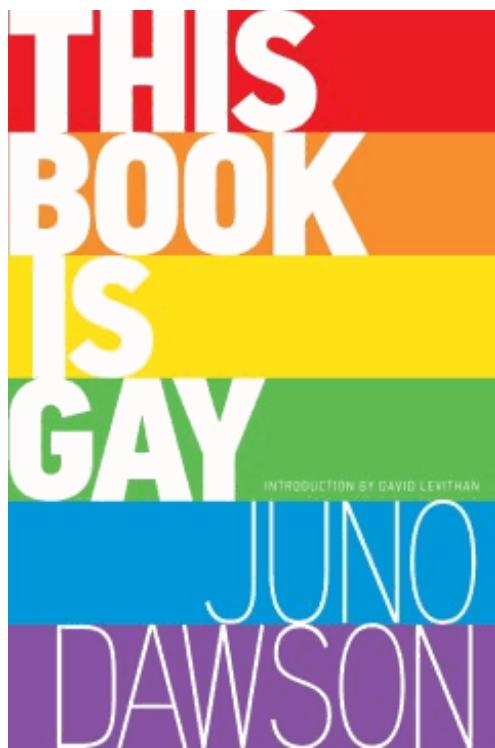


# THIS BOOK IS GAY



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5	<p>"If you're new to the club, you're lucky because being L or G or B or T or * is SUPER FUN. You're FREE now and don't have to hide. Whatever you identify as by the end of this book, you'll see that, far from being alone, you're joining a vast collective of cool, happy, inspirational people, each with a story to tell."</p>
6	<p>"Maybe you're nosy to see what we get up to between the sheets."</p>
7	<p>"I was so sad at how we still DEFAULT to heterosexual in the twenty-first century. The assumption goes that all babies are born both straight and locked into their birth gender unless something goes awry. This is NOT the case."</p>
8	<p>"And yet we're all automatically born "straight" and "cis" (the gender we're assigned at birth).</p>
10	<p>"Oh Shit! When first faced with same-sex sexthoughts, or sexthoughts about your gender, your first reaction may well be the above."</p>
12	<p>"Trans people and nonstraight people are subject to a lot of the same discrimination, misunderstanding, and mistreatment, because many people think of us as all being part of the same group."</p>
12	<p>"So whether it's LGB* or T, we're all seeking membership to this awesome club that exists outside the majority."</p>
16	<p>"I'm a gay man, but I've considered having sexyfuntime with women plenty of times. Funnily enough, it's yet to 'turn me'.</p>
16	<p>2. You can acknowledge them and act on them- have the sex you wanna have or wear clothes you wanna wear- but choose not to define yourself. 3. You can act on them AND adopt an identity to define yourself. This is the bit where you'd get the membership card and become part of a community."</p>
17	<p>"Most people choose option two- you can totally have sex with people who are the same gender as you and be 'gay' or 'lesbian' or 'bi'. This is why a lot of forms (especially medical ones) you fill in may refer to 'men who have sex with men,' etc. You have very little choice about your sexual preference or gender, but you can decide whether to make it a lifestyle. This is option three: You get to be out and proud and open about your relationships or gender. Living with stress and secrets is stressful."</p>
19	<p>"Now that we've been label shopping, it's worth noting that the one you bought has a return policy. Sexual preference and gender are fluid, meaning just because you feel one way now, it doesn't necessarily mean you'll feel the same way in five years' time."</p>
21	<p>"now. You may have heard some people calling lesbians 'dykes.'</p>
22	<p>The word 'gay' started life meaning joyful, carefree, bright, and showy, from the French term 'gaiety,' which is still used. However, by the seventeenth century,</p>

