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It's been 30 years since the hot summer nights of June 1969 when queers fought back against the harassment and extortion of New York City police. Now this powerful new sequel to **Before Stonewall** proclaims that "everything changed after Stonewall. It lead us to a time when millions of homosexuals around the world would no longer hide their identity. It also marked the beginning of a seismic shift in society at large. How did this happen? How did a new openness among gay people transform virtually every area of life?"

To document the many milestones in the struggle for lesbian and gay civil rights, the film-makers have assembled remarkably rare archival photographs, ephemera and moving image footage (including clips of Stonewall itself, early demonstrations, performances by Bette Midler and Sylvester, Gay Games, Lesbian Avengers and much more). Narrated by Melissa Etheridge, the film features an amazing assortment of queer luminaries, principally from New York and San Francisco, offering their astute perspectives on the movement's strides and setbacks including: Dorothy Allison, Rita Mae Brown, Jim Fouratt, Barbara Gittings, Jewelle Gomez, Karla Jay, Larry Kramer, Craig Lucas, Armistead Maupin, Rev. Troy Perry, among many others. The film, sensitive to complex issues of class, race and gender, is a wonderful achievement – a historical survey that is thrilling, poignant and informative.

— *Jim Van Buskirk*

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