



**Title:** Almost Perfect  
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**Grade Range:** 8 and up

# BOOK RESUME: ALMOST PERFECT

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Logan Witherspoon befriends Sage Hendricks at a time when he no longer trusts or believes in people. He's drawn to Sage, with her constant smile and sexy voice, and his feelings for her grow so strong that he can't resist kissing her.

Sage finally discloses a big secret: she was born a boy. Enraged, frightened, and feeling betrayed, Logan lashes out at her—a reaction he soon desperately wishes he could take back. Once his anger cools, Logan is filled with incredible regret, and all he wants is to repair his friendship with Sage.

But it's hard to replace something that's been broken—and it's even harder to find your way back to friendship when you began with love.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Tackles issues of homophobia, hate crimes and stereotyping with humor and grace in an accessible tone that will resonate with teens." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"It is Sage's story that is truly important." —*School Library Journal*

"Teens—both those familiar with transgender issues and those who are not—will welcome the honest take on a rarely explored subject." —*Booklist*

"A sensitive examination of the seldom treated subject of transgender teens." —*VOYA*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- WINNER Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award
- SELECTION American Library Association Best Books for Young Adults
- SELECTION *Kirkus Reviews* Best Young Adult Books
- NOMINEE New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award
- NOMINEE Young Adult Services Division, School Library Journal Author Award

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [GLBTQ Book Discussion Guide](#)

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## **RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES**

[National Coalition Against Censorship letter](#) to Forest Hills Public Schools and the disappearance of multiple banned books in the suspicion they were removed for their content. The removed books are now available and public apology from Superintendent Dan Behn has been issued. More information is available [HERE](#).

Polk County School Board in Bartow Florida removes sixteen books including *Almost Perfect* from district libraries pending adjudication of challenges that contend the books are “harmful to minors”. The current case is fighting that the allegations that the books in question are “harmful to minors” is baseless. A book cannot be “harmful to minors” unless the book “taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.” See Florida Statute §847.001(6). More information is available [HERE](#).

[Op-ed about censorship for Central Bucks Engage](#)

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