



***This Book is Gay* by Juno Dawson**

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*Age Range: 14-17 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 10 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

The bestselling young adult non-fiction book on sexuality and gender!

Lesbian. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Queer. Intersex. Straight. Curious. This book is for everyone, regardless of gender or sexual preference. This book is for anyone who's ever dared to wonder. This book is for YOU.

This candid, funny, and uncensored exploration of sexuality and what it's like to grow up LGBTQ also includes real stories from people across the gender and sexual spectrums, not to mention hilarious illustrations.

Inside this revised and updated edition, you'll find the answers to all the questions you ever wanted to ask, with topics like:

- Stereotypes—the facts and fiction
- Coming out as LGBT
- Where to meet people like you
- The ins and outs of gay sex
- How to flirt
- And so much more!

You will be entertained. You will be informed. But most importantly, you will know that however you identify (or don't) and whomever you love, you are exceptional. You matter. And so does this book.

This book is for:

- LGBTQIA+ teens, tweens, and adults
- Readers looking to learn more about the LGBTQIA+ community
- Parents of gay kids and other LGBT youth
- Educators looking for advice about the LGBTQIA+ community

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “[Witty] and wise and so packed with information it’s hard to imagine a reader who won’t learn something new...Illustrated with clever cartoon art, the book is generally upbeat while honestly acknowledging downsides of being LGBTQ, such as homophobia and bullying.....Highly recommended.” –[Booklist](#), Starred Review

“An exuberant guide to LGBT life...Speaking with candor, humor, and enthusiasm. Important for its frank sex talk.” –[Kirkus Reviews](#)

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“This irreverent, informative handbook offers a wide-ranging overview of gender identity, sexual orientation, coming out, dating, and more...Readers will find guidance to navigating their sexual identities and more general advice about self-esteem, forming respectful relationships, and seeking personal fulfillment.” –[Publishers Weekly](#)

“This witty, no-holds-barred look at the LGBTQ experience provides information that parents or school friends often can't or won't give. The book covers dating, religious perceptions of LGBTQ people, bullying, coming out, and more. Employing occasionally snarky, informal language, Dawson provides very direct, frank guidance.” –[School Library Journal](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Awards, Winner
- Over the Rainbow Project Book List

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Rolling Stone Interview](#)
- [Publishers Weekly Article](#)
- [PEN America Interview](#)
- Juno Dawson on [Velshi on MSNBC](#)
- Juno Dawson on [VICE News](#)
- [Publishers Weekly Article](#)
- [B&N Reads Exclusive Guest Post](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

[The Iowa City Community School District](#): For any students who just want to know what it means to be gay and what it means to be trans, they can read this book for basic information that is scientifically accurate. There isn't anything in here that you wouldn't already know about heterosexual sex. You get information about heterosexual sex in sex ed and you don't get any about other forms of sexual intimacy.

[Hilton Central School District](#): I would tell the students of the district that belong to that community that they are welcome here at Hilton Central School District as students within our public schools. We love them as we love our other students. We are absolutely sorry that a debate around a piece of literature is making them feel as if they are not included or welcome.

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

[Watch Juno Dawson's statement on Instagram](#)

*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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