



***Annie on My Mind* by Nancy Garden**

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\*Age Range: 12-18

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

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This groundbreaking book, first published in 1982, is the story of two teenage girls whose friendship blossoms into love and who, despite pressures from family and school that threaten their relationship, promise to be true to each other and their feelings.

From the moment Liza Winthrop meets Annie Kenyon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she knows there is something special between them. But Liza never knew falling in love could be so wonderful . . . or so confusing.

Of the author and the book, the Margaret A. Edwards Award committee said, "Nancy Garden has the distinction of being the first author for young adults to create a lesbian love story with a positive ending. Using a fluid, readable style, Garden opens a window through which readers can find courage to be true to themselves."

The 25th Anniversary Edition features a full-length interview with the author by Kathleen T. Horning, Director of the Cooperative Children's Book Center. Ms. Garden answers such revealing questions as how she knew she was gay, why she wrote the book, censorship, and the book's impact on readers – then and now.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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"No single work has done more for young adult LGBT fiction than this classic about two teenage girls who fall in love." —*School Library Journal*

"Brings this classic of the genre to a whole new generation of readers." —*Publishers Weekly*

"The body of adolescent literature has waited for this book a long time . . . Gut-level believable." —*VOYA*

"An eye-opener (maybe 'heart-opener' is a better term) . . . Just the thing to provoke some honest conversation." —*The Milwaukee Journal*

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## **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

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- ALA Best Books for Young Adults
- Booklist Best Books of the '80s
- Booklist Editors' Choice

## **\*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.