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A clever debut about love, sex, and everything in between, for anyone who's ever fallen for a friend (come on, admit it)

Sam is a teen boy who's attracted to both boys and girls. He doesn't know what to call himself or where he fits in. Then he meets Toby, another boy who likes both boys and girls. Are they destined to be just friends, more than friends, or less than friends? And what would happen if they were attracted to the same girl?

Love comes in many shapes and sizes. Sometimes all at once. In his brilliant, funny, and heartfelt debut, Eddie de Oliveira shows us there's more to life than being a wallflower or being knocked out by nunga-nungas.

Lucky Details

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Meredith says

I read about a third of this...lots of British slang, slightly older characters than other "gay teen" books I've been reading...it's coarser, but that may mean it's more accurate. Also, this isn't strictly gay-guy stuff, since everyone seems to be attracted to everyone, whether they admit it or not. There are some probably accurate feelings/suppression of feelings episodes. I just couldn't get past the fact that I didn't like the narrator. I think some readers might have a hard time with the slang - it's unremitting.

Terry says

none offered.

Coffeeboss says

Now that Sam is beyond high school, he has just admitted to himself that he has feelings for girls... and boys when he meets the intriguing Toby. Sam is funny and nervous and often blurts out things at the wrong time, and he does his best thinking while sitting in the loo. He's just a guy on the local "football" squad who is sorting out his feelings for another guy that may be bisexual, just like him. There is a lot of British slang in this story, but it is easy to follow, and I liked the narrator's inherent awkwardness at this time in his life, which is easy to relate to.

Mihret says

i hated this book when i looked at it, but what they say is true "dont judge a book by its cover". once i started reading it i couldn't put it down .

Ben Pound says

This is a great coming of age novel about two bisexual teenagers and their struggle to figure out their individual identity in a world that insists on labels. It is touching at times and also heartbreakingly. Set in England, it is chock full of great English slang and lots of football.

Kat says

It's rare that bisexual boys are portrayed in books for whatever reason so this was a refreshing change. It's your typical GLBT story - Sam, a british teen is trying to come to terms with liking both boys and girls - but

it was charming and fun. Sam plays on a football team and it was interesting to me, a girl who has never really played on a sports team, how that came into it. A good GLBT YA read!

Brandon Will says

This was the first book I read on the PUSH Imprint, and I'd wished I'd found it sooner.

Delenn Jadzia says

I picked up this book during my freshman year of high school. I was at a not-quite-date with one of my friends, and he and I had stopped in a small bookstore. I think I first grabbed it because the spine's graphics and thought it was intriguing. I was fourteen, we were late for a movie, and I didn't have much of a chance to see what it was about, but it was less than \$9.99 so I thought, "why not?" and bought it.

I read the entire thing that afternoon, and it has remained my favorite "young adult teen romance" book ever since. Apart from being the first book that I had ever read that explored the idea of bisexuality, the characters made dumb mistakes and found themselves in situations that I could see someone falling into. It was believable and beautiful and I have accidentally stayed up until one in the morning rereading it more than once. Perhaps it is the fact that I read it when I was looking for something with exactly the type of story that this book had, but especially in 9th grade, it was a great read.

My only complaint looking back, and not one that would warrant a deduction of stars, is the book's aversion to the actual word "bisexual". While I understand that there are people who avoid the word, and it is only a parallel of reality that the protagonist would be deterred by the specific label, the idea the main character presented of "bisexual" being a word to be... avoided, maybe even frowned upon, was not what may have been the most uplifting presentation of sexuality.

Whatever my opinion of that specific piece, Eddie, if you ever read this:

Thank you for writing one of my favorite books.

Jennifer says

I'm a little torn on this one. For what it is, I really did enjoy the book; most of the characters were portrayed well, I loved the idea of sitting on the toilet to think over heavy stuff (though it was a bit overused), and the secret friend at the soccer games was an interesting subplot. However, I found the soccer practice scenes and game talk a little drawn out. I know nothing about soccer so sometimes I felt a bit lost. I'm also not overly thrilled about the bisexual male friend Sam makes in the story. I feel like the author played into a stereotype here, and the way the character very quickly falls for a gorgeous girl without any thought for his friend didn't sit well with me. I did like though how many characters come to fight against their own prejudices. Overall, it's a decent read. It's definitely clever. Though you may want urbandictionary handy--there's a lot of British/English slang in there I only knew by nature of having a British friend!

Jenn says

This would make a great read for any teenager who is questioning their own sexuality. I would have liked to

have gotten to know some of the other characters better. I forgot how easy to read some YA books are.
