



**[Jess, Chunk, and the Road Trip to Infinity](#) by Kristin Elizabeth Clark**

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\*Age Range: 12-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

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

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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The last time Jess saw her father, she was a boy. Now she's a high school graduate, soon to be on her way to art school. But first she has some unfinished business with her dad. So she's driving halfway across the country to his wedding. He happens to be marrying her mom's ex-best friend. It's not like Jess wasn't invited; she was. She just never told anyone she was coming. Surprise!

Luckily, Jess isn't making this trip alone. Her best friend, Christophe—nicknamed Chunk—is joining her.

Along the way, Jess and Chunk learn a few things about themselves—and each other—which call their feelings about their relationship into question.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ "Clark (*Freakboy*, 2013) has written a thoughtful, engaging examination of a transition that is fraught with misunderstandings...Readers will be anxious to find out in this compelling novel that deserves a place at the forefront of the growing body of literature about transgender teens." —Michael Cart, [Booklist](#), **starred review**

"Clark makes an important contribution to LGBTQIA+ literature for young adults by writing a story that demonstrates the often-uneasy process of self-discovery, as well as the universality of the human experience. Teens who like road-trip stories will enjoy the fun details about the cross-country excursion, and teens who like trans\* stories will enjoy the fact that this one is not about a trans\* teen figuring out she is, in fact, trans\*—Jess has already done that work and is moving on." —VOYA

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- Rainbow Project Book List Selection 2017

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Everett Public Library Review](#)
- [Kristin Elizabeth Clark Blog Post](#)

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## **RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES**

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[St. Tammany Parish Library](#): This title was challenged via a 'statement of concern' which was later rescinded.

## **\*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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