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	had evolved: A ‘gay woman’ was a prostitute, a ‘gay man’ was promiscuous, and a ‘gay house’ was a brothel. Nice.”
24	<p>“I tell people I’m bi because it’s easier to understand, but I think I’m pan- I’m concerned with personality, not genitals.</p> <p>Anon, 24, Brighton, UK</p> <p>‘(I say I’m) bisexual when asked. Varies depending on the day, who I’ve been around, what I’ve been reading, and so on. A description I found on Tumblr that fits perfectly goes along the lines of ‘If you think of sexuality in terms of music, where the low notes represent being attracted to boys and high notes represent being attracted to girls, I am a Slayer guitar solo.’</p> <p>Nina, 16, UK”</p>
26	<p>“Like anything in life, sometimes you don’t know until you try. I wouldn’t eat prawns until I was eighteen- the mere idea of them freaked me out. But then I tried them and it turns out they’re DELISH.”</p>
29	<p>“Advertisers would like us to believe that being female somehow feels different to being a male, but we will never really know. Culture tells our parents how to dress us as kids, and it becomes ingrained. It sometimes seems bonkers to me to think that a dude would have to be ‘trans’ to put on a skirt or some heels. Who bloody says that they are ‘female attire’? Sadly, as most of the world is blind to how small-minded this is, that’s the way the cookie crumbles. For now.</p> <p>As we said in the last chapter, although the studies of gender and sexuality are closely linked, they are largely unrelated: A person will choose separate identities for both. For instance, I presently identify as a gay man. Tomorrow, I could identify more as a female but still like me, thus making me a straight trans female. Do you see?”</p>
32	<p>“...A lot of people struggle with the pronoun game. This is understandable; after all, for years and years you’ve used, i.e., ‘he’ to describe your friend and now she is asking to be called ‘she’. It can take time to adjust.</p> <p>...never EVER use the word ‘it’ or ‘he/she’. That is NOT COOL.”</p>
33	<p>...the majority of people will identify as “cis” even if they don’t know it- it removes the need for anyone to say they are “normal,” which, as we said, is an unpleasant word.</p>
38	<p>...“YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH DUDES.” Now, for a long time it was assumed that these Post-its were removed before being passed via SWEATY PARENT SEX (sorry, couldn’t resist) to their baby.</p>
41	<p>Gay men have slightly longer and thicker winkies. Excellent.</p> <p>The amygdala of gay men is more responsive to porn than those of straight me. So we have bigger dicks and we’re hornier. Jus’ sayin’.</p> <p>Finger-length ratios may vary between lesbians and straight women.</p>
47	<p>Think about it- you know what gay men like? BIG, HAIRY MEN WITH BIG PECKERS.</p>
51	<p>One of the best things about choosing to IDENTIFY as gay or bi is that you are already making your own rules.</p> <p>...(you’re never too young to learn that the whole world is largely run and designed for straight, white, cis men, or “the patriarchy”). This pretty much</p>

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	means you are free to adopt whichever elements of gay or queer culture you see fit.
61	NO ONE WANTS TO HAVE SEX WITH A BALD SPOTTY PSYCHO WITH BALLS LIKE SHRIVELLED RAISINS.
63	...Lesbians like vagina. They don't even want blokes watching. I KNOW, how INCONSIDERATE. Note the sarcastic tone.
64	If you are chatting to gay men who are dismissive of lesbians (or for that matter disparaging of the vagina as a concept), you are talking to misogynist dicks.
64	In certain parts of South Africa, "corrective rape" is a terrible, heartbreaking practice whereby gay women (as many as an estimated ten a week) are raped or gag-raped "for their own good" to turn them heterosexual.
68	So far, I hope I've sold this LBGT* thing pretty well. I mean, it does sound brilliant, doesn't it? You get to dress how you like and make out with whomever you want. It's hip and trendy (just as Zachary Quinto, Andreja Pejic, or Angel Haze). You get to be part of an avant-garde subculture with links to art, music, and fashion.
73	Heteronormative values are forced down our throats from birth. Cinderella gets together with a dude she met once and lied to; the Little Mermaid rejects her entire culture for a guy; one princess even goes for a spot of bestiality and make out with a FROG- but there are NO LBGT* role models for kids.
81	Be a SQUEAKY WHEEL: If you politely make enough noise at school, someone will eventually oil the gears.
85	Once again the law is on your side: Being LBGT* is a "protected class" (which I like because it makes us sound like a beautiful, rare butterfly on the verge of extinction in Java or something).
98	Most people of religion see their sacred texts as a general guide for life- moral guidance, as it were. The problem comes when a minority take the written words literally- and the meaning of some of these words may even have been misinterpreted.
101	HOW TO ARGUE WITH A CHRISTIAN
102	IF THEY COME AT YOU WITH "IT'S IN THE BIBLE!"
	...Point out that the text was written thousands of years ago. Times have changed. The messages are still somewhat applicable, but we have to adapt them for modern living. Also point out that ALL of the above extracts are out of context, and at the end of the day, they are stories, no laws (even the Apostle Paul decreed this).
	Contexts change. The Bible repeatedly refers to going after taxmen- who at the time were crooked. You don't hear about Christians chasing after the IRS with flaming torches, do you?
	Also, lady lovers, as the problem all stems from "sodomy," lesbians are automatically off the hook anyway! Whoop!
	Finally, in the New Testament, based on the teachings of Jesus, Jesus said precisely NOTHING on the subject.
	...Personally, I think Jesus, had he lived today, would be at every Pride march.

