

Lets Talk About Love by Claire Kann

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*Age Range: 13-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9 and up (Recommended by School Library Journal)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Striking a perfect balance between heartfelt emotions and spot-on humor, this YA debut features a pop-culture enthusiast protagonist with an unforgettable voice sure to resonate with readers.

Alice had her whole summer planned. Nonstop all-you-can-eat buffets while marathoning her favorite TV shows (best friends totally included) with the smallest dash of adulting—working at the library to pay her share of the rent. The only thing missing from her perfect plan? Her girlfriend (who ended things when Alice confessed she's asexual). Alice is done with dating—no thank you, do not pass go, stick a fork in her, done.

But then Alice meets Takumi and she can't stop thinking about him or the rom com-grade romance feels she did not ask for (uncertainty, butterflies, and swoons, oh my!).

When her blissful summer takes an unexpected turn and Takumi becomes her knight with a shiny library-employee badge (close enough), Alice has to decide if she's willing to risk their friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated—or understood.

Claire Kann's young adult debut novel Let's Talk About Love, chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads, gracefully explores the struggle with emerging adulthood and the complicated line between friendship and what it might mean to be something more.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Alice is black, biromantic, and asexual, and her relationship with Takumi is genuine and fun. . . . A light, enjoyable asexual romance with outstanding representation. Recommended." - School Library Journal

"Debut novelist Kann thoughtfully tackles what it means to be asexual and gives Alice a platform to discover who she is and what it means for her relationship with Takumi. Asexual readers will appreciate the visibility, and those—like Alice's ex—who know poorly understand it, will gain a better sense of what love without sex can look like." —Publishers Weekly

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

• 2019 Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

• <u>Author interview</u> - Let's Talk About Love

*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.