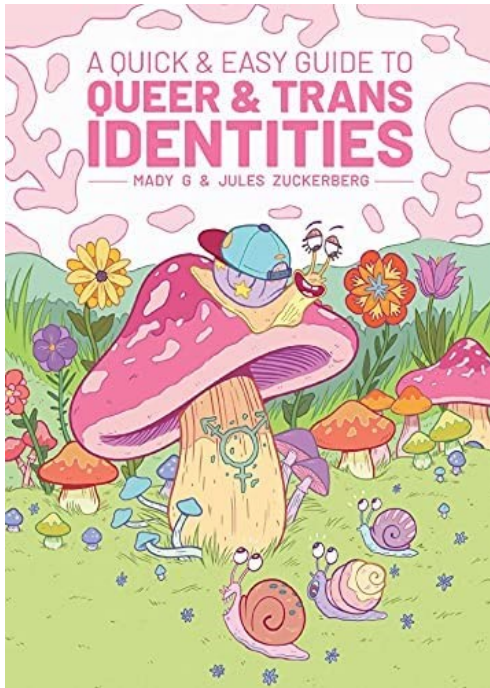


A QUICK & EASY GUIDE TO QUEER AND TRANS IDENTITIES



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Book Summary:

This book teaches young children about sexuality and gender ideologies.

Summary of Concerns:

This book contains explicit alternate gender ideologies; alternate sexualities; and inexplicit sexual activities.

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i	When my child told me they were gay, I was fine with it. ...A couple of years later, he told me he was 'trans,' meaning transgender.
ii	What works for one person might not work for another. Everyone has the right to figure it out for themselves: what pronouns they want to use; how they want to dress and whether they want to dress like that every day or whether they like to mix it up; whether they want to take hormones or not, and also how much; when they want to 'come out' and how they want to do that; and much more.
iv	Growing up alone, gender-ambiguous, and with a sexuality I didn't understand was difficult.
2	The illustration on the middle-left side of the page depicts a zoomed-in view of a woman's shirt that reads: QUEER The illustration on the middle-right side of the page depicts a backpack with a male/female symbol on the flap.
5	NOT NECESSARILY...QUEERNESS IS ALL ABOUT HUMAN LOVE AND SEXUALITY!
8	WHAT IS QUEER?
9	The illustration on the bottom-left side of the page depicts several fists raised in the air with hearts floating around them. Many of the fists are holding flags that read: QUEER
10	"I'M SURE YOU'RE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING GAY AND BEING STRAIGHT, RIGHT?" "ONE IS SAME-GENDER (OR SOMETIMES SAME-'SEX') ATTRACTION- AND THE OTHER IS DIFFERENT OR 'OPPOSITE' GENDER ATTRACTION."
11	BETWEEN THOSE ENDS OF THE SCALE ARE MANY OTHER TYPES OF SEXUALITY. THESE INCLUDE... BISEXUALITY ATTRACTION TO THE SAME GENDER AS WELL AS OTHER GENDERS. ASEXUALITY A LACK OF SEXUAL ATTRACTION. PANSEXUALITY ATTRACTION TO PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF GENDER. ...A COMMON WAY OF IDENTIFYING DIFFERENT TYPES OF ATTRACTION LIKE THESE IS VIA THE KINSEY SCALE (DEVELOPED BY DRS. ALFRED KINSEY, WARDELL POMEROY, AND CLYDE MARTIN IN 1948). IT'S NOT A VERY DETAILED OR PERFECT SCALE, BUT IT'S PRETTY USEFUL IN GAINING THE MOST BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF NON-ASEXUAL SEXUALITIES.
16	WHAT IS GENDER IDENTITY
17	SEX HAS TO DO WITH REPRODUCTION AS WELL AS PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL MAKE-UP AND CAN REFERENCE THINGS LIKE CHROMOSOMES, GENITALIE, AND HORMONAL ACTIVITY RAHTER THAN MENTAL ATTRIBUTES. IT CAN ALSO REFER TO ACTS OF PHYSICAL INTIMACY THAT GENERALLY INVOLVE ONE'S GENITALIA (IE: 'HAVING SEX,' ETC.)
18	"TRANSGENDER FOLKS OFTEN USE TERMS LIKE 'ASSIGNED SEX' OR 'DESIGNATED SEX' TO DESCRIBE HOW A PERSON HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AT BIRTH RATHER

