



***Sink or Swim* by Tash McAdam**

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 12+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Bruised and battling hypothermia, Bass and Rosie must seek shelter and work together to survive until they can be rescued. *If* they can be rescued.

Sixteen-year-old shy, socially awkward trans teen Bass reluctantly skips school and goes on a boat trip with his adventure-seeking girlfriend, Rosie. When a sudden storm smashes their boat on a rocky shore off a deserted island, Bass and Rosie struggle to make it to safety. After a horrible night, Rosie, an experienced climber, decides to scale a steep cliff to find help. She falls and injures herself badly. Now Bass has to find the strength and courage to swim around a dangerous headland and make his way back to civilization before it's too late.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Readers looking for a fast-paced and exciting perilous romance will come away satisfied.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Recommended to readers who enjoy realistic fiction...LGBTQ+ students, especially those who identify as trans, may see themselves reflected in the characters. Recommended.”—*CM: Canadian Review of Materials*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Junior Library Guild (JLG) Gold Standard Selection | 2021 | Commended
- BC Books for BC Schools | 2021 | Commended
- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens, starred selection | 2022 | Commended
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Quick Picks | 2022 | Commended

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

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*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.