

I Love Some of You the Most

Stories from the World's Biggest Gay Brothel

Bob Ostertag

The First Book Ever Written About Thailand's Gay Sex Trade.

I Love Some of You the Most immerses readers in the lives, economies, and emotional worlds of gay sex workers in the Jomtien Complex in Pattaya, Thailand, the largest and most concentrated gay sex market on earth. They come from rice-farming villages in Thailand, shantytowns along Cambodian railway lines, war-ravaged regions of Myanmar, and remote Khmu villages in the mountains of Laos. Some walk for days through mountains and gunfire just to get to Thailand. Others travel the world flying first class airplane tickets. Their stories form a portrait of a world shaped by desire, inequality and globalization. It is a world few outsiders can imagine, yet the compassionate portrayal of the struggle for survival and search for love will resonate with many.

You could fill a bookshelf with books about the straight sex trade in Thailand. Incredibly, there has never been a single book about the gay sex trade, until now.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bob Ostertag has published more than twenty albums of music, seven books, two podcasts, and a feature film. His writings on contemporary politics have been published on every continent and in many languages, beginning with his work as a journalist covering the civil war in El Salvador in the 1980s. His books cover a wide range of topics, from labor unions to the history of journalism to estrogen and testosterone. His writing has won the "Most Censored Story of the Year" award from Project Censored and the "Most Important Book of the Year" designation from *The Nation*. He has performed his music at the Lincoln Center (New York), Teatro Colón (Buenos Aires), Strozzi Palace (Florence), Hiroshima Museum of Art (Japan), Institute for Contemporary Art (London), the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, and more. He currently works with Manos Amigues, an LGBT-run soup kitchen in Mexico City, and lives in San Francisco.

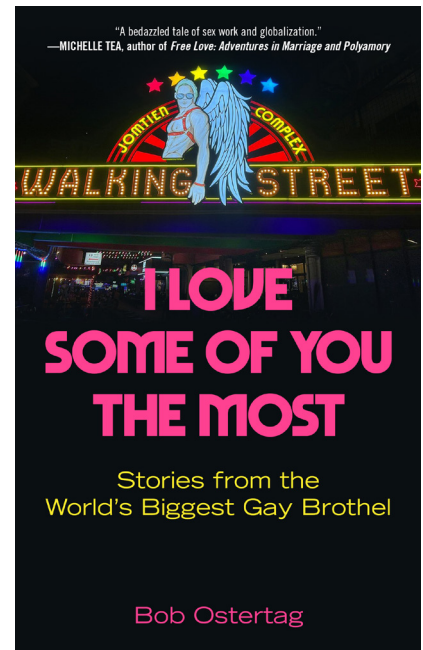
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"Bob Ostertag details the mashup of poverty, gay desire, Southeast Asian culture, and globalization with insight, wisdom and an affable charm that casts an honest and respectful light on all the players in this bedazzled tale."

—Michelle Tea, author of *Free Love: Adventures in Marriage and Polyamory*

"Much has been written about Thailand's sex industry, nearly all of which focuses on women who sell sex to men. Bob Ostertag's book turns attention to the 'money boys' from throughout Southeast Asia who sell sex to foreign men in Thailand. Refusing sensationalism or easy judgment, Ostertag neither idealizes or demonizes. Instead, he offers a nuanced and deeply humane account that illuminates not only exploitation and hardship, but also agency, ambition, intimacy, and survival within the vast yet largely hidden world of male sexual commerce in Southeast Asia."

—Ronald Weitzer, author of *Sex Tourism in Thailand*



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