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	<p>THAN JUST THE WORD 'SEX' ON ITS OWN." AFAB ASSIGNED FEMALE AT BIRTH AMAB ASSIGNED MALE AT BIRTH "THIS LANGUAGE IS MORE APPROPRIATE AND MORE RESPECTFUL TO THOSE WHOSE ASSIGNED SEX DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THEIR GENDER." A PERSON WHOSE ASSIGNED SEX AND GENDER MATCH WOULD BE 'CISGENDER'. A PERSON'S (sic) WHOSE ASSIGNED SEX AND GENDER DO NOT MATCH WOULD BE 'TRANSGENDER'.</p>
19	<p>"GENDER EXISTS ON A SPECTRUM, JUST LIKE COLORS. SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO DESCRIBE THIS AS A LINEAR SPECTRUM...BUT IN REALITY, IT'S QUITE A BIT MORE BROAD..." ..."IF A PERSON IDENTIFIES SOLELY AS MALE OR FEMALE, THAT WOULD MEAN THEY HAVE A BINARY GENDER. IF A PERSON IDENTIFIES OUTSIDE THAT BINARY AND HAS A GENDER THAT IS NOT SOLELY MALE OR FEMALE, THAT PERSON WOULD BE CONSIDERED 'NON-BINARY.' PRETTY SIMPLE."</p>
20	<p>NON-BINARY PEOPLE CAN HAVE GENDERS THAT GO ALL OVER THE SPECTRUM AND CAN EVEN REJECT THAT SPECTRUM COMPLETELY. "THERE ARE INFINITE COMBINATIONS OF MALE AND FEMALE THAT CAN BE FELT AND EXPRESSED AS WELL AS THE COMPLETE LACK OF GENDER ALTOGETHER." "PEOPLE WHO FEEL THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE A GENDER, LIKE BOWERY, ARE OFTEN KNOWN AS 'AGENDER' PEOPLE, OR 'NEUTROIS' IF YOU WANT TO BE FRENCH AND FANCY." "SOME FEEL MORE 'GENDER-FULL,' SOME FEEL MORE 'GENDERLESS,' SOME FEEL 'GENDERFLUID'- BUT EVERYBODY PRETTY MUCH JUST WANTS TO LIVE THEIR LIVES."</p>
27	<p>THERE ARE ALSO A MYRIAD OF DIFFERENT GENDER PRESENTATIONS THAT PLAY WITH THESE SOCIETAL BOUNDARIES. SUCH AS... HARD FEMME, SOFT BUTCH, SOFT MASC "PLAYING WITH THESE TYPES OF LABELS AND PRESENTATION HAS BEEN A HALLMARK OF QUEER CULTURE FOR CENTURIES (PARTICULARLY LESBIAN CULTURE), AND HAS ALSO SERVED AS A WAY TO IDENTIFY EACH OTHER WITHIN QUEER SUB-COMMUNITIES."</p>
37	<p>"INHABITING A BODY THAT DOESN'T ALIGN WITH THEIR GENDER CAN CAUSE PEOPLE QUITE A BIT OF MENTAL ANGUISH. 'GENDER DYSPHORIA' IS THE TERM USED TO DESCRIBE THE NEGATIVE OR UNCOMFORTABLE EMOTIONS MANY TRANSGENDER PEOPLE FEEL REGARDING THEIR BODIES OR APPEARANCE." "NOT EVERY TRANS PERSON EXPERIENCES DYSPHORIA, AND IT VARIES FROM PERSON TO PERSON."</p>
39	<p>A TYPE OF DYSPHORIA THAT HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO BE DISCUSSED IS NON-BINARY DYSPHORIA. ...SOME (NOT ALL) NON-BINARY PEOPLE FEEL SOME KIND OF CONNECTION WITH NON-HUMAN CHARACTERS BECAUSE THEY FEEL THOSE THINGS ARE 'LESS GENDERED' THAN A HUMAN BODY.</p>

