



***Boy2Girl* by Terence Blacker**

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*Age Range: 12-15 (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Terence Blacker's brilliantly funny novel *Boy2Girl* shines a laser-sharp beam into the perilous territory of early teen life and gender norms, in an uproarious story of chaos, confusion, and cross-dressing.

Matthew's American cousin, Sam, has come to London to live with the family. Sam is a charismatic, funny kid, but can he be trusted to be a reliable friend? Matthew and his "mates" decide that Sam must undertake a challenge in order to prove himself: He must start off his new year at school posing as a girl.

It turns out that Sam makes a great girl. He fools everyone at Bradbury Hill School, stepping over lines and blurring boundaries of all sorts. And the longer the prank goes on, the more outlandish the repercussions.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Blacker brings gender bending to a new level of hilarity and suspense in this contemporary novel set in suburban London. The character of Sam-turned-Samantha will prompt readers to reconsider their preconceptions about the sexes and the roles people play." —[Publishers Weekly](#) (starred review)

"What a premise! Think Gordon Korman's *No More Dead Dogs* meets Jerry Spinelli's *Stargirl*." —*School Library Journal*

"The farcical elements are sure to please, but there's plenty of thought-provoking material here, too." —*Booklist*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- IBBY Honor Books

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [One Book Two review](#)
- [Author website](#) (has a blurb about how the book came to be)
- [Teen Ink review](#)

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- [The Independent review](#)

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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