

# Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster by Andrea Mosqueda

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\*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9+ (Recommended by School Library Journal)

#### **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

In this voice-driven young adult debut by Andrea Mosqueda, Maggie Gonzalez needs a date to her sister's quinceañera - and fast.

Growing up in Texas's Rio Grande Valley, Maggie Gonzalez has always been a little messy, but she's okay with that. After all, she has a great family, a goofy group of friends, a rocky romantic history, and dreams of being a music photographer. Tasked with picking an escort for her little sister's quinceañera, Maggie has to face the truth: that her feelings about her friends—and her future—aren't as simple as she'd once believed.

As Maggie's search for the perfect escort continues, she's forced to confront new (and old) feelings for three of her friends: Amanda, her best friend and first-ever crush; Matthew, her ex-boyfriend twice-over who refuses to stop flirting with her, and Dani, the new girl who has romantic baggage of her own. On top of this romantic disaster, she can't stop thinking about the uncertainty of her own plans for the future and what that means for the people she loves.

As the weeks wind down and the boundaries between friendship and love become hazy, Maggie finds herself more and more confused with each photo. When her tried-and-true medium causes more chaos than calm, Maggie needs to figure out how to avoid certain disaster—or be brave enough to dive right into it, in *Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster*.

#### **REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

"Encapsulating what it means to be young and blurring the lines of friendship and love, *Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster* shines with its relatable messy bisexual protagonist thanks to Mosqueda's enrapturing prose. Filled with loads of heart, love for art and compelling relationship dynamics, this story is perfect for fans of *Felix Ever After* and *Ophelia After All.*" -The Nerd Daily

"The story's themes of honesty and establishing personal boundaries are its strength. Frank discussion of toxic relationships and conflict resolution will endear readers looking for healthier romances in their narratives."

-Publishers Weekly

### **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

Spirit of Texas Reading Program, 2024

#### **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

- Texas Standard Author Interview
- Bi.org Author Interview
- Publishers Weekly Author Interview

## **RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES**

<u>Salem-South Lyon District Library:</u> The decision was made to keep the book in its designated place in the Teen Fiction section within the SSLDL Collection because it did not meet the criteria of "obscene" within Michigan Compiled Law. All present members of the Board of Trustees voted in favor.

## \*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.