

# Comic Book Tells Story of Michigan's First Pride Event

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The story of Christopher Street Detroit '72, the first-ever LGBTQ+ pride celebration in Michigan, has been brought to life through a full-color, 32-page nonfiction comic book. Freelance illustrator Isabel Clare Paul and historian Tim Retzloff teamed up to create "Come Out! In Detroit" based on eyewitness primary sources, oral histories, and a cache of largely unseen photographs.

On June 24, 1972, Michiganders gathered to publicly parade down Woodward Avenue. The day's events capped a week of

celebrations at universities throughout the state. The comic book's release—timed to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the event—is accompanied by exhibits and public programs in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and East Lansing. There will be 23,000 copies freely distributed in various locations around Michigan.

The front cover of comic book "Come Out! In Detroit," featuring illustrations by artist Isabel Clare Paul. The publication will be freely distributed around Michigan. (Photo courtesy of "Come Out! In Detroit.")

