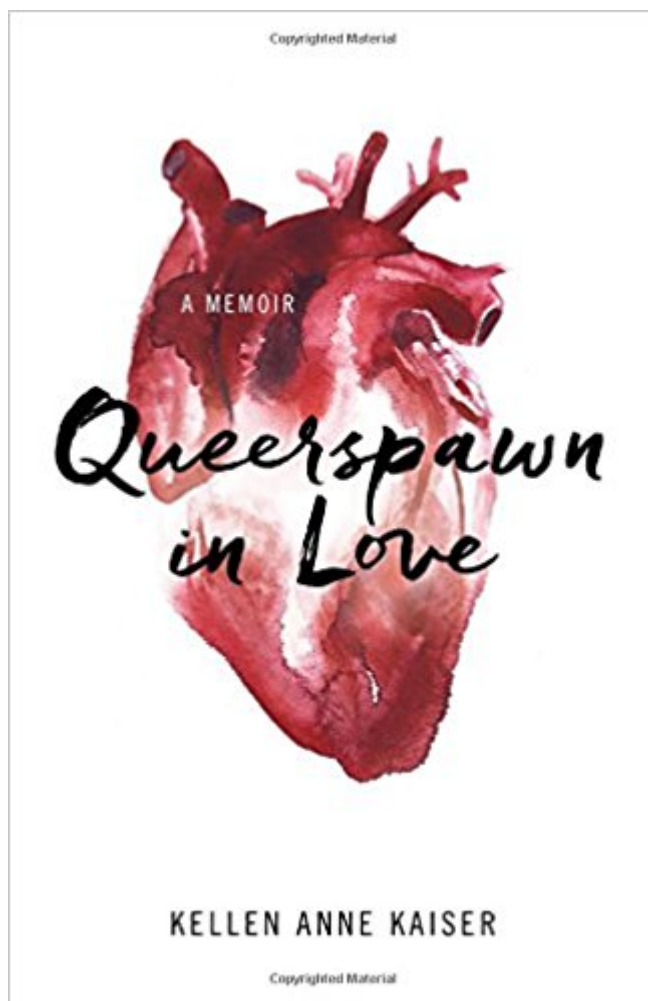


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# Queerspawn In Love: A Memoir



## Synopsis

Despite growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area as the daughter of four lesbians, Kellen Kaiser envisioned her life working out, fairy tale-like, with a Prince Charming. When her possible prince did arrive, however, it was not without complications. Home on leave from the Israeli army, the man Kaiser picks doesn't seem like a sure bet. Starting with some casual sex gone awry, they face a number of obstacles, not the least of which are war in the Middle East, long-distance romance, and differing views on sexuality and their approaching adulthood. But they find themselves most challenged by a more mundane concern: the upkeep of a relationship between two people. Funny and keenly observed, *Queerspawn in Love* is a story about identity, family, and figuring out, through loving someone else and failing, how to love yourself.

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In this wry, wise, and thoroughly terrific memoir, Kaiser handles the kind of thorny identity politics that make lesser writers quail with a light, lovely and seemingly effortless touch -- and she's hilarious to boot. "Rachel Shukert, author of *Everything's Going to be Great* Kaiser's descriptively compelling, sweetly sensual, coming-of-age story transcends religions and geography." "Booklist

Kellen Kaiser was born in 1981 in San Francisco. As a child, she represented the gay community frequently as a speaker on panels and in the media. Her story has appeared on CNN, in *Marie Claire*, in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and in the *Seattle Times*. She holds a BFA from NYU. Online, her writing has been featured on *Nerve*, *XOJane*, *Role Reboot*, *IncultureParent*, and *Next*

Family. When not writing, she also helps run her family's cattle ranch.

I came upon this book due to a friend's suggestion; he hadn't read it yet but thought I might be interested. I was intrigued immediately. Although I am a physical-book-luddite through and through, and only own a kindle for my kids' use, I downloaded the sample chapter immediately and started reading it. That convinced me to order the book, which I did, but couldn't wait, so bought the kindle version, too, and dove in. I've not read a better and more nuanced view on what it's like to be a liberal college kid confronted with Israel; or a young self-aware feminist from the enclave of the Bay Area experiencing the rest of the world, the proverbial fish out of water, who needs no bicycle, but falls in love with one anyway. (Apologies for horrific double pun). Highly recommended!

Absolutely enjoyable read! It's rare to find an author with such an honest, vulnerable and authentic voice. The narrative successfully weaves a love story, historical conflict, coming of age, and identity politics into a book that is hard to put down. My partner and I read the book aloud together and had a lot of fun in the process; many evenings well spent!

Kellen has such an incredible family background and life experiences, and her storytelling abilities had me binge reading, and I never read books! It's so hard to put down. Bought a copy for myself and another one for the breakroom at work. Which everyone thanked me for. Do your brain (and heart) a favor and just buy the book!

It's amazing how much life the author has been able to pack into her relatively short 35 years. A little surprised this book is classified by as a lesbian biography. But hey, whatever gets the readers' attention. Ms. Kaiser's writing is humorous and insightful. An easy and enjoyable read.

I'm only on page 12 it's witty and insightful and honest. I hate taking time away from reading to write this review...HIGHLY RECOMMEND!!!!

This book sets the standard for modern memoirs with its honesty, insight, humor and profundity.

Kellen Kaiser is an amazing writer! This book is witty, articulate and VERY entertaining. When's the sequel??

Delightfully written with a lense into so many different familial connections

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