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*In the Life*. 4 vols ea. vol: color. 57 min. John Scagliotti, dist. by Cinema Guild, New York, NY 1994-96.

This four-part PBS series is a video newsmagazine covering gay and lesbian communities across the nation. It is similar to other quality network shows, e.g., *20/20*, *60 Minutes*, and *Dateline*, but without the sensationalism. These four tapes are from the 1994-95 series, which causes some problem with currency, excellent though the content may be. The most interesting consequence is an interview with Nathan Lane, then a relatively unknown actor in Terrence McNally's *Love! Valor! Passion!*, now the very hot star of *The Birdcage* and recent Tony Awards host and winner for *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Interviews and stories center on out personalities such as actors Amanda Bearse and Dan Butler, authors Tony Kushner and Ann Bannon, recent Lambda Award winner Allan Bembe, and entertainment industry giants Sidney Sheinburg and Barry Diller. Other thoughtfully covered topics include AIDS, support groups, gays in the military, gay veterans, *Outwrite*, the quilt, Stonewall, Gay Pride celebrations, and what it's like for gays and lesbians living in small and rural communities. Adding *In the Life* to any library collection would do a great service to gay, lesbian, and heterosexual patrons.

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