

ULTIMATE GLORY

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"In *Ultimate Glory*, David Gessner lets loose a barbaric yawp, akin to Whitman's in *Song of Myself*: "I was the man, I suffered, I was there." Read it for all the hucks and layouts, for the epic battles between Hostages and Rude Boys, and for its fascinating history of the sport. But even more, read it to hear one of America's most gifted writers sing an unabashed love song to the glory of being alive."

—Patrick Phillips, author of *Blood at the Root*



(Many, many years ago.)

BOOK LAUNCH

TUESDAY, 20
6TH JUNE 17

7.00 PM

WRIGHSTVILLE BEACH BREWERY
6201 OLEANDER DR. (in side room off main bar)

Event co-hosted by:
POMEGRANATE BOOKS

"Gessner reflects with honesty and humor on his dedication to the sport of Ultimate Frisbee. . . [He] remains entertainingly unrepentant about a decade spent in the throes of a game that itself was evolving beyond its carefree image. Gessner nicely captures the persistent pursuit of greatness in the face of doubt and failure." —
Publishers Weekly

"Gessner's enthusiasm is unmistakable, and there's much to commend the story as a case in point of how a kid, once finding his or her métier, can make of a pastime a life-transforming experience." —
Kirkus Reviews

TUE. JUNE 6

Book Launch Party!

Before he made a name for himself as an acclaimed essayist and nature writer, David Gessner devoted his twenties to a cultish sport called Ultimate Frisbee. Like his teammates and rivals, he trained for countless hours, sacrificing his body and potential career for a chance at fleeting glory without fortune or fame. His only goal: to win Nationals and go down in Ultimate history as **one of the greatest athletes no one has ever heard of.**



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