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# RUNNING IN BED

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## ***RUNNING IN BED*** A Novel by Jeffrey Sharlach

*Running in Bed* (Two Harbors Press, May 2012, \$14.95), debut fiction by Jeffrey Sharlach, tells a poignant story of finding one's self and finding love in New York at a unique time in history. The tale begins in the late 1970s, as a generation experiences the exhilaration of growing personal and sexual freedoms and then weaves through a decade of unimaginable challenges.

*Running in Bed* follows one of that generation, Josh Silver, fresh out of Cornell, class of '77, with a degree in marketing who joins a prestigious New York ad agency where he's given his own office, his own secretary, and a decent salary. Everything in his life is working out just fine—except for one “nagging problem.” Although he assumed that once he got out in the real world, his feelings would change, he still finds he can't stop dreaming about men.

Josh seeks professional help to reprogram his sexual desire but in 1977 New York is the glimmering Emerald City at the end of the Yellow Brick Road and Josh finally succumbs to its lure. He moves quickly to make up for lost time in the post-Stonewall years when sex is quick and easy. But that's not enough; Josh wants to be in love. He finds it unexpectedly just as the new decade begins but the growing spread of disease brings the free spirit of the 70s to a crushing end and Josh is forced to navigate the turmoil of an era where beauty, youth, wealth and life itself seem unimaginably fragile.

Author Jeffrey Sharlach captures the essence of life in New York for a gay man at that moment in time as only a first-hand witness could. *Running in Bed* encapsulates the highs and lows of being true to oneself at a time when homosexuality was often considered a disease from which one could be cured. From the New York club scene to Fire Island beaches to the dawn of AIDS, Sharlach writes with humor, authenticity, and charm, and he presents characters who are universal in their appeal. *Running in Bed's* story of facing fear and loss, and ultimately growing stronger from them, as well as the book's incomparable, evocative images will resonate with readers, regardless of their personal persuasion.

*Running in Bed* will be available in bookstores and online nationwide on May 15, 2012.

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