

Xavier Axelson

Artist Profile

Part of West Hollywood's One City One Pride Queer Arts Festival

Name: Xavier Axelson

City of Residence: So. Pasadena

Age: 36



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1. Who are you, where do you live, and what kind of art do you make?

I'm Xavier Axelson, I live in Pasadena and I write gay fiction with an erotic edge.

2. How old were you when you came out, and what is your coming out story?

I was 16 when I came out. My process of coming out is ongoing. Every time I meet a new person, face an ignorant comment, am judged by my sexual orientation, or stand up for myself as a gay man, I come out. The story is one that will continue for the rest of my life.

3. How does being queer affect your artwork?

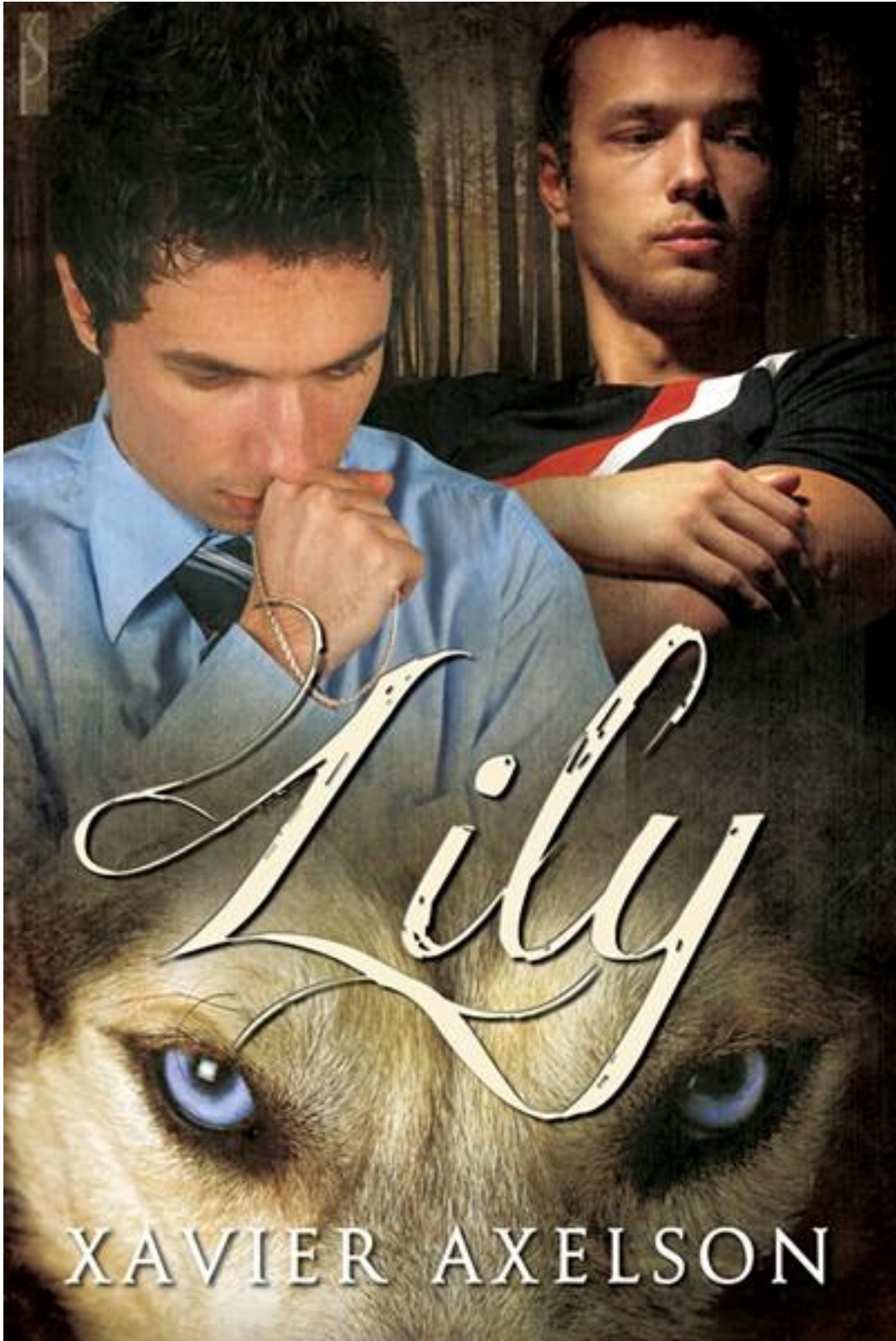
My commitment to portraying gay male relationships honestly and respectfully is a huge part of my writer's consciousness. My writing is a reflection of my queer experience, and it is important the writing speak to that experience in an honest and intimate way.

4. In your mind, what is gay pride and how do you celebrate it?

Gay pride means embracing the entire amazing Queer community from front to back, top to bottom and most importantly, standing up for one another and not being afraid to demand our voices be heard.

5. Where can we see your artwork during the One City One Pride LGBT Arts Festival this year?

- a. Name of event: *My Ink is White*
- b. Date of event: *Thursday, June 6, 2013*
- c. Time: *7 p.m. – 8 p.m.*
- d. Location: *Plummer Park – Art Room 5+6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard*
- e. Admission charge, if any: *Free, No RSVPs needed*
- f. For more info visit www.weho.org/pride or www.xavieraxelson.com



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