

er's house. At night he'd translate "appropriate" passages into Spanish and read them to her. "You're writing a beautiful book, my son," she told him, according to his account.

Although *City of Night* made Rechy's reputation (some think he's coasted on it), he dislikes being categorized and has gone on to write a number of other works, some with gay themes, some not. *The Miraculous Day of Amalia Gomez*, for instance, features a Mexican-American female protagonist and is taught in Chicano lit classes.

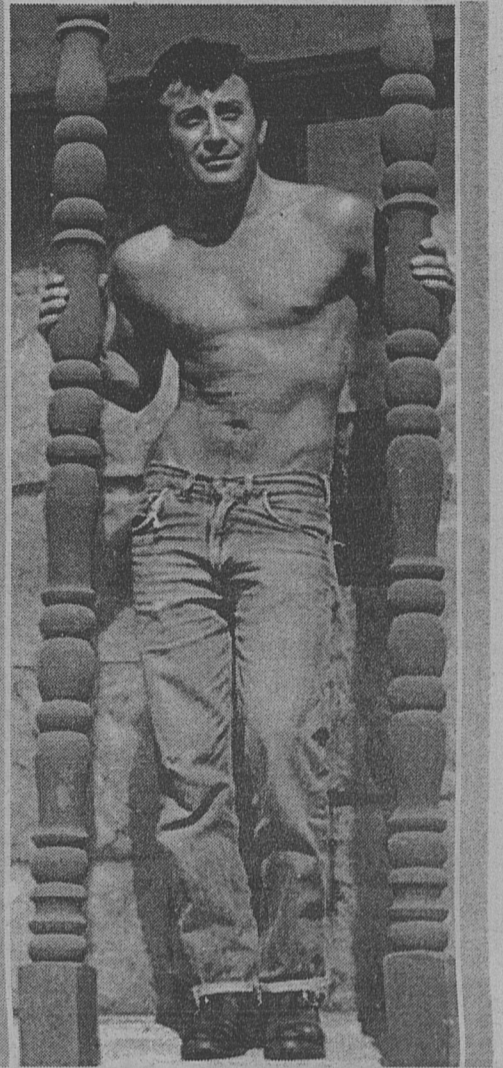
Rechy himself has taught for many years at USC and has received several lifetime achievement awards. He "voluntarily" retired from hustling when he was in his mid-fifties.

and has been with his partner, Michael, for twenty years. Believing that affirmation of the body is an essential element of his survival, he continues – in his late-sixties – to work out fiercely. He feels worthy of his "living-legend" status and says he looks "terrific."

Like *City of Night*, apparently, he's held up pretty well. Recently, a CD-Rom compilation of his life and work, *Memories and Desire: The Worlds of John Rechy*, debuted at the L.A. Museum of Modern Art to overflow crowds. A peek at his web site – www.john-rechy.com – confirms that he's still workin' it, on and off the page. ▼

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Quotable Night:
"When the bars close on Main Street, their world spills into the streets. Malehustlers, queens, scores – all those who havent [sic] made it yet in one way or another – or have made it and are trying again – disperse into the night, squeezing every inch of nightlife from the streets."



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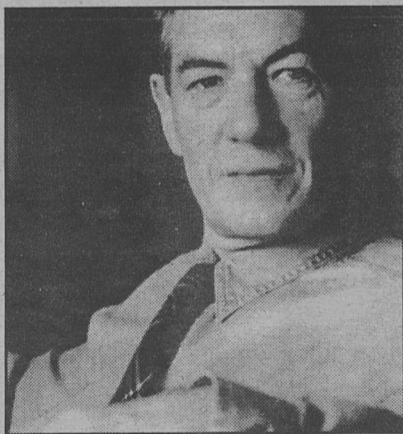
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Sir Ian McKellen is the first openly gay man to be knighted. The actor and activist is profiled in an encore edition of *In The Life*, airing in March.

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