



***The Nerdy and the Dirty* by B.T. Gottfred**

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*Age Range: 17-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

His classmates may consider him a nerd, but Benedict Pendleton knows he's destined for great things. All he has to do is find a worthy girlfriend, and his social station will be secured. Sure, Benedict is different--but that's what he likes about himself.

Pen Lupo is sick and tired of hiding who she is. On the outside, Pen is popular, quiet, and deferential to her boyfriend. On the inside, however, Pen is honest, opinionated--and not sure that she's quite like other girls. Do they have urges like she does?

When fate intervenes, Pen and Benedict end up at the same vacation resort for winter break. Despite their differences, the two are drawn together. But is there such a thing as happily ever after for this unlikely pair?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "A truly beautiful story about passionately falling in love with another and learning to love and share your true self." —[Kirkus Reviews](#), **starred review**

★ "This is a love story that is genuine, explicit, passionate, and often adorable." —[Booklist](#), **starred review**

★ "A hilarious and deeply honest look at high school love.... Gottfred creates addictive, true-to-life voices for both characters." —[Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

★ "Completely sweet and poignant. It has everything to do with the sincerity and authenticity of the characters." —[VOYA](#), **starred review**

"Readers will cheer as these two endearing, unique, and believably voiced characters learn to finally be real—with themselves, with each other, and with the world." —[The Horn Book](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A *BookRiot* Must-Read Contemporary YA Novel of the 2010s
- An *Audible* Best of 2016 Romance

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MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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***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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