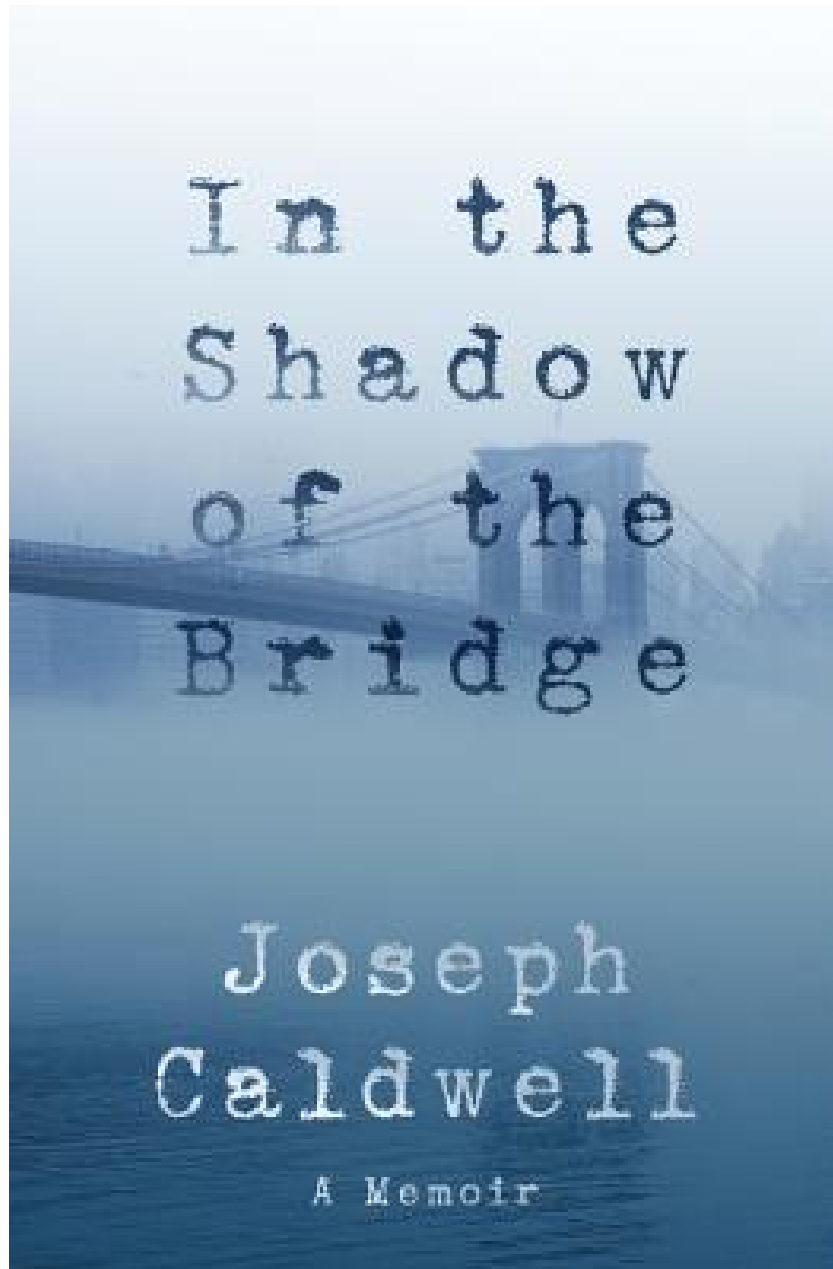


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Joseph lives in New York next to the iconic Brooklyn Bridge, for which there was a connection. It was "there on the bridge I admitted to myself that "sex" had been central to my life," Caldwell writes. He, as well as the city, would go through profound changes as he experiences love, loss and tremendous career growth.

Religion plays a big part of Joseph's life. Growing up in a strict Catholic household, Joseph has trouble dealing with the religion he grew up in and his sexuality. He questions the hypocrisies that come with religion and slowly has to change how he sees faith, not necessarily as judgments from above but love from within.

Caldwell explains, "Christianity's purpose was neither the exercise of power nor the imposition of dogmas. Its striving was not for conformity enforced from above, but for its opposite—a unity from within, inspired ideally by love." It is this belief that helps him keep his faith.

The rest of the review:

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