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41	<p>LOTS OF JOURNEYS ABOUT BATTLING GENDER DYSPHORIA END IN SOME SORT OF PHYSICAL TRANSITION, BE IT HORMONAL, SURGICAL, OR BOTH.</p> <p>...WHETHER IT'S A MORE PERMANENT CHOICE, OR IF IT'S A TRANSITIONAL ONE, THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT OR AREN'T READY TO MAKE SUCH DRASTIC CHANGES TO THEIR BODIES.</p> <p>FASHION, POSTURE, AND SUBTLE APPEARANCE MODIFICATION- LIKE BREAST FORMS, PACKING, AND BINDING*- CAN DO WONDERS FOR EVERYDAY DYSPHORIA. WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU!</p> <p>*BINDING SAFETY IS IMPORTANT! DO NOT USE BANDAGES!</p>
42	<p>"LEARNING TO LOVE YOURSELF AS YOU ARE IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF TRANSITIONING, WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO MEDICALLY TRANSITION OR NOT."</p> <p>EVEN WITH HORMONAL TREATMENT AND SURGERY, THERE'S NO WAY TO PREDICT HW YOUR APPEARANCE MIGHT CHANGE OR IF YOU'LL EVEN SEE SOME OF THE CHANGES YOU MAY HAVE EXPECTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.</p>
43	<p>"FOR ME PERSONALLY, SOME FORM OF TOP SURGERY IS IN MY FUTURE."</p>
44	<p>"LIKE, EVEN WHEN I SEE MYSELF AS BEING AN ATTRACTIVE BOY, I FEEL OK BECAUSE I CAN SEE HOW I COULD EASILY TRANSITION INTO BEING MORE VISIBLY FEMININE."</p> <p>"I DON'T FIND MYSELF RELATING TO FICTIONAL CHARACTERS AS MUCH AS I SEE OTHER PEOPLE DO, SO SEEING REAL TRANS FEMMES ONLINE IS THE BEST FOR ME."</p>
50	<p>WHAT IS ASEXUALITY?</p>
52	<p>THERE ARE ASEXUALS WHO ARE 'HETEROROMANTIC,' 'HOMOROMANTIC,' 'BIROMANTIC,' AND SO-ON.</p> <p>THAT BEING SAID, THERE ARE PLENTY OF ASEXUALS OUT THERE WHO JUST DON'T REALLY FEEL ANY TYPE OF ROMANTIC ATTRACTION EITHER. THIS IS KNOWN AS BEING AN 'AROMANTIC' ASEXUAL OR 'ARO/ACE,' TO USE POPULAR ABBREVIATIONS.</p>
53	<p>ADDITIONALLY, JUST BECAUSE A PERSON IS ASEXUAL, DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY DO NOT EXPERIENCE SEXUAL AROUSAL.</p> <p>PLENTY OF ASEXUAL PEOPLE STILL MASTURBATE OR EVEN HAVE SEX WITH THEIR PARTNERS.</p> <p>...A PERSON CAN BE ASEXUAL AND STILL HAVE A HIGHT LIBIDO, JUST LIKE A PERSON CAN BE NON-ASEXUAL AND HAVE A LOW LIBIDO.</p>
54	<p>THERE ARE 'DEMISEXUAL' PEOPLE WHO TEND TO REQUIRE A DEEPER AND MORE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH A PERSON IN ORDER TO FEEL SEXUAL ATTRACTION.</p> <p>THERE ARE 'CUPIOSEXUAL,' 'PLACIOSEXUAL,' AND 'LITHIOSEXUAL' PEOPLE WHO DESIRE A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEBODY, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT SEXUALLY ATTRACTED TO THEM.</p> <p>THERE ARE 'AUTOCHORISSEXUAL' PEOPLE WHO FEEL SEXUAL ATTRACTION, BUT ONLY IN SCENARIOS THAT DON'T INVOLVE THEIR OWN PARTICIPATION.</p>

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	THERE ARE EVEN 'GREY ASEXUAL' PEOPLE WHO GENERALLY DO NOT FEEL SEXUAL ATTRACTION, BUT HAVE A FEW EXCEPTIONS OR PERSONAL LIMITATIONS.
55	The illustration on the bottom-left side of the page depicts two snails, one atop the other. They are gazing into each other's eyes. Hearts are drawn around them. <i>See Figure 1.</i>
93	<p>MORE RESOURCES</p> <p>MORE INFORMATION: EVERYONEISGAY.COM THETREVORPROJECT.ORG GLAAD.ORG HRC.ORG</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP AND SEX: SCARLETEEN.COM</p> <p>LGBTQ+ YOUTH AND STUDENTS: GSANETWORK.ORG GLSEN.ORG TRUECOLORSFUND.ORG TRANSSTUDENT.ORG</p>
94	<p>LGBTQ+ ELDERS: LGBTAGINCENTER.ORG SAGEUSA.ORG</p> <p>FAMILY MEMBERS, EDUCATORS, AND ALLIES: PFLAG.ORG MYKIDISGAY.COM</p> <p>...MEETUP GROUPS (EITHER IN PERSON OR ONLINE) CAN ALSO BE GREAT PLACES TO FIND RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY.</p>

