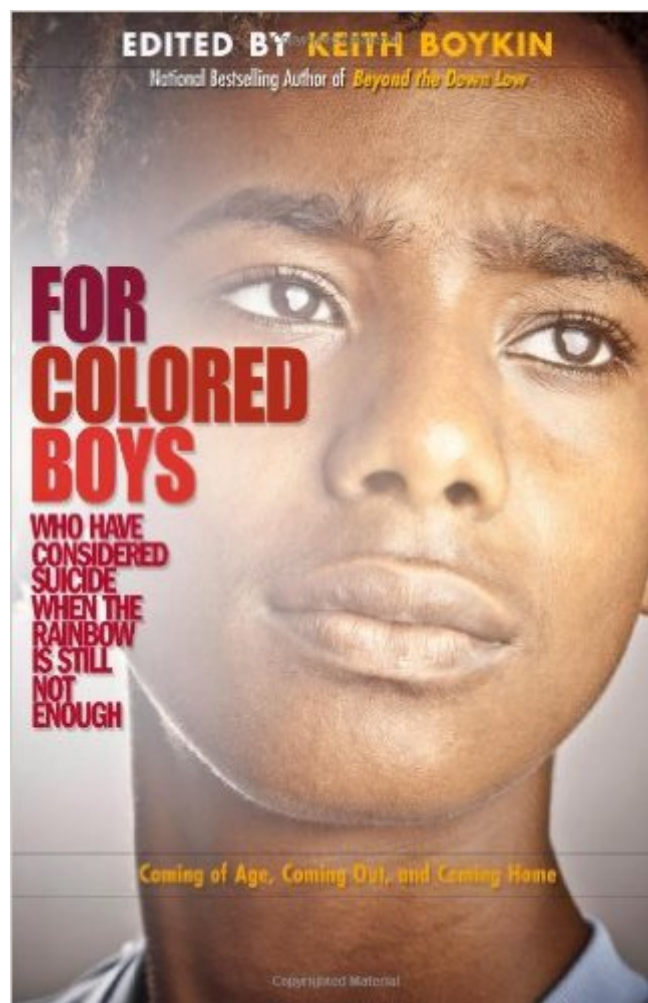


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# For Colored Boys Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Still Not Enough: Coming Of Age, Coming Out, And Coming Home



## Synopsis

In 1974, playwright Ntozake Shange published *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf*. The book would go on to inspire legions of women for decades and would later become the subject and title of a hugely popular movie in the fall of 2010. While the film was selling out movie theaters, young black gay men were literally committing suicide in the silence of their own communities. When a young Rutgers University student named Tyler Clementi took his own life after a roommate secretly videotaped him in an intimate setting with another young man, syndicated columnist and author Dan Savage created a YouTube video with his partner Terry to inspire young people facing harassment. Their message, *It Gets Better*, turned into a popular movement, inspiring thousands of user-created videos on the Internet. Savage's project targeted people of all races, backgrounds and colors, but Boykin has created something special "for colored boys." The new book, *For Colored Boys*, addresses longstanding issues of sexual abuse, suicide, HIV/AIDS, racism, and homophobia in the African American and Latino communities, and more specifically among young gay men of color. The book tells stories of real people coming of age, coming out, dealing with religion and spirituality, seeking love and relationships, finding their own identity in or out of the LGBT community, and creating their own sense of political empowerment. *For Colored Boys* is designed to educate and inspire those seeking to overcome their own obstacles in their own lives.

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There are young gay men of color out there dealing with loneliness, isolation, fear, self-esteem, family, suicidal thoughts, coming out, seeking love, identity, health, spirituality, etc. If you fall into any of those categories, this book is for you. I am one of the many colored boys who dealt with all of the things that this book addresses. I must note that this book isn't only for boys. Everyone will take away insight into the experiences of gay men of color, food for thought, and powerful life lessons from reading this book. There is something in it for everyone. "For Colored Boys" is a collection of essays from various authors about their life experiences. These authors deserve to be commended for the extraordinary courage with which they share their deeply personal stories. Keith Boykin has not left any rock unturned. You will read about how one colored boy ended up homeless going through garbage for food. You will read about how another colored boy was raped by a stranger through seeking love in the wrong place. You will read about how another colored boy who is a preacher's kid reconciled his faith and sexuality. The miraculous and promising thing about every story that you will read is the fact that these authors survived their circumstances to tell their story. I assure you that you will draw encouragement and strength from at least one story. I know I did. My favorites are "Chicago" by Phill Branch, "No Asians, Blacks, Fats, or Femmes" by Indie Harper and "Religious Zombies" by Clay Cane. Little did I know when I received my copy of this book that its pages would end up highlighted all over like my Bible. I see myself revisiting and turning to this book when I need a reminder that I'm not alone and when I need inspiration.

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