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115	Lots of people may choose to have sexyfuntimes with people of the same gender without identifying as gay or lesbian, just as a gay man who has sex with a woman isn't automatically straight.
115	<b>APPS</b> The smartphone revolution understood that, like anything in the twenty-first century, we'd eventually want to be to download sex. It wouldn't surprise me if, in a couple of years, we can download the idea of sex so convincingly that we won't have to bother with the messy bodily fluids and pesky emotional stuff at all. It is a fact that although grown-up adult types are sometimes looking for a serious relationship, sometimes they are just looking for a spot of sexyfuntime. You may come to establish that gay and bi men in particular do seem to quite like sex. OK, nearly everyone likes sex, but gay guys really seem to have cornered the market. ...Gay and bi men have taken to app sex like ducks to sexy water.
156	How sex apps work: 1. Upload a tiny pic of yourself to the app. 2. The app works out your location. 3. The app tells you who the nearest homosexuals are. 4. You then chat to them. 5. Because they are near, it is easy to meet up with them. ...if you're looking for the ubiquitous "fun" (the words "sex," "shag," and the F-word, ironically, are banned on most sex apps), be upfront about it and then no one's feelings are going to get hurt.
157	<b>THE GREAT SEX-APP DEBATE</b> Pro sex app ..."The benefits are obvious: quick, easy, and uncomplicated sex. ..."I've met a variety of interesting people through (sex apps). They are predominantly use for sex though. They're sold to us as 'social networking' apps, but we all know what they're really for. It's a bit like selling a dildo under the pretext that it's sole use is a draft excluder. I don't have a problem with that aspect of it- if people want casual sex, then something like Grindr is a must..."
158	Another major plus to sex apps is they allow a degree of anonymity, so guys and girls who aren't out can meet people this way without having to self-identify by entering a gay bar.
159	...a hive of shitweasels...
160	If you're THAT HORNY that you want to do a "sex meet," meet the "trick" in a public place for a drink first. That way you can assess if you fancy them in the flesh/they are not a twitchy-eyed freakazoid before letting them into your house.
163	"(I use) almost exclusively OKCupid..."
166	The fact that they didn't also teach you what same-sex couples do is noting less than institutionalized homophobia. ...Is there something icky about gay sex? Is there something wrong with it? I challenge any politician to discuss this with me. I WILL RUIN THEM. This chapter is simply all the stuff teachers SHOULD be saying if they want to be inclusive of people with same-sex feelings.

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170	<p>"...The owner was married, and we'd been flirting with each other for a few months, though till then nothing had come of it. On this day, however, I spent hours there, as I had nothing to do till my mom finished work. The shop was quiet, and as the morning went on we got more and more tactile until we were rubbing our crotches against each other. We managed to stop short of getting our knobs out in the shop..."</p>
171	<p>"Here is a diagram of a boy. If you are also a boy, you are probably aware of which parts FEEL NICE when you touch them, but here's a rough guide. The lips: Sex should always start with a kiss. Initially, you might not go any further than a kiss, in fact. Kissing is as intimate as sex, and if you're not comfortable going further than a kiss, a good partner will respect this and wait. Nipples: A lot of guys like having their nipples played with- they are mega sensitive. Testicles: Also to be treated with loving care. Bum: Up you bum you have a prostate gland which feels nice when massaged. The anus is also sensitive and responds to being played with. Neck/ears: These sensitive areas love being kissed and licked. Skin: Any part of your body will respond to being stroked and kissed. Penis: If you are a guy, you'll already know that even a gentle breeze can be enough to inspire a stiffy in this super-sensitive organ. But keep in mind that sex doesn't begin and end with your dick. Be creative." The illustration on this page depicts a cartoonish man in full-frontal pose completely nude with arrows pointing to each area described in the above citation.</p> <p><i>See Figure 1.</i></p>
173	<p><b>Doing the Sex</b></p> <p>Two men can pleasure each other in a variety of fun ways.</p> <p>1. Handies: Perhaps the most important skill you will master as a gay or bi man is the timeless classic, the hand job. The good news is, you can practice on yourself. The bad news is, each guy has become very used to his own way getting himself off.</p> <p>...Something they don't teach you in school is that, in order to be able to cum at all, you or your partner may need to finish off with a handie. A lot of people find it hard to cum through other types of sex.</p> <p>...A GOOD HANDIE is all about the wrist action. Rub the head of his cock back and forth with your hand. Try different speeds and pressures until he responds positively.</p> <p>A BAD HANDIE is grasping a penis and shaking it like a ketchup bottle.</p> <p>Finally, my misunderstanding about rubbing two peens together wasn't far off the mark- rubbing them together in one hand feels awesome- MEGA COMBOHANDIE</p> <p>...2. Blowis: Oral sex is popping another dude's peen in your mouth, or, indeed, popping yours in his. There is only one hard and fast rule when it comes to blow jobs- WATCH THE TEETH. Lips and tongue, yes; teeth, NO.</p> <p>As with hand jobs and breakfast eggs, all men like their blow jobs served in different ways. The term "blow job" is massively misleading, as you won't actually be blowing on his penis- it's more about sucking (although I stress you're not trying to suck his kidneys out through his urethra). It's more about sliding your mouth up and down the shaft of his cock.</p> <p>Letting a guy cum in your mouth is a safe sex no-no.</p>

