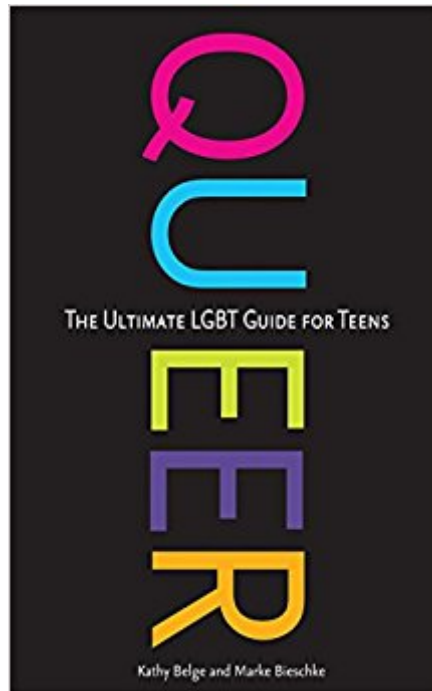




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Queer: The Ultimate LGBT Guide For Teens



Synopsis

Teen life is hard enough with all of the pressures kids face, but for teens who are LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender), it's even harder. When do you decide to come out? To whom? Will your friends accept you? And how on earth do you meet people to date? *Queer* is a humorous, engaging, and honest guide that helps LGBT teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new LGBT social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and rise up against bigotry and homophobia. *Queer* also includes personal stories from the authors and sidebars on queer history. It's a must-read for any teen who thinks they might be queer - or knows someone who is.

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Kathy Belge coauthored the book *Lipstick & Dipstick's Essential Guide to Lesbian Relationships*, and writes on lesbian life for *Curve* magazine and *About.com*. Marke Bieschke has worked as an editor at *Gay.com*, *PlanetOut.com*, and the San Francisco *Bay Guardian*.

I got this book for myself to help me figure out what to do now that I'm "out," as well as to help me assist my peers in their respective coming out processes. I appreciate that the book covers a broad range of sexual orientations. It provides teens with a variety of options and suggestions on a plethora of topics, rather than trying to point teens in a specific direction. I feel that the book also helps give the reader a broader perspective on sexuality and relationships. The personal examples from the authors truly make the book come to life. They show the reader that everybody is human,

and we all go through some tough times, but with the right attitude, and a proper approach, people will pull through. Sorry for getting a little philosophical there, I just wanted to share some of what makes this book so great. I have bought a couple of copies to give to friends who are going through a process of self-discovery. I would highly recommend this book to any teen, or the parent of any teen who is questioning their sexuality, or is out and not sure where to go from there.

I bought this for a high school student who is questioning. She said that it is excellent and helped answer a lot of questions!

The book "Queer: The Ultimate LGBT Guide for Teens" is a frank, sensitive, upbeat and impressively cogent overview and explanation of non-mainstream sexual orientations. The 206-page book does a masterful job in normalizing what has too often been perceived as deviant, pathological, immoral, even inferior sexual orientation. It is co-authored by a gay male and a lesbian who, throughout its development, consulted an eager, five-member group of gay teenagers. Its educational approach is appropriate not only for teens, but for anyone, teen and adult, male and female, gay and straight, closeted and out, and is refreshingly objective, fact-filled, and plain-spoken. Humorous line drawings are sprinkled throughout, and shaded squares appear periodically to give short summaries of each chapter's salient points, such as "Breakup Dos and Don'ts", "Dating Someone Much Older", "Is It a Date?", "Stepping Outside the Pink Triangle", and "Yep. I'm Gay.". Not surprisingly, gay and straight teens alike will gain valuable insight from much of the political, intimate, familial and social advice, as well as from the empathic yet objective discussions of friendship, community, sensibility, practicality, inner pride, psychological or physical bullying, honesty and activism. "Queer" offers an index and queer resource lists of organizations, religious websites, religious books, resource books, historical books, comics, fiction and anthologies. This book should be on the shelves of every teenager, family, doctor's office, school library, public library, house of worship, and book store in the civilized world.

Used it as a teen when I was trying to figure myself out, combined with other experiences really helped underline where i stood on the spectrum and gave me confidence. It provides basic, helpful tips to anyone curious about the queer community, wants to ally with it or just learn more. The resource guide in the back is also good to have handy.

This book is amazing. If you're even just questioning, definitely get it. It explains things in a nice

way, and is just nice to sort of make you more comfortable with being queer. :)

This book was excellent. It helped my daughter really understand herself and lead her in the right direction. Highly recommend it for any teen!

This is a book I wish I had been able to read as a teen. I stumbled upon Lipstick & Dipstick's Essential Guide to Lesbian Relationships (also highly recommended) and thought that was a funny and very insightful book so I was excited to see that Kathy Belge "Dipstick" had also co-written this book. There is so much good information that LGBT teens would not normally have access to. I strongly recommend it to anyone (even adults) who are questioning their sexuality or who know but are struggling with how and when to come out. It's filled with humor, great advice and personal stories that everyone can relate to. Buy it!

Our organization donated this book to our campus library. This is the perfect guide for LGBT teens or those who are curious about how LGBT teens may feel. Pros: Put together very well. Chapters neatly organized. Personal stories. List of resources to contact for more help. Cons: none

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