



**Alex As Well by Alyssa Brugman**

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\*Age Range: 14-18

Grade Range: (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

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**BOOK SYNOPSIS**

Alex is ready for things to change, in a big way. Everyone seems to think she's a boy, but for Alex the whole boy/girl thing isn't as simple as either/or, and when she decides girl is closer to the truth, no one knows how to react, least of all her parents. Undeterred, Alex begins to create a new identity for herself: ditching one school, enrolling in another, and throwing out most of her clothes. But the other Alex-the boy Alex-has a lot to say about that.

Heartbreaking and droll in equal measures, *Alex As Well* by Alyssa Brugman is a brilliantly told story about being intersex, exploring gender and sexuality, navigating friendships, and finding a place to belong.

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**REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

"This book tackles the delicate topic of being intersex and gives a lot of insight into the problems associated with it, while still being a very enjoyable fiction read." —[The Guardian](#)

"The story of biological intersex experience is rarely told, and this one is well related, with balanced attention to the challenges it poses for parents, peers, and the intersex person; the inclusion of characters who respect the stops, starts, missteps and courage of teens negotiating their gender identities adds an additional layer of sensitivity." —[BCCB](#)

"This slim but thought-provoking Australian import follows a 14-year-old intersex teen making the transition to being a girl." —[Booklist](#)

"Brugman tackles a sensitive issue with grace and grit . . . This work is best suited for fans of problem novels, teens struggling with identity issues of all kinds, and readers looking for a good contemporary fiction title that has teeth." —[School Library Journal](#)

"Confronting, thought-provoking and often surprisingly amusing, *Alex As Well* is an amazingly powerful story of a young woman in conflict." —[Kids' Book Review](#)

"Alex is a winning character." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

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“Brugman's beautiful writing offers . . . fearless honesty as well as . . . strong insight and a delightful sense of humour. . . . Readers of authors such as John Green will devour this novel.” —*Junior Bookseller & Publisher*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- Winner, Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, 2014
- Shortlisted, Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature, [2014](#)

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Alyssa Brugman interviewed about Alex as Well](#)
- [Interview with the Author](#)
- [The Guardian Interview with Alyssa Brugman](#)
- [Teacher's Resource](#)
- [The Guardian](#)

## \*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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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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