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COMING OUT AMISH

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This feature documentary follows Mark Oliver, a 53-year-old gay Amish man, on his brave journey of self-discovery and liberation. After four decades of suppressing his true identity living within one of America's most conservative communities, Mark faces his greatest risk: coming out while still married to a woman and raising children within the Amish world. His decision threatens to upend not only his own life, but also the family he has built under the weight of expectation and tradition.

Mark takes a life-changing step: to come out and escape a world of repression, risking family, faith, and home. The film offers an intimate, unprecedented look into the hidden lives of LGBTQ individuals within the Amish and Anabaptist communities.

Through Mark's journey—from secret emails to a daring escape, from shunning to a civil wedding—the documentary exposes the challenges of leaving behind deeply entrenched traditions for a shot at authenticity, love, and freedom.

Filmed over five years, the documentary blends cinematic verité, stylized recreations, and heartfelt interviews. It is a powerful testament to human resilience, chosen family, and the cost of truth.

1 x 90mins

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