

The Multiple Lover Takes Aim at the Pandemic of Domestic Violence in the LGBTQ Community

Ahead of October's World Domestic Violence Awareness Month, giving a first-hand account of one survivor's struggle in an abusive relationship



South Wales, Sep 15, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - For emerging author J L Russell, his journey to finding inner peace after being rocked by an earth-shattering experience in a romantic relationship has been anything but easy. In his quest to heal and help others who may be struggling with intimate partner violence find the courage to leave and rebuild their lives, Russell brings his experiences to light in his raw exposé *The Multiple Lover*. Released ahead of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the novel is a critical, timely read in helping to shed light on the -overlooked plight of domestic violence in LGBTQ relationships.

Recent news reports stating lockdowns around the World bring a rise in domestic violence since the start of the coronavirus lockdown, and domestic violence helplines inundated with calls for help!! Russell believes his story offers an important perspective on the issue, especially within the often-forgotten context of LGBTQ relationships.

The Multiple Lover is based on true story, the realities of an abusive relationship endured by Russell himself. The story explores the trajectory of the relationship between Matt Storm and Tom Sheppard from its giddy beginnings to its spiral into deceit, lies, and abuse.

When office worker Matt falls madly in love with the gorgeous and charismatic Tom, he is convinced his world is changing for the better, while internally struggling to justify some of Tom's quirky and unpleasant behaviors. But compelled by the thrill of a new relationship, Matt finds a fantastic new career, a great new flat to share with his lover, and is eager to build an exciting future with Tom. But all that quickly comes to a screeching halt with one swoop of Tom's hand. Matt discovers one betrayal after another. From illicit text messages to rage-fuelled fights to gut-wrenching physical and sexual abuse, Matt is left broken.

Matt and Tom's turbulent love affair is one that will resonate with millions of people across America and worldwide, who suffer at the hands of abuse from an intimate partner each year. And while heterosexual intimate partner abuse receives the lion's share of media focus, Russell hopes his novel will help shed light on the taboo subject of LGBTQ intimate partner violence that runs rampant in the community and is often ignored.

With Russell having lived through scenarios similar to Matt's, Russell's novel delivers a poignant, sobering, and gut-wrenchingly honest portrait of this pandemic.

"This book is dedicated to all of the men and women who have been abused, mistreated, or become the victims of unfaithfulness from a partner," noted Russell. "I hope it empowers them-- especially those experiencing violence--to speak out about their ordeal and get the help they need to break free and start rebuilding their lives. It's not easy, but you don't deserve the mistreatment and will one day find the courage to step into a new life where your self-worth comes first."

The Multiple Lover is Published by New York's very own publishers Austin Macauley, and available now from all major booksellers across America and worldwide, including,

[Amazon USA](#), [Barnes & Noble \(USA\)](#), .,

For more information about *The Multiple Lover* or J. L. Russell visit <https://www.jlrussellofficial.com/> or follow him on Facebook (jlrussellofficial), Instagram (jl.russell), or Twitter (@JLRussell7).

About the Author

- J L Russell hails from South Wales, United Kingdom. As a child, he split his time between Wales and visiting his relatives in Co. Meath, Ireland. While creative and artistic from a young age, Russell turned to writing only after a heartbreaking experience in his personal life, hoping to share his experiences to give voice to those who may feel voiceless.

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