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# WHAT'S OUT THERE FILM REVIEW

Daddy and Papa (2002).

Dir. Johnny Symons. Runtime: 57 min. Persistent Visions.

Paternal Instinct: The Road to Fatherhood is Not Always Straight (2004) Dir. Murray Nossel. Runtime 73 minutes. Two Spirit Productions.

We Are Dad (2005).

Dir. Michel Horvat. Runtime 68 minutes. Indie Pictures.

Beyond Conception: Men Having Babies (2006)

Dir. Johnny Symons. Runtime: 75 min. Persistent Visions.

Fatherhood Dreams (2007).

Dir. Julia Ivanova. Runtime: 55 min. Interfilm.

Preacher's Sons: Two Dads, Five Sons, Four Cities (2008). Dir. Mark Nealey and C. Roebuck Reed. Runtime: 90 min.

The Guys Next Door (2016).

Dir. Amy Geller and Allie Humenuk. Runtime: 74 mins. Passion River Films.

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Gay men started contributing to the 'gayby boom' in North America about a decade after lesbian women set it in motion. As one gay dad put it, 'In the seventies we were expressing ourselves sexually, in the eighties we were coupling up, and in the nineties we are having families' (quoted in Mallon, 2003: 29). By the beginning of the twenty-first century, filmmakers

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