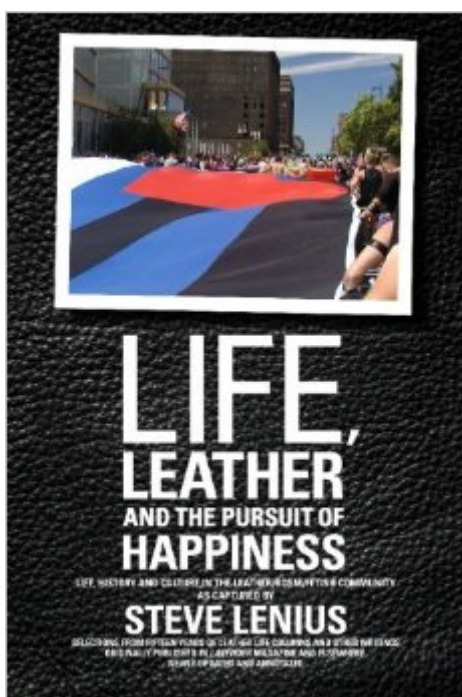


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# Life, Leather And The Pursuit Of Happiness: Life, History And Culture In The Leather/BDSM/fetish Community



## Synopsis

ANNOUNCING A MAJOR NEW BOOK ABOUT LIFE IN THE LEATHER/BDSM/FETISH COMMUNITY. "Life, Leather and the Pursuit of Happiness" is the first book by award-winning leather columnist Steve Lenius, whose "Leather Life" column has appeared in the pages of "Lavender" Magazine since 1995. Now he's chosen selections from fifteen years of Leather Life columns and other writings, newly updated and annotated, to create this book: a humorous, touching, revealing and enlightening tour through the alternative sexual and social worlds of contemporary leather, BDSM, fetish and kink. Read "Life, Leather and the Pursuit of Happiness" and discover: --A recipe for a leather vest --What's your LPT (leather personality type)? --The hankie code (in poetic form) --International Mr. Leather and International Ms Leather: A handy comparison chart --Are your sex toys hazardous to your health? --An open letter to Senator Larry Craig --Christian BDSM (Christian? Yes. Vanilla? Not necessarily.) --The feng shui of leather . . . and much, much more.

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Community. Included topics range from history, relationships, club life, political life, sashes, spiritual aspects, "Holiday" life, as well as many others. I would be hard pressed to find an facet of the lifestyle that is not covered within these pages and that, is no small feat! Lavender has been fortunate indeed to have an author of such intelligence, integrity, and wit on its team as champion for the Leather Community. Over the years, Steve has become well known nationally and internationally as an expert in all facets of the Leather, Fetish, and BDMS lifestyle, and his spotless reputation is well deserved. I find this book to be good for the collective Community as it is inclusive, draws us together, and urges us to work together for our common advancement in understanding, awareness, and acceptance. This in its truest form, is "consciousness raising through education" in its purest form. It is my firm belief that this book, Life, Leather, and the Pursuit of Happiness, will become the forth cornerstone resource that establishes a firm foundation of the Leather Lifestyle genre. Lenius joins the likes of Guy Baldwin (Ties That Bind), and Joseph Bean (Leathersex and Leathersex Q&A) as a voice to be heard - as a voice speaking both to the Leather SMBD Fetish Community, and for that community to other communities.

If you are interested in learning about the leather community or running for a leather title or just reading a well-written account of LGBT culture and history, YOU MUST OWN THIS BOOK! If you are a contestant for International Mr. Leather, you will find the book a helpful resource in your preparation for the contest. Lenius has chapters on his experience judging IML and his philosophy about what makes an ideal IML. More than just a compendium of the author's columns from Lavender magazine, the book is chock full of interesting information and thought-provoking ideas on the subjects of leather and kink. Highly recommended!

I attended the 2010 Twin Cities Pridefest recently. While I was there I met the author of this book Steve Lenius. I found him quite charming & well spoken, which encouraged me to take a further look at his book. I decided to purchase a copy (and had it autographed as well). I promised Steve I would leave a review here, good or bad, so here is my review. I would happily recommend this book. It was highly entertaining, I laughed outloud at more than a few spots. It was also quite informative. As someone quite new to the leather Scene I found many things I didn't know yet. I also found it very welcoming to those, like myself, who are still learning the ropes and not always fully sure if they are doing/saying the right things for the situation. So for those new to the community, it's a great starter read. For those who are well acquainted with the community it's a good laugh and fond remembrances of good times. Whichever side of the community you're on, it's well worth the cost.

Job well done, Steve - I look forward to your next book! Debra ~aka~ Brat

This is a great book to read, whether you are a "newbie" looking for info, an "outsider" trying to understand a "lifestyler" better, or a seasoned kinkster enjoying the honesty of Steve's journey into the world of leather, BDSM and the fetish community. Everyone has something to learn and/or relate to in this book. Highly recommended.

It is such a delight to read a book written by someone who knows how to write...grammar, spelling, proper use of words...all PERFECT. Most important, this book is filled with delightful anecdotes, leather history, and even instructions on how to make a leather vest! I highly recommend this great book; once you start reading, you'll get hooked. It's chock-full of information, opinions, stories, and facts. It's most entertaining! You won't be sorry you purchased this book. Mistress Joanne

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