

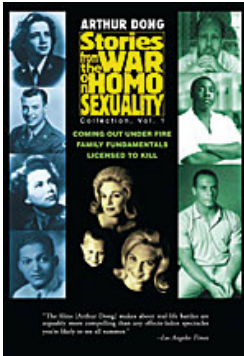
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### Stories from the War on Homosexuality

Arthur Dong's *Coming Out Under Fire*, *Family Fundamentals*, and *Licensed to Kill* make this one of the best threesomes you'll ever have

The historic collection of Arthur Dong's landmark documentaries is here in a three-DVD box set. Dong's acclaimed and award-winning films capture modern American society's conflicts with homosexuality and gay culture. Together, these films powerfully illustrate the different fronts where the gay rights struggles continue to be fought—military, religion, and hate crimes.

Dong has done a truly remarkable job, creating the definitive versions of these important documents. Like he did with last year's brilliant DVD edition of *Forbidden City USA*, Dong has taken full advantage of the format and added a wealth of resources to each film.

- *Coming Out Under Fire* shoots to the heart of today's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on gays and lesbians in the military. Recipient of a Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Award, the Berlin Film Festival's Teddy Award, and a GLAAD Media Award, this internationally acclaimed film uncovers the World War II origins of a military policy that labeled homosexuals as mentally ill and sought their discharge as "undesirables."

The DVD now includes additional interviews, extended scenes from the 1993 Senate hearings, a 12-page illustrated viewer's guide, and a historical document gallery, including the military's "gag reflex and fellatio test" and other fascinating ways to detect gay servicemembers.

- *Family Fundamentals*. What happens when religiously conservative Christian families have children who "become homosexual"? *Family Fundamentals* takes viewers into the private and sometimes very public lives of families where parents actively oppose homosexuality, despite having gay children themselves. Placed on the 2002 Top Ten lists of the *New York Press*, *Frontiers Magazine*, and *Windy City Times*.

The DVD adds nine additional scenes and interviews, an illustrated viewer's guide tracing the conflict between the religious right and the gay movement, and an interview with Arthur Dong on activist and political filmmaking.

- *Licensed to Kill* is a riveting journey into the minds of seven men whose contempt for homosexuals led them to murder. Inspired by his own experience as a victim of gay-bashing, filmmaker Arthur Dong meets convicted killers of gay men and asks them, "Why did you do it?" *Licensed to Kill* was a winner of two awards at the Sundance Film Festival and numerous Best Documentary honors from festivals worldwide

The DVD features 45 minutes of previously unreleased footage, a filmmaker interview with Arthur Dong about his journey from gay-bash victim to filmmaker, an illustrated viewer's guide, and a new follow-up interview with one of the inmates.

From DeepFocus Productions ([www.deepfocusproductions.com](http://www.deepfocusproductions.com) or 800/343-5540). —Troy Carrington

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