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LGBTQ+ Author and Key Worker releases debut book written in pandemic after Pride month.

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June is pride month here in the UK, D. R. Webb is an emerging new author and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community. His debut novel "Steve" is due out on the 1st July, he has specifically timed this to ensure no attention is taken from the events of Pride Month.

For the longest time Pride isn't something he felt, he suffered with his mental health and substance abuse. D. R Webb withdrew from society, from his friends, and family, closing himself off.

Alone he would write. If asked he would say writing has saved his life. In his darkest moments he would put pen to paper and write his thoughts down to create his own immersive world. It was not only a coping technique but a path to salvation.

Steve was initially nothing more than a passion project, originally a screenplay. He wrote it that way because that is how he saw the stories in his head, like a movie.

When he met his (now) fiancé in July 2018, he still did not share his work. As happy as he was, there was another barrier, he was dyslexic. He feared ridicule or even worse, to hear, as he feared, that they were illegible.

Quite the opposite happened. His fiancé was an avid reader and encouraged him to rework the manuscripts into a fiction novel. He found the world he had created vivid and full of life, of depth and dimension.

During the pandemic D. R. Webb was a key worker, working extra hours to ensure the safety and welfare of people in his community. Coming home from that madness, he again escaped into his literary world. This time not to escape the darkness, but to bring the new light his life had found.

It has been an amazing experience pawing through his old notebooks and again meeting the old friends he knew once. They spoke to him and demanded that, yet again, they live.

"Steve" by D. R. Webb is coming out on the 1st of June 2021 or where good books are sold.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

D. R. Webb is a 34-year-old man from Hartley Whitney in Hampshire who moved to the beautiful South Devon with his family 20 years ago. After using his writing as an escape for his battle with mental health he filed them away. When he moved in with his fiancé they came to the surface again and the journey to this moment began. With encouragement he re-worked his writing into a book and that first book is "Steve".

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