

Eric Marcus

Biography

Eric Marcus is the author of *Breaking the Surface*, the number one New York Times best-selling autobiography of Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis. He is also the author of several other books, including *Is It a Choice?*, *Why Suicide?*, and *Making Gay History: The Half-Century Fight for Lesbian & Gay Equal Rights* (which premiered as a play in January 2005 in Buffalo, New York). His most recent book, *Pessimisms: Famous (and not so famous) Observations, Quotations, Thoughts, and Ruminations on What to Expect When You're Expecting the Worst*, was inspired by his perpetually pessimistic late Grandma Ethel.

Eric Marcus graduated from Vassar College in 1980, where he majored in urban studies. In 1984 he received a masters degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. In October 2003 he received a masters degree in real estate development from the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

Marcus is a former associate producer for ABC's "Good Morning America" and CBS Morning News.

