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With Patience and Fortitude

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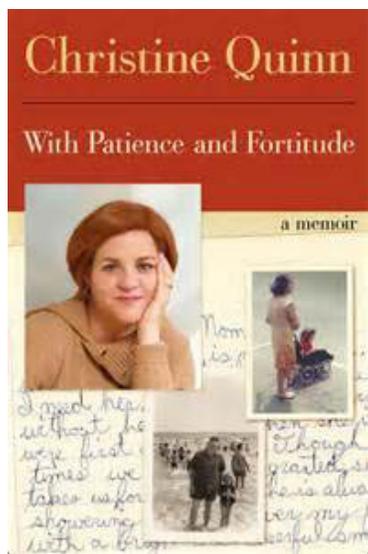
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First there will be summer, and then there will be the race to the mayor's office as Bloomberg heads off to a new venture: Perhaps film, word on the street says. With a mayoral election coming to the city of New York so soon, it makes sense that politicians and eager candidates will be releasing news bits, both controlled and uncontrolled, about themselves and that includes a first prize of a book of course. So that is with perfect timing that the first female and first openly LGBT Speaker of the New York City Council Christine Quinn releases her memoir, **"With Patience and Fortitude."**

Last month she had her spread in "Vogue," holding a Dunkin' Donuts cup no less, dressed in a flattering blue dress and serious heels. The city has taken note of her, her temper, and everything in between. Even when they try boo her off stage, the lady has the ability to draw fans and incite the haters.

Her memoir, the tale of a middle class girl growing up in an Irish family, is earnest for the most part and calculated when it needs to. But she is, after all, a

politician; with heartfelt stories of the death of her mother, and the much-publicized eating disorders the memoir feels like a tribute to her mother. And so it should be: Affected deeply by her mother's strength and wish for her to be the best person, wife and worker, Christine Quinn carries that fire with her during campaign meetings and public rallies.



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The memoir talks beautifully about the proposal she nearly missed from her wife and their classic wedding (both in white), and then takes a turn for the more political as it discusses for many chapters her difficult decision to overturn a term limit in the city.

"There was never a question in my mind that as Speaker of the City Council, I would take an active role in encouraging New York state officials to vote in favor of marriage equality," Quinn writes. "First and foremost, I believed that granting same-sex couples the legal right to marry in New York was the right thing to do - it would send an affirmative message that New York is a jurisdiction that is inclusive of everyone, which would have a ripple effect across the country. But it was also personal. Not only was I one of the few openly gay members of the City Council, I myself hoped someday to be legally married to my partner of eight years, Kim Catullo."

Whether Quinn, or her potential administration, will be taken seriously in the upcoming election is

beside the point. Here is a strong woman, a lesbian with fiery ideals and serious backbone, who has risen above the fray with a memoir that portrays her voice and her belief in humanity.

by Christine Quinn

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