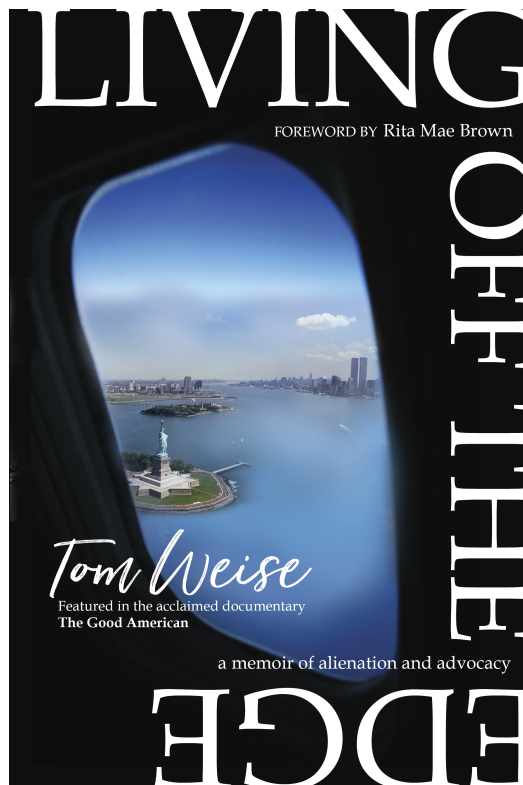


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He created “Hustlaball” parties—a mega international circuit attracting gays with 500+ performers each from the world of porn, escorting, stripping, dancing, and recording art—in NYC, LA, San Francisco, Las Vegas, London, and Berlin.

Tom Weise’s fascinating life story was portrayed in the critically-acclaimed feature documentary “The Good American” which premiered at the Berlin Film Festival.

Weise is a political scientist with a degree from the Free University of Berlin. He studied at the most famous political institute in Europe, the Otto-Suhr-Institute, where his teachers included a former secretary of state, a former attorney general, and a former presidential candidate. He lived in Berlin and Sydney, Australia, in the early '90s and from 1994-1995 worked as an intern for The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour in New York City.