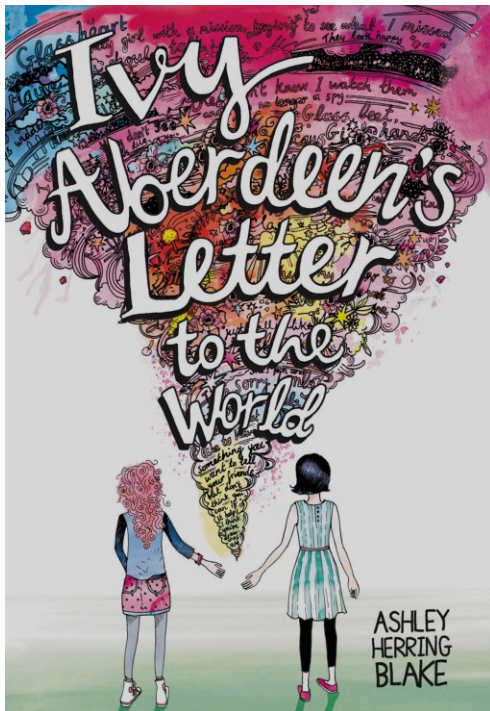


IVY ABERDEEN'S LETTER TO THE WORLD



Juvenile

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Book Summary:

After a tornado destroys her home, a young girl discovers more about herself and her sexuality.

Summary of Concerns:

This book contains explicit alternate sexualities and inexplicit sexual activities.

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60	<p>“This is me. I’m your best friend, and I had to hear it from Jesse Ryder, who said he saw you two kissing in your car. How do you think that made me feel?”</p> <p>“Lay, this isn’t about you.”</p> <p>“I’m not saying that it is. But you have a girlfriend, Gigi. A girlfriend.”</p>
61	<p>Gigi liked girls.</p> <p>Gigi had a girlfriend.</p>
83	<p>Everyone, including Ivy, also knew that Robin only dated other women.</p>
97	<p>She stared at the kiss photograph. They both looked so happy, huge smiles on their faces, holding hands, some mountain rising up behind them. Of course she was Robin’s girlfriend. A real-life girl with a girlfriend.</p>
211	<p>Robin had more than a crush. She had a whole girlfriend. A fiancée.</p>
212	<p>How did it work when two girls were getting married?</p> <p>...How did Robin and Jessa meet? Were their parents fine with everything? Were their friends? Did they ever feel weird holding hands in public? How would the wedding work? Would they both wear white dresses? Would they wear dresses at all?</p>
215	<p>“I knew something. What, I’m not really sure. I didn’t actually come out until I was a senior in high school.”</p> <p>Come out. Ivy had heard that phrase before, but never really thought about it much until she overheard that conversation between Layla and Gigi. Coming out, the grand revealing where you told your friends and family that you liked girls. Or boys. Or whoever. Where you told them you were different.</p>
217	<p>“Well, Jessa’s journey is a little different. She didn’t come out until she was thirty, just two years ago.”</p> <p>Ivy’s eyes widened. “Really?”</p> <p>Robin nodded. “She’s bisexual. Do you know what that means?”</p> <p>“I think so... that she likes girls and guys?”</p> <p>“Or anyone,” Robin said. “Jessa grew up with a very strict family, so she didn’t have as much freedom to question herself or who she might like or might not like.”</p>
263	<p>But Ivy couldn’t finish that sentence. She knew she hadn’t told Taryn about her treehouse pictures and liking girls, but she hadn’t been this way since last year, had she?</p>
277	<p>“Before the storm, you were fighting. I heard you fighting that night, and you haven’t talked for weeks because Gigi likes girls and you’re mad at her.”</p> <p>...Layla nodded. “I was a terrible friend to Gigi, okay, Ives? I was mad because Gigi didn’t tell me, and I heard it from some guy I barely knew. I was hurt that Gigi didn’t trust me with that. Not because she likes girls.”</p> <p>Ivy blinked at her.</p> <p>“Really?” Layla nodded. “But even that was wrong of me because... well, coming out is hard, and I have no idea what that’s like, and I should’ve just let Gigi do it the way she needed to. It wasn’t about me. I should’ve supported her no matter what.”</p> <p>...Ivy looked up into Gigi’s brown eyes. “Why did this make you so upset?” Gigi asked.</p> <p>“The idea that Layla might not be my friend because I like girls?”</p>
280	<p>There were dozens of pictures, drawings of the things that made Ivy happy, self-portraits, all the colors of her world, all the things that made her feel like her. Liking</p>

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	girls was part of that, but it wasn't everything. It was one piece in a bigger puzzle, and when you put all the pieces together, there was Ivy.