



***Welcome to St. Hell: My Trans Teen Misadventure* by Lewis Hancox**

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*Age Range: 14 And Up (Suggested by Publisher)

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A groundbreaking memoir about being a trans teen, in the vein of *FUN HOME* and *FLAMER*... and at the same time entirely its own.

Lewis has a few things to say to his younger teen self. He knows she hates her body. He knows she's confused about who to snog. He knows she's really a he and will ultimately realize this... but she's going to go through a whole lot of mess (some of it funny, some of it not funny at all) to get to that point. Lewis is trying to tell her this... but she's refusing to listen.

In *WELCOME TO ST. HELL*, author-illustrator Lewis Hancox takes readers on the hilarious, heartbreaking, and healing path he took to make it past trauma, confusion, hurt, and dubious fashion choices in order to become the man he was meant to be. It's a remarkable, groundbreaking graphic memoir from an unmistakably bold new voice in comics.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Lewis has achieved an admirable mix of humor, grace, and vulnerability for telling his own story now that he has some distance, and he is living in the promise that it does (hopefully) get far better than our teen selves could dream" —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, **starred review**

"An honest and personal journey through a trans youth." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Earnest, sincere, and at times heart-wrenching, Hancox's account of a youth spent knowing who he was but unable to express it is affecting." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Recommended for all teen (and college) collections—and, sadly, one likely to draw significant attention in today's culture wars." —*School Library Journal*

"Artist, writer, and TikTok sensation Lewis Hancox writes a letter to his teenage self — an AFAB British student who still believes he's cisgender — in this thoughtful and hilarious graphic memoir that's perfect for both trans adults looking back on their high-school experiences and trans and questioning teens currently navigating adolescence." —*Bustle*

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“These are the stories people need to hear, whether it’s the lost kid looking to define their place in the world or someone who needs to learn a little compassion. Lewis Hancox’s approach is full of empathy and understanding, as he speaks to his former self to become the person he wants to be.” —*Multiversity Comics*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- CA 2022 Eureka! Nonfiction Children’s Book Award – Honor/Silver Medal
- Chicago Public Library’s Best of the Best Book List: Best Teen Nonfiction
- ALA Rainbow Book List: Teen Readers
- Bank Street Children’s Book Committee Best Books of the Year – Book List: Ages 14 & Older
- CBC Librarian Favorites Award – Book List: Grades 9-12
- CCBC Choices List: Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir
- YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens Book List *Top Ten Title

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Read with Pride Resource Guide](#)
- [GeeksOut](#), author interview
- [Gay League](#), “June 2022 Books Preview”
- [On Our Minds](#), “Pride Month roundup”
- [Bustle](#), “June 2022 Most Anticipated Books Roundup”
- [Multiversity Comics](#), “June 2022 Books Roundup”

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

*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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