'm only half-qualified (at most!) to render verdict: But reading for adults not simply adult in the lurid sense was a welcome change! Best Gay Stories 2012 Sugar Rush is the most beautiful touching romantic story I've ever read: x) Best Gay Stories 2012 My review of Best Gay Stories 2012 should appear in the next issue of Chelsea Station. Best Gay Stories 2012 As edited by Peter Dubé Lethe's annual collection of short gay fiction celebrates the diversity of voices in our community. This year Dubé has focused on the many ways in which we yearn and the result is no less striking than last year's compilation. Full Review at: <https://outinprintblog.wordpress.com/>. This collection is superb. This book was a joy to read. The collection as is inevitable is all over the map. Many are more sketch than full story. Few are just about sex or even sexual identity. The collection starts off strong with Matthew J.'s altogether too brief "At This Late Hour." But really anywhere you open Best Gay Stories 2012.