

MANCHESTER GAY PRIDE

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Manchester Pride, a huge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender festival, is held annually in the north's great cosmopolitan city over the August bank holiday weekend.

A centrepiece of this famous event is the colourful Saturday parade, which draws crowds from near and far to gasp at the spectacular floats and costumes, or to simply show support for those marching. *Manchester Gay Pride* is a glowing visual record of the event, and the rainbow of celebrations in and around the city's "Gay Village" on that day.

Experience the magic at first-hand as this book takes you on a whistlestop tour of key moments, from parade preparations in sunny Castlefield to night-time carousing on Canal Street.

In over 140 full colour images, renowned photographer Ed Swinden, captures the excitement colour and vibrancy of this unique occasion.



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The parade is a riot of colour.



The procession gets underway, led by dozens of parading police officers.



9.41pm Stiltwalker Blazen Raven looks out over the sea of faces crowding Canal Street, and as far the eye can see.



11.45am The ribbon of bright balloons hanging above the Village is a constant reminder of one of the serious sides of the celebration. Raising money and awareness of HIV charities.



There's plenty of music and dancing.



12.09pm For other paraders, it's time for some last-minute practice, marching...



12.55pm ... to get some more flags out...



12.56pm ... to get the eye shadow perfect...



1.11pm ... to make sure everything fits...



1.12pm ... everything looks in best...

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