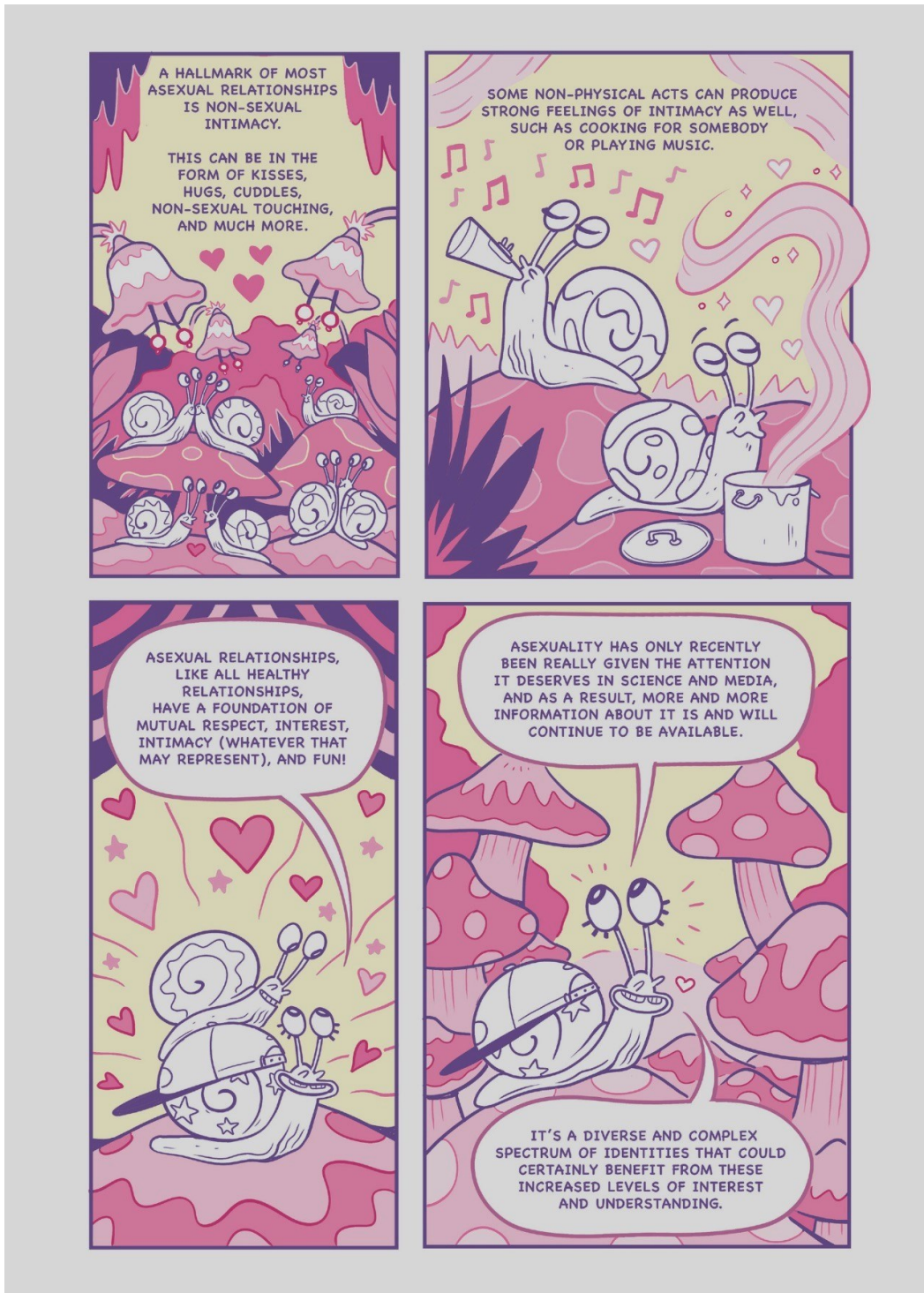


Figure 1