



***The Birds, the Bees, and You and Me* by Olivia Hinebaugh**

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

A teen who's never even been kissed becomes her school's unofficial sex expert in Olivia Hinebaugh's fun, voice-y contemporary YA romance debut.

Seventeen-year-old Lacey Burke feels like the last person on the planet who should be doling out sex advice. For starters, she's never even kissed anyone, and she hates breaking the rules. Up until now, she's been a straight-A music geek that no one even notices. All she cares about is jamming out with her best friends, Theo and Evita.

But then everything changes.

When Lacey sees first-hand how much damage the abstinence-only sex-ed curriculum of her school can do, she decides to take a stand and starts doling out wisdom and contraception to anyone who seeks her out in the girls' restroom. Meanwhile, things with Theo have become complicated, and soon Lacey is not just keeping everyone else's secrets, but her own as well.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"*The Birds the Bees and You and Me* is sweetness and sex ed - a book about the importance of teens standing up for their right and need for real education about sex and consent wrapped in an adorable, and yes, sexy, romantic package." — Lev A.C. Rosen, author of *Jack of Hearts (and Other Parts)*

"Bold, vibrant, and unafraid to go there. *The Birds, The Bees, And You And Me* is the sex-positive book every teen needs on their radar. A debut that manages to inform without ever preaching and entertain to the very last page." — Laurie Elizabeth Flynn, author of *Firsts* and *Last Girl Lied To*

"Hinebaugh puts a fresh spin on the coming-of-age story, authentically portraying the messiness—and beauty—that comes with new awakenings." — Christina June, author of *It Started with Goodbye* and *Everywhere You Want to Be*

"I've been waiting for a long time for a YA like this! Olivia Hinebaugh's debut is bold, bright, and refreshingly sex positive, with an authentic voice that wouldn't let me go. This is the book I needed at sixteen." — Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of *Our Year Of Maybe* and *You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone*

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"An inclusive, sex-positive romance with plenty of moxie." —[Booklist](#)

"A dense and ambitious debut novel, covering a myriad of subjects from the ethics of sex ed to a girl's first sexual encounter.... it covers important topics in a thoughtful, respectful and knowledgeable manner." —[NPR](#)

"A compelling story about sex, love, and friendship." —[Kirkus Reviews Online](#)

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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