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# Brother To Brother: New Writing By Black Gay Men



## Synopsis

Literary Nonfiction. African American Studies. LGBT Studies. Winner of a Lambda Literary Award. *BROTHER TO BROTHER*, begun by Joseph Beam and completed by Essex Hemphill after Beam's death in 1988, is a collection of now-classic literary work by black gay male writers. Originally published in 1991 and out of print for several years, *BROTHER TO BROTHER* "is a community of voices," Hemphill writes. "[It] tells a story that laughs and cries and sings and celebrates...it's a conversation intimate friends share for hours. These are truly words mined syllable by syllable from the hearts of black gay men. You're invited to listen in because you're family, and these aren't secrets-not to us, so why should they be secrets to you? Just listen. Your brother is speaking." This new edition includes an introduction by Jafari Allen.

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Essex Hemphill was a poet, editor, activist, and in 1993, a visiting scholar at The Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities. His work has appeared in the anthologies *In the Life* (1986), *Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time* (1986), and *Life Sentences: Writers, Artists and AIDS* (1993), as well as several newspapers and journals including *Obsidian*, *Black Scholar*, *Callaloo*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *Essence*, and more. His work was also featured in the documentaries *Tongues Untied* and *Looking for Langston*. Hemphill edited *BROTHER TO BROTHER: NEW WRITINGS BY BLACK GAY MEN* (RedBone Press, 2007), which won a Lambda Literary Award. He's also the author of *Ceremonies: Prose and Poetry* (1992), which won the National Library Association's Gay,

Lesbian, and Bisexual New Author Award, and two chapbooks: *Earth Life* (1985) and *Conditions* (1986). In 1994 he died from complications related to AIDS.

I purchased this book because a one of my relatives had an article published in it. That is the only part of the book I read. Aside from that I think it is good that the author created a vehicle for these men to leave their mark on the world. There are a lot of brilliant gay people who have been devastated by the AIDS epidemic. We will never know the cool gifts they had to offer the world as a result. This book is at the very least a way of remembering some good people who died way too soon.

Good product. Item received quickly and in condition seller stated. Would buy from this seller again. Thank you.

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