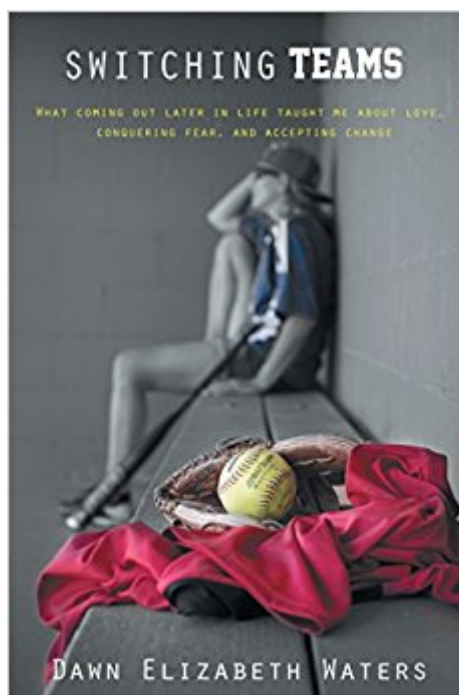




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# Switching Teams: What Coming Out Later In Life Taught Me About Love, Conquering Fear And Accepting Change



## Synopsis

Dawn's comfortable existence as a stay-at-home wife and mother of three disappeared as soon as she came out as a lesbian. Although it would be one of the most difficult experiences of her life, it would also be one of the most liberating- at long last the 39-year-old was comfortable in her own skin, even as she realized everyone around her was thrown into chaos. Life got even more interesting when she fell in love with her best friend of 10 years and discovered the feeling was mutual. It was difficult to imagine what her life would look like after such a dramatic change, and at times she felt the weight of the emotional fallout on her shoulders. But change is as inevitable as Dawn's need to be true to herself. "My coming out was the first step in reclaiming my life as it was supposed to have been," she writes. *Switching Teams* tells the story of Dawn's newfound awakening and the reactions of friends and loved ones as they came to terms with her determination to live an authentic life, no matter what the cost. Throughout her fearless journey, Dawn experienced profound sadness and grief but also true peace and joy, thanks to the love of her life and unexpected support from those who mattered most. Freelance writer Dawn Elizabeth Waters works as a real estate agent, writes a real estate blog, and co-owns an event photography business in Debary, Florida. She studied sports administration at Stetson University and was married for nearly 20 years before realizing she was a lesbian and getting a divorce. Dawn, a Detroit native, supports LGBT causes and coaches youth sports, and is a lifelong Detroit Lions and Red Wings fan. She and her wife, Yvette, have four sons. She admires her wife, children and anyone who has stared fear in the face and survived in spite of it.

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So courageous to share her story! I love Dawns authenticity and it is a great reminder to live YOUR life, not the life other people want for you. Very real and raw, she has a great sense of humor and a great outlook on life and people. Thanks for sharing a glimpse of your world with us!

Mrs. Waters has dealt with challenges that many would hide from. She looked at her life and did what she had to do to be true to herself. I commend her sharing her story with us and hope that others who are dealing with the suppression of their own realities will find hope, strength, and the heart to move their lives forward as she did.

While I applaud the effort and courage it took to write a book, it was not edited, or not very well. I found grammatical errors roughly every couple pages. It is not a difficult read, but all the errors sometimes make it difficult to understand what the author is truly saying. I wanted to know more details about her life as a straight woman versus a gay one, and thought the author took too much of a pity stance on herself.

Loved this book! I can relate to it very much so!! I came out pretty much like you did. I believe this book will definitely help others understand what they are going through. Have told friends about this book!!

This book says so much! It's a must read for those of us that figured it out long ago as well as those that are trying to figure it all out now! My partner is sending it to her boys and her family to help them understand this process. PS....I'm still waiting for the "lifestyle" after 25 years! LOL!

Excellent read! Author examines the universal theme of change, and how we cope with change in our lives. She is honest in her brave account of how her own self-discovery allowed her to become more authentic as a person. She also discusses how her faith, her family, and her relationships were all impacted along the way. A beautiful account of her emotional journey!! I highly recommend this book!

The courage to write about something so personal and the lack of bitterness are very admirable and make this a worthwhile read. The writing could benefit from fewer clichés and tighter editing. Overall, there are too few books on the market that address this topic and I applaud the author for

her contribution.

Dawn writes about the challenges and joys of realizing that she is gay after 20 years of marriage to a man. She shares her thoughts and fears, the reactions of family and friends, and the tremendous joy of being married to her wife. Worthwhile reading.

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