



***Doing it!* by Hannah Witton**

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

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

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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**CONSENT. SEXTING. VIRGINITY. THE BIG O.** Sex-positive vlogger Hannah Witton covers it all in this informative and accessible must-have sex education resource for teens

Nobody really has sex all figured out. So Hannah Witton wrote a book full of honest, hilarious (and sometimes awkward) anecdotes, confessions, and revelations. Hannah talks about doing it safely. Doing it joyfully. Doing it when you're ready. Not doing it. Basically, doing it the way you want, when you want (if you want).

*Doing It* works as both an educational introduction to sex as well as a guidebook for those who are already sexually active. It offers valuable insight on important topics that teens don't always learn about in sex ed at school, such as healthy relationships, porn, contraception, sex shaming, and more. Approachable and empowering, this is the go-to resource for all things s-e-x.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ *"Doing It* is an incredible resource for teens who are not yet sexually active as well as for those who are...This honest and funny sex education guide for teens emphasizes deep knowledge, acceptance and respect, addressing topics like consent, sex shaming, body image and sexting." *—Shelf Awareness, STARRED review*

"Witton's writing style is not unlike her YouTube persona—simple, candid, accessible, and inclusive...readers will appreciate Witton's frank, nothing-is-off-limits approach." *—Kirkus Reviews*

"This highly accessible title offers much for young adults. Empowering, modern, and judgment-free." *—Booklist*

"A touchingly witty sex-positive collection of tips, anecdotes, and essays on healthy relationships, consent, contraception, porn, and more." *—School Library Journal*

"Witton, a vlogger and sex educator, offers an insightful, fact-filled guide to sex for teens." *—Publishers Weekly*

"The writing is frank and informative and suited for young adults of the 21st century. This book is not preachy, instead reading as if it was written by an extremely approachable sex ed teacher who is addressing questions from the anonymous "Question Box."...an excellent resource for health curricula and is a must-have for libraries serving young adults." *—School Library Connection*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [United By Pop Hannah Witton Interview](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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**Liza Porras, student at Nesbitt Discovery Academy in Buncombe, NC:** Multiple times, books with sexual subject matter have been referred to as pornography at school board meetings by those seeking to ban them. Sometimes, as in the case of *Doing It!*, the book presents sex matter-of-factly as a sexual education tool. Other times, passages with sexual acts are presented to the board out of context, even though the book is actually about something else. [\[Link to article\]](#)

**In response to Iowa law banning books with descriptions or depictions of sex acts:** The Iowa City Community School District plans to permanently remove at least 68 books from local libraries in early 2024 to comply with Senate File 496. [\[Link to article\]](#)

**Jonathan Friedman, director of free expression and education programs at PEN America, on Collier County School District in Florida's decision to ban titles:** This alarming development is just the latest in an onslaught of attacks against students' freedom to read in Florida. Even if access to these books is not technically restricted, the labeling of these books risks attaching a stigma to the topics they cover and the books themselves. Under the guise of 'parental rights,' interest groups have been empowered by opportunistic elected officials and are now hijacking public schools. Every child deserves the right to learn from a diverse set of voices and perspectives, and to freely access the books they wish to read. [\[Link to article\]](#)

**Weston County Attorney Michael Stulken on criminal charge raised against Campbell County Public Library:** In a letter to the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Stulken describes that the law refers to those who encourage someone "to engage" in sexual intrusion. Because the materials are disseminated to the general public, there is no "engagement." He also states that with regards to obscenity, the books at issue are not obscene as defined by Wyoming Law and may have scientific value. [\[Link to article\]](#)

## AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

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### \*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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