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THE CLITORAL TRUTH: THE SECRET WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

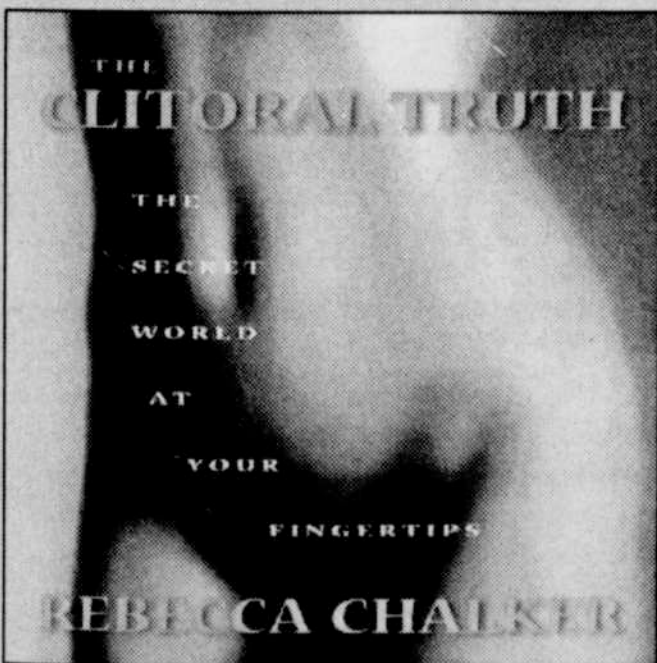
by Rebecca Chalker. Seven Stories Press, 2000; \$19.95 hardcover.

You say cliTORis, I say CLIToris, let's all say clitoris, rah, rah, rah! As if we girls didn't love this alpha part of the female body enough, internationally renowned women's health writer and activist Rebecca Chalker gives us the ultimate ode to our pleasure button in this wonderful new book.

Part technical manual, part history and wholly fun, *The Clitoral Truth* investigates, demystifies and sings the praises of the most misunderstood and maligned part of a woman's body. Illustrated by cartoonist and tattoo artist Fish, it is an all-around joyous read.

You'll finish *The Clitoral Truth* in one setting, armed with more ways to ensure your ultimate sexual response. Now that's not a bad thing at all!

—Catherine Samelh



BOUNCE

Original Motion Picture Soundtrack • Arista

Gay writer/director Don Roos' sophomore slump following *The Opposite of Sex* might have been a critical flop, but the soundtrack is one of the year's finest. The selections, most of which feature female vocalists, are appropriate for the film, which centers on a young mother whose husband is killed in an airplane crash.

The collection is especially appealing because it combines hidden gems (Tara MacLean's "Divided" and Sister Seven's "The Only Thing That's Real") with recent hits (Delerium's "Silence" and Dido's "Here with Me," the WB's *Roswell* theme). This a post-Lilith Fair representation of strong women who aren't afraid to fold pop and electronica into their songs.

Sixpence None the Richer—famous for last year's catchy but overplayed "Kiss Me"—is represented twice here with a remix of "Love" and with lead singer Leigh Nash's "Need to Be Next to You." My favorite track, by far, is a new version of Carly Simon's "Our Affair."

The *Bounce* soundtrack also serves as an economical sampler that undoubtedly will lead listeners to discover a number of underappreciated artists. Morcheeba's "Rome Wasn't Built in a Day" and Beth Orton's "Central Reservation (The Then Again Version)" are two good examples.

A few guys give the collection a more unisexual appeal. Among them are Angie Aparo's "Hush" (yes, he's a man) and techno producer BT's "Never Gonna Come Back Down."

—Jim Radosta

RAINBOW MEN 2001

\$17.99
This calendar features art, history, education and supportive messages for parents of gay men, in addition to contact information for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The calendar is different from other gay men's calendars—no bouncing beach ball scenes here—it's more artsy, with political and cultural references. Call 866-289-9464 or visit www.pflag.org.

