

# SONG OF MYSELF

A Novel



Arnie Kantrowitz

## A GAY MAN'S ODYSSEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY

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A trenchant novel for gay life in these rapidly devolving, reactionary times

### ABOUT

*Song of Myself* is the story of Daniel Dell Blake, a gay man navigating his way through a tumultuous twentieth-century America. His rites of passage, including embracing his identity, garnering self-respect, and living with irrepressible creativity, will resonate for readers confronting today's culture wars. Daniel's struggles against societal norms, infused with wit, celebrate human resilience while offering historical insight, punctuated throughout by quotes from Walt Whitman, whose life and writings serve as a touchstone—to the narrator and to the reader—a testament to how truth and pride, and even humble efforts in the midst of monumental events become (in Whitman's words) "the journey-work of the stars."

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### REVIEW

"Arnie Kantrowitz, who wrote the finest memoir of the early gay liberation movement, *Under the Rainbow*, has given us in *Song of Myself* a thoroughly delightful picaresque novel."

- **David Bergman**

**Professor Emeritus, Towson University, author of**

***The Violet Hour: The Violet Quill and the Making of Gay Culture.***

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

About the Author: Arnie Kantrowitz (1940 – 2022) leaves behind a legacy as a true pioneer, champion and sage of the gay rights movement. He is the author of the gay classic, *Under The Rainbow*, *Growing Up Gay*, of a monograph, *Walt Whitman*, and was a notable writer and figure in gay and mainstream media. He became vice president of Gay Activists Alliance in 1970 and was a founding member of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) in 1985.

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