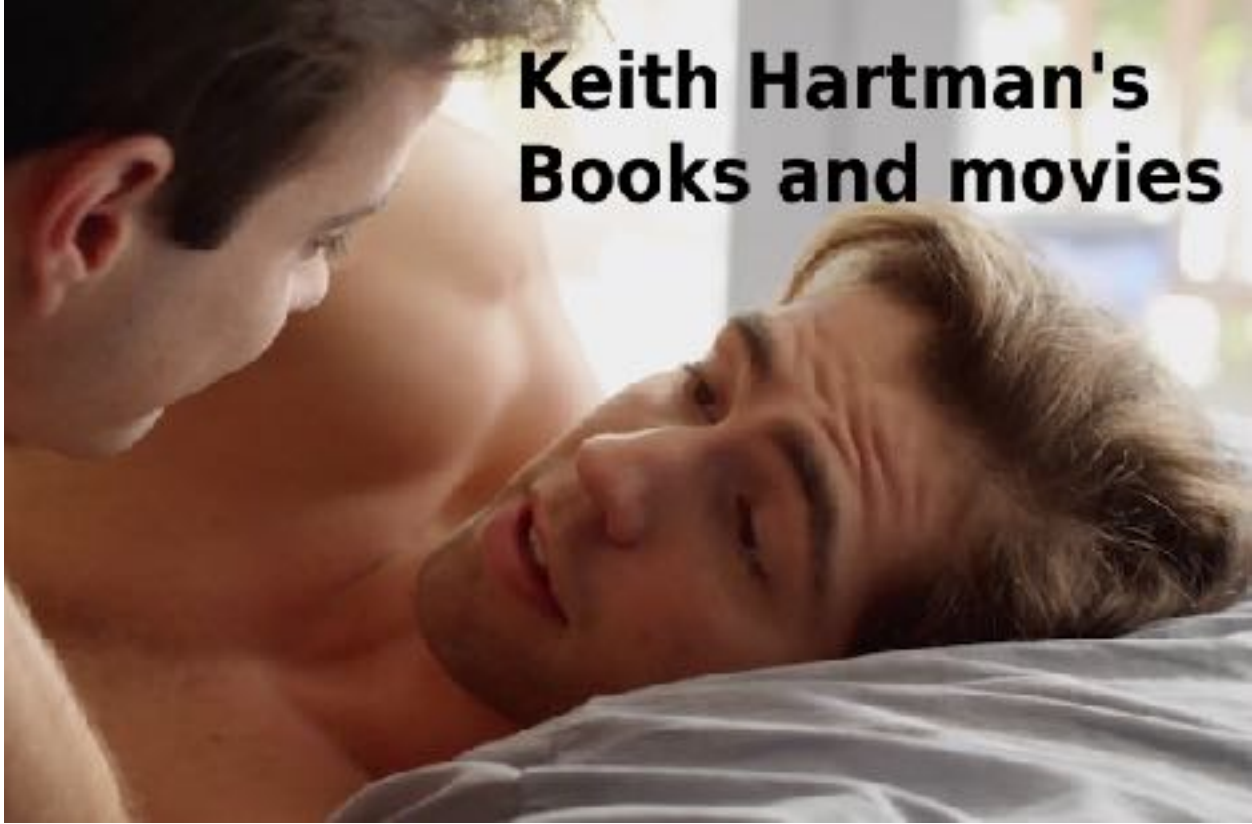


# Keith Hartman's Books and movies



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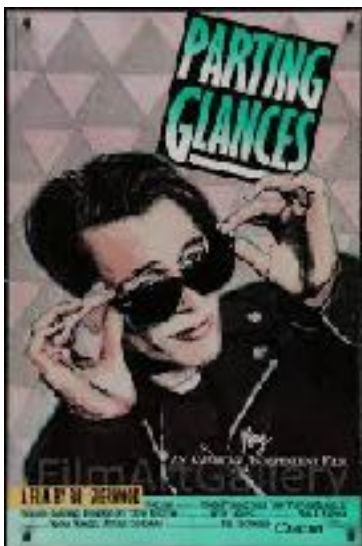
It's gonna be a while before I have another movie coming out, so I wanted to recommend a few great gay films that don't get the attention they deserve. Check 'em out if you're looking for something to watch.



#1: *Get Real* is a British film from 1998, and in my opinion it's the best coming-out film ever made. The characters are interesting and nuanced, there are some great plot twists, and the ending is really satisfying.

I also love it because the geeky gay boy actually gets the hot closeted jock. And then has to figure out what the hell to do with him.

[Here's the trailer.](#)



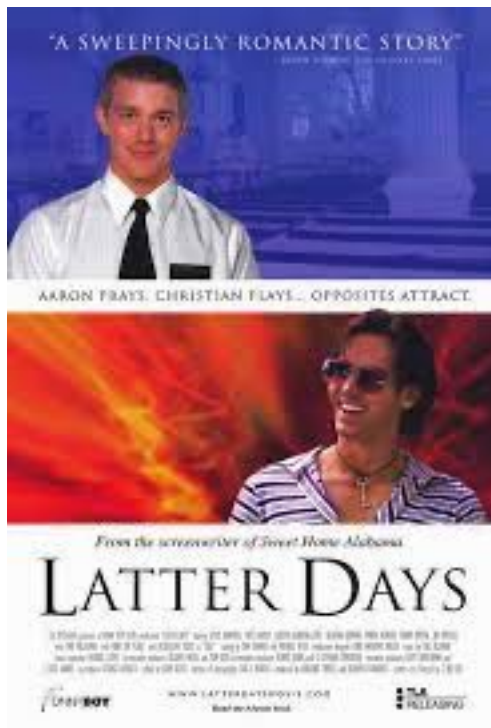
#2: *Parting Glances* is a sentimental favorite of mine, because it was the first gay film I ever watched, and I got to watch it with my first boyfriend. (Thank you, Jim!)

It's weird that I love this film so much, because it's in a genre that I normally hate. It's a slice-of-life character study about a gay couple who are about to be separated for two years while one of them takes a job in Africa. And neither one of them is sure if this is going to be the end of the relationship or not. However, despite

the seemingly slight premise, the characters and the situation are absolutely riveting.

The film was released in 1986 and was one of the first films to really address the AIDS epidemic. But it does so in a much more nuanced way than a film like *Long Time Companion*. It's a film which shows that even in the middle of a crisis, people still fall in love and laugh and have small moments of joy.

[Here's the trailer.](#)



#3: *Latter Days* Okay, this one may be a controversial pick. It's far from a perfect film, and there are a couple of scenes that are real clunkers. But this movie appealed to the hopeless romantic in me in a way that no other film has. (Sorry, *Call me by your name*.)

The plot involves a shallow LA party boy who makes a bet that he can seduce a Mormon missionary who's moved into his building. And he gets a whole lot more than he bargained for.

[Here's the trailer.](#)

I hope that gives you a few good things to watch during these final months of lockdown. Hopefully, we can all be out of our bubbles soon.

Let me know what you think of these, and if there are any other great gay movies that you think should be on the list.

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