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From Very painful and personal, this is the story of a mother's struggle to reconcile the tension between her deeply held religious beliefs and the suicide of her gay son. Mary Griffith came from a religious family and raised her four children to believe in God and live a Christian life. Their conservative Presbyterian church was the center of family life for every family member except Mary's husband, Bob. When 17-year-old Bobby confided to older brother Ed that he was gay, the family's life changed. Mary

convinced Bobby to pray that God would cure him and to seek solace in church activities. Bobby did it all, but the church's hatred of homosexuality and the obvious pain his gayness was causing his family led him increasingly to loathe himself. Excerpts from a diary he kept, family photos, and letters written by Mary to her dead son make the book intense reading for both high-school and public library patrons. *Charles Harmon* --This text refers to the edition.

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Her mother, Ophelia, remarked testily how she couldn't fathom the flow of tears from her daughter, who was after all a staunch Christian who believed in salvation. Nona tried to leap to the rescue. "Her son killed himself!" she said sharply. It seemed that whatever Mary did, Mom would find something to criticize. But Mary herself hadn't realized how much the loss would hurt. You die and you go to heaven; that's the glory of being a Christian. At least that's what they teach you. They don't teach you about grief. Mary had known that her son was deeply unhappy. But the diaries revealed that for Bobby each day, no matter how routine, was a Sisyphean struggle. Gentle springtime weather surrounds me, but a fierce unrelenting storm rages within! Bobby Griffith was an all-American boy. He was a nice, hardworking kid from the suburbs who attended church and was loved by his family. When at age fifteen he realized that he was gay, he came upon a conflict for which he found no solution: His family and his religion taught him that his sexual orientation was a sin. "Through Bobby's poignant journal entries, his mother's reminiscences, and Leroy Aarons's keen journalistic insight we relive the emotional torment that eventually led Bobby to take his own life."--BOOK JACKET. Buy a cheap copy of Prayers for Bobby: A Mother's Coming to book by Leroy Aarons. Bobby Griffith was an all-American boy ...and he was gay. Faced with an irresolvable conflict-for both his family and his religion taught him that being gay was Free shipping over \$10. This book PRAYERS FOR BOBBY is about a young adult named Bobby Griffith who was an all american guy, but who also happened to be gay, and his mother who has to come to terms with the suicide of her gay son. In this book you see how Bobby faced with the pressure of his family and his religion telling him it is wrong to be gay. You will also read many bone chilling excerpts of Bobby's most personal thoughts straight out of Read Full Review. Draws on the diaries of Bobby Griffith, a gay youth who committed suicide, to trace his mother's struggle to face her son's sexuality. See all Product description. Customers who bought this item also bought. There are a lot of people in the world who are gay and too afraid to come out of the closet because of numerous reasons, religion, families for example. The world needs to wake and face the fact that being gay isn't an illness and that it is normal. The book also explains the death rates of homosexual people, which is shocking! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE read this book! you will not be disappointed!

However, when her son Bobby (Ryan Kelley) confides to his older brother he may be gay, life changes for the entire family after Mary learns about his secret. While Bobby's father (Henry Czerny) and siblings slowly come to terms with his homosexuality, Mary believes God can cure him of what she considers his 'sin' and persuades Bobby to pray harder and seek solace in church activities in hopes of changing him. Desperate for his mother's approval, Bobby does what is asked of him, but through it all, the church's apparent disapproval of homosexuality causes him to grow increasingly withdrawn and She tells of her experiences with Bobby, the struggles she had coping with him coming out of the closet and her stubbornness to reevaluate her religious beliefs which were nothing more than "bigotry" and "dehumanizing slander." Mary also acknowledges how she came to realize that Bobby's sexual orientation was quite natural in God's image and his suicide was subsequently due to poor parenting. Screenwriter Katie Ford based the teleplay off the noted best-selling book *Prayers for Bobby: A Mother's Coming to Terms with the Suicide of Her Gay Son* by Leroy F. Aarons, a journalist who interviewed Mary Griffith about her experiences that led to the suicide of her son as well as her work advocating for the rights of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community. *Prayers for Bobby: A Mother's Coming to Terms with the Suicide of Her Gay Son* is a book by Leroy F. Aarons that outlines a mother's experience in coming to terms with the suicide of her gay son. On January 24, 2009, the TV film *Prayers for Bobby*, an adaptation of the book starring Sigourney Weaver and Ryan Kelley in the title role as Bobby, was shown on the Lifetime cable network.