



***Young Queer America* by Maxwell Poth**

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*Age Range: All ages (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Get to know real queer kids from all over the country—these inspiring stories of LGBTQ+ youth, written in their own words, provide crucial snapshots of what it's really like to grow up trans or queer in America.

Photographer and activist Maxwell Poth has traveled all over the United States, inviting LGBTQ+ youth to share their stories as part of Project Contrast, a nonprofit that amplifies these voices and connects kids and families with the resources they need to survive and thrive.

This book collects the stories and portraits of seventy-three queer kids and teenagers from fifteen different states. In their own words, these young people share the challenges they've faced coming out or coming to terms with their own identities; they write about their families, their schoolmates, their teachers, and the queer community they've found throughout their journeys; and they offer messages of love and support to their LGBTQ+ peers. Featuring a foreword by trans actress and model Isis King, this book sends a powerful message to the many LGBTQ kids growing up in small towns who feel isolated: We see you, we love you, you are not alone.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Max is helping us see the queer movement as a group of young people living real lives and finding their voices.”
—Adam Lambert

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- New York Public Library: Best Books for Teens 2023

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[TAGG Magazine: Creating Community for *Young Queer America*](#)

[Out Smart: Stories from the Heartland: Photographer Maxwell Poth's new book highlights queer youth in rural America.](#)

[Variety: Isis King Says Book 'Young Queer America' Will Help LGBTQ Youth See They Can Be 'Bold and Strong'](#)

[Buzzfeed: Photographer Maxwell Poth Perfectly Captures What It's Like To Be An LGBTQ+ Kid In The US Today In His New Book, "Young Queer America"](#)

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[Out: Young Queer America Has a Vital Message for Adults](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

[GLAAD: Maxwell Poth's "Young, Queer America" is Introducing the World to the Next Generation of Queer Teens](#)
[Interview with Maxwell Poth: Empowering Queer Youth](#)

***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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