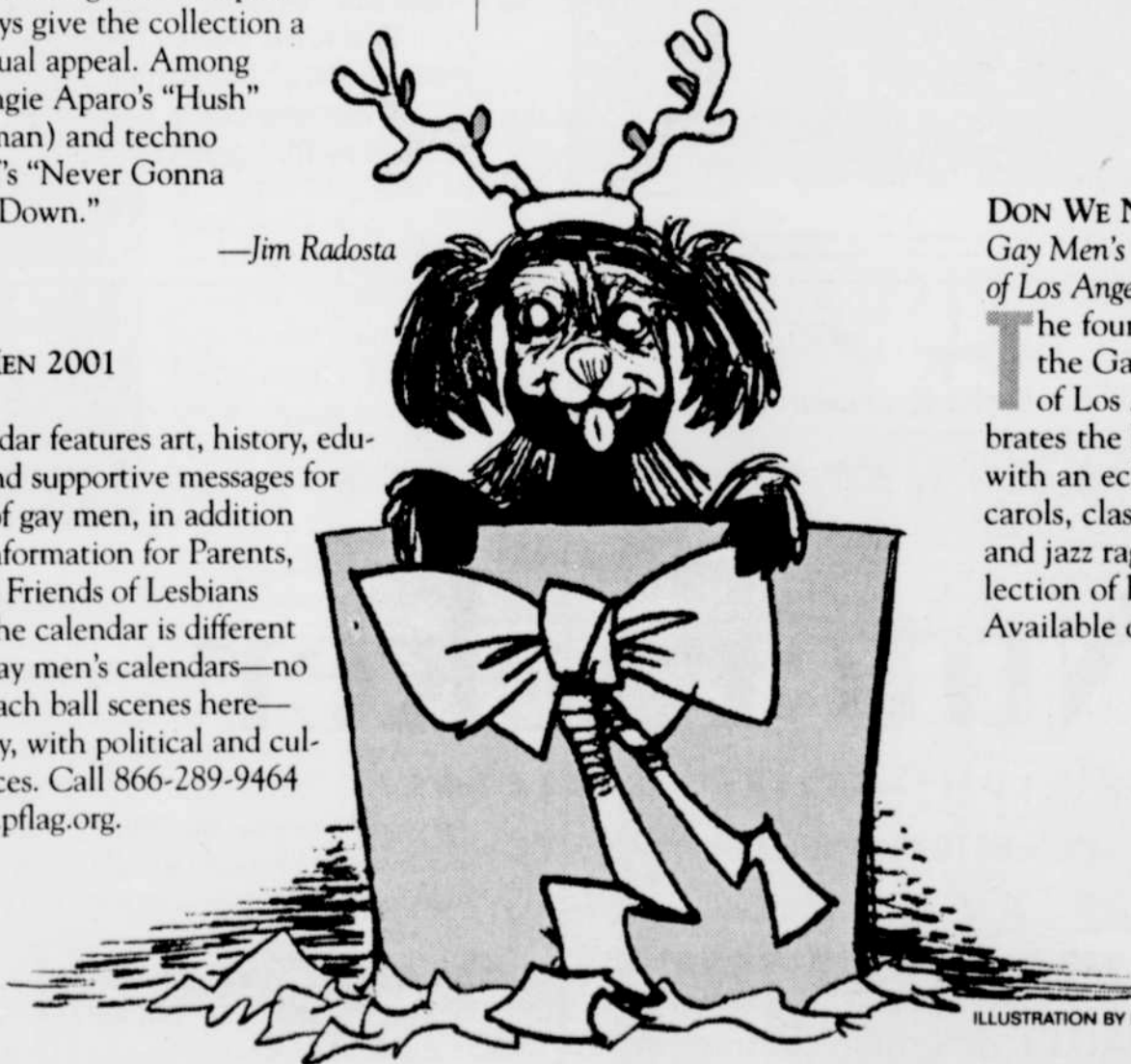


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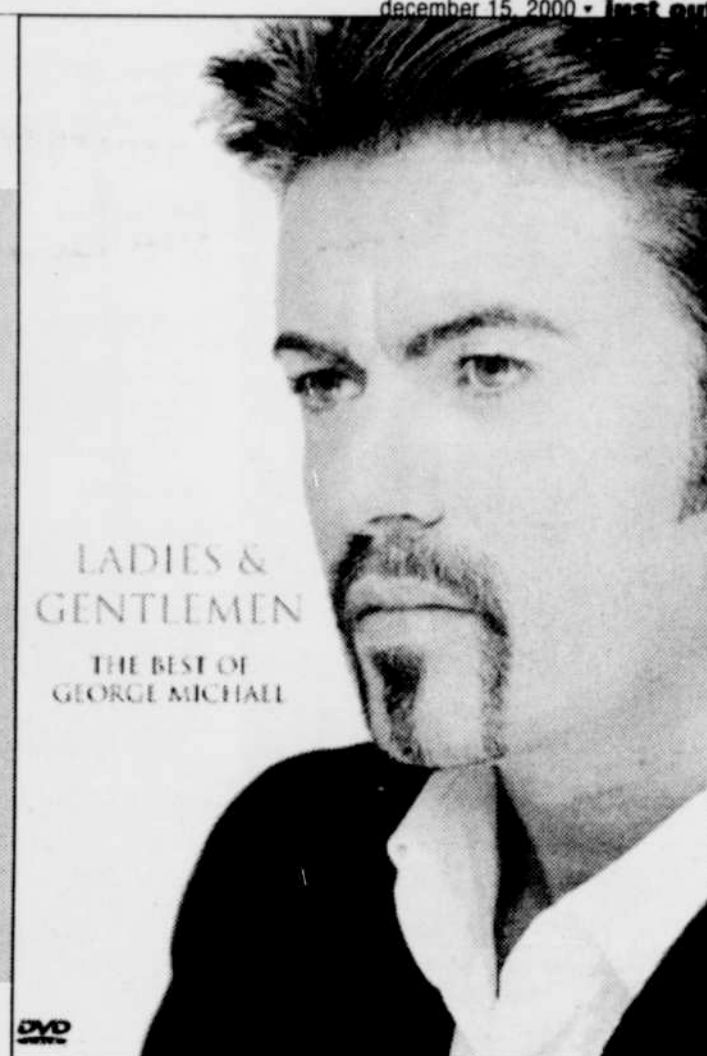
LADIES & GENTLEMEN:

THE BEST OF GEORGE MICHAEL
Sony DVD

This collection of music videos is full of fond memories for most gay men, with 15-plus years of Michael's career represented. He is a consummate singer and performer, and his videos screamed gay sensibility (tight jeans, leather jackets, trendy hairstyles, high fashion, drag queens) long before he came out in a West Hollywood bathroom.

And speaking of that indiscretion, you also will get the uncut version of "Outside," Michael's love song to the cop who arrested him. With officers and bodybuilders kissing and a bathroom that turns into a gay disco, it's a classic camp romp. The DVD also features interviews and a discography.

—Andy Mangels



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Fox DVD

Although not exactly a gay film, this classic musical is well-loved by queers everywhere. And this two-disc set will make a perfect gift for any theater queen.

Not only do you get a fantastic widescreen image of the film, you also get director commentary, Julie Andrews interviews, almost three hours of documentary footage, music outtakes, storyboards, sketches, photos and much more. Plus, with the captions on, you can practice for the *Rocky Horror*-like audience participation of "Sing Along with *The Sound of Music*" that's all the rage for camp followers and drag queens in London and New York—and coming soon in Portland. The Lonely Goatherd says, "Buy it now!"

—Andy Mangels

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