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Episode 9 Show Notes: "Wait, Lesbians Use Toys?," featuring Kelli Dunham

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Show Notes

Meet Kelli Dunham, self-described "ex-nun genderqueer nurse author nerd comic." Kelli and I talk about what it's like to be the caregiver and advocate for two partners who died (both at the age of 38), what it's like to be a nurse viewing the healthcare system through the eyes of a patient, and what it's like to be a nun in a habit going to the gynecologist. You can follow Kelli on Twitter at [@KelliDunham](https://twitter.com/KelliDunham)

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Guest Bio: Kelli Dunham



Kelli is a 2015 White House Champions of Change nominee, was named one of Velvet Park Magazine's 25 Significant LGBT Leaders in 2011 and appeared on the 2012 Campus Pride Hotlist. Kelli has appeared on Showtime and the Discovery

Channel and nationwide at colleges, prides, fundraisers and even the occasional livestock auction. Kelli is also an RN and the author of seven books of humorous non-fiction, including two children's books being used by Sonlight conservative home schooling association in their science curriculum. Kelli's fifth book, **Freak of Nurture**, a collection of humorous essays published by Topside Press caused award-winning author Barbara Carellas to give Kelli the moniker "the David Sedaris of the genderqueer dyke world." Kelli's is the LGBT health columnist for Curve Magazine online and a frequent contributor to OXJane.com. You may have also seen Kelli's unique humorously concerned voice in articles on Refinery29, The New Republic, Thought Catalog and Autostraddle and most recently, the NPR Health Blog.

Kelli is considered an expert on grief and caregiving, contributed extensively to the [Family Caregiving site](#) of About.com and presents nationwide to healthcare providers about LGBT issues, LGBT health, gender and health and using humor to prevent burnout and compassion fatigue. Kelli is the co-founder and co-curator of the award-winning and stunningly popular LGBT storytelling series [Queer Memoir](#).

Kelli has [released four comedy CDs](#): "I am NOT a 12 Year Old Boy" "Almost Pretty," "Why is the Fat One Always Angry" and "Full of Bad Ideas" all which are on regular rotation on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio's Rawdog Comedy Station and Pandora's Margaret Cho Station.

Links

- Kelli Dunham's website: www.kellidunham.com

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