



## BOOK RESUME: QUEER, 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION

*Queer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: The Ultimate LGBTQ Guide for Teens*

by Kathy Belge and Marke Bieschke

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\*Age Range: 11-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 7 and Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Teen life is hard enough, but for teens who are LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer), it can be even harder. When do you decide to come out? Will your friends accept you? And how do you meet people to date? *Queer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* is a humorous, engaging, and honest guide that helps LGBTQ teens come out to friends and family, navigate their social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and challenge bigotry and homophobia. Personal stories from the authors and sidebars on queer history provide relatable context. This updated edition is a must-read for any teen who thinks they might be queer or knows someone who is.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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"Like a queer 101 manual for queer teens, this second edition of *QUEER* is a delightful collection of trustworthy and accurate information that tweens and teens need today, all told in a sort of quirky, sometimes goofy, and always approachable older sister tone." —*Advocate*

"A must-read for curious queer teens, the book is also of potential interest to adults interested in the subjects addressed." —*Booklist*

"Important resource for teens questioning and exploring their identity. There is a sincere effort to stress the importance of being yourself, and that no matter what you feel, you are special just as you are. The advice and resources that are included are helpful for those that might feel as if they have nowhere else to turn." —Lower Columbia Review Group

"This updated title gives teens the information needed to navigate their world, but, more important, it also helps them understand and accept themselves." —*School Library Journal*

### MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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[Q&A with Kathy Belge and Marke Bieschke](#) – The Lerner Blog

[TeachingBooks.net](#) – Meet the author recording, nonfiction lesson plan, cultural representation reflection,

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## **AUTHOR STATEMENT**

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“My book ‘Queer: The Ultimate LGBTQ Book for Teens’ was written to give teens accurate and helpful information about what it means to be part of the LGBTQ community. We discuss important issues that teens face, like coming out, bullying, dating and finding community and support.”—Kathy Belge, in a statement to NBC News

## **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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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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