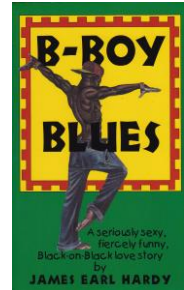




JAMES EARL HARDY is the author of the groundbreaking *B-Boy Blues* series, including *B-Boy Blues*, which has been praised as "the first gay hip hop love story" and is one of the bestselling small press titles in history. A 1995 Lammy Award finalist, it is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The other titles in the series are: *2nd Time Around* (a *New York Times* bestseller); *If Only For One Nite* (an American Library Association Book of the Year honoree); *The Day Eazy-E Died*; *Love The One You're With*; *A House is Not a Home*; "Is It

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