



Crush by Carrie Mac

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr. 8+

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Because of a moment of indiscretion, Hope's parents send her to New York to spend the summer with her hipster sister while they travel to Thailand. Miserable, Hope ends up meeting Nat, and developing a powerful crush. The only problem is that Nat is a girl. Hope is pretty sure she isn't gay. Or is she? Struggling with new feelings, fitting in and a strange city far from home, Hope finds that love—and acceptance—comes in many different forms.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Quick Picks, **Commended, 2007**

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Crush [Teacher's Guide](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

ACLU of Texas [Response to North East Independent School District Book Removals](#)

*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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