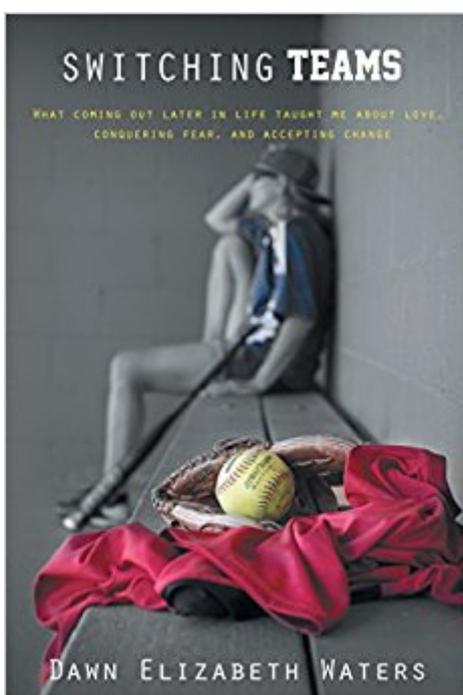


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# Switching Teams: What Coming Out Later In Life Taught Me About Love, Conquering Fear And Accepting Change



## Synopsis

Dawn's comfortable existence as a stay-at-home wife and mother of three disappeared as soon as she came out as a lesbian. Although it would be one of the most difficult experiences of her life, it would also be one of the most liberating- at long last the 39-year-old was comfortable in her own skin, even as she realized everyone around her was thrown into chaos. Life got even more interesting when she fell in love with her best friend of 10 years and discovered the feeling was mutual. It was difficult to imagine what her life would look like after such a dramatic change, and at times she felt the weight of the emotional fallout on her shoulders. But change is as inevitable as Dawn's need to be true to herself. "My coming out was the first step in reclaiming my life as it was supposed to have been," she writes. *Switching Teams* tells the story of Dawn's newfound awakening and the reactions of friends and loved ones as they came to terms with her determination to live an authentic life, no matter what the cost. Throughout her fearless journey, Dawn experienced profound sadness and grief but also true peace and joy, thanks to the love of her life and unexpected support from those who mattered most. Freelance writer Dawn Elizabeth Waters works as a real estate agent, writes a real estate blog, and co-owns an event photography business in Debarry, Florida. She studied sports administration at Stetson University and was married for nearly 20 years before realizing she was a lesbian and getting a divorce. Dawn, a Detroit native, supports LGBT causes and coaches youth sports, and is a lifelong Detroit Lions and Red Wings fan. She and her wife, Yvette, have four sons. She admires her wife, children and anyone who has stared fear in the face and survived in spite of it.

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So courageous to share her story! I love Dawn's authenticity and it is a great reminder to live YOUR life, not the life other people want for you. Very real and raw, she has a great sense of humor and a great outlook on life and people. Thanks for sharing a glimpse of your world with us!

I read this book because Dawn Waters is a former co-worker of mine from the 1990s and I wanted to know what she went through coming out as gay in her 40s. But you don't need to know Dawn -- I could probably count on one hand the number of times I've seen or emailed her over the last 20 years -- to be interested in her story. She provides valuable insight in delivering her perspective on her heartache, her family impact and her search for peace and love.

Excellent read! Author examines the universal theme of change, and how we cope with change in our lives. She is honest in her brave account of how her own self-discovery allowed her to become more authentic as a person. She also discusses how her faith, her family, and her relationships were all impacted along the way. A beautiful account of her emotional journey!! I highly recommend this book!

Wow! I read this book in one sitting because I couldn't put it down. I felt as if I was reading the story of my own life. It was eerie to read what felt like my own thoughts and experiences which made it all the more meaningful to me. So many women take this journey and bear the cross of guilt and shame. This is a story of hope, courage, and love. Thank you so much for writing the story of moving towards an authentic life!

Mrs. Waters has dealt with challenges that many would hide from. She looked at her life and did what she had to do to be true to herself. I commend her sharing her story with us and hope that others who are dealing with the suppression of their own realities will find hope, strength, and the heart to move their lives forward as she did.

This was a very to-the-point, open and heart felt book. As a woman struggling with similar issues, I very much appreciated Dawn's openness and candor. I finished the book in 2 days and am still thinking about it days after finishing. A very brave move on her part to put her struggles down in writing. I love how she lays it out plain and simple, sprinkled with her own brand humor. Well done.

I found this book to be interesting to me personally. I have recently come out myself and trying to figure out how I can feel comfortable in my own skin. I'm a recovery addict with a little over 6 years clean through step work, I was able to figure out who I am. Thank you for writing this book. I wish you the best of luck in the future.

This book was outstanding. I really don't like to read much so I am very slow but I read this book in 2 days. I could relate to a lot of it and Dawn's way of putting words to feelings is magical. It is funny, sweet, sad, and inspirational.

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