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	<p>3. Bumming: It is a universal truth that many men like sticking their willies inside things.  ...Well, in the absence of a vagina, gay and bi men make excellent use of the back door.  Wanna know a secret? Straight people have anal sex all the time too. Another one? Straight men like stuff up their bums just as much as gay ones.</p>
174	<p>Still, unlike vaginal sex, a little more thought has to go into anal sex, and here's why:  Pre-care: As pleasant as bumming can be, we must hold in mind that the primary function of the back passage is to do poos. Poo is not sexy. Therefore, those of you planning to have anal sex will need to dedicate a portion of time to ensuring poo doesn't creep into sexyfuntime.  The best, healthiest method is to make sure you've been to the bathroom before attempting butt sex and have had a jolly good clean afterward.  ...Some people choose to douche. You can buy a douche online or from an adult shop.  Roles: This is where dude-dude pairings can get tricky. At the end of the day, if you want to have anal sex, one of you is going to have to go "top" (the one who puts his willy in) and the other "bottom" (the one who gets the willy up his bum).  ...most guys are "versatile" and will happily switch roles depending on mood, although there are guys who prefer to be strictly top or bottom.</p>
176	<p>How do you know if you're a top or bottom? It's easy- if the thought of having a big hard thing poked up your tush is arousing, you are probably a bottom. See? Easy.  ...Lube: ...You NEED lube if you're going to attempt anal. This is for two reasons. One, anal sex hurts. The anus does not have the capacity to stretch in the same way a vagina does. This means it's a tight hole (which feels nice for the top), but it also means it can be very uncomfortable for the bottom.</p>
178	<p>"Part Two: Girl-on-Girl Sex Here is a diagram of a woman. If you are not a woman, you are probably aware which parts FEEL NICE when you touch them, but here's a rough guide. Clitoris: Observe the diagram. Women are that little bit harder than men, who have everything dangling out in the open. The clitoris is a super-sensitive cluster of nerve endings that, when rubbed, kissed, or licked, can make a woman orgasm (which is a good thing). Anus: Although women do not have a prostate gland up their bum, some women like having stuff poked up there too. Lips: Sex should always start with a kiss. Initially, you might not go any further than a kiss, in fact. Kissing is as intimate as sex, and if you're not comfortable going further than a kiss, a good partner will respect this and wait. Skin: Any part of your body will respond to being stroked and kissed. Vagina: The vagina is the opening to the female reproductive system, from which babies po out. Much, much research has been done on this, and it is thought there is a 'G spot' located just inside the vagina. Although the existence of this sexual holy grail has not been proven, many women agree that having things inserted into their vagina feels very nice indeed. Neck/ears: These sensitive areas love being kissed and licked. Nipples: A lot of girls like having their nipples played with- they are mega sensitive." The illustration depicts a cartoon woman in a full-frontal pose nude.</p>

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	<p>There is also an illustration of a vagina. Both illustrations have arrows pointing to the different areas cited above.</p> <p><i>See Figure 2.</i></p>
179	<p>"Doing the Sex Two women can pleasure each other in a variety of fun ways. 1. Fingers: Far more effective than a penis in many ways, a hand can do the job of five penises. When gay women refer to having sex, this is usually what they mean. Lesbians can stimulate the clitoris and vagina and bring their partner to orgasm with their fingers; sometimes both partners can do this simultaneously. 2. Oral: That clitoris really does like being licked and kissed. Again, girls can take it in turns to perform oral sex or, if feeling adventurous, they can perform it at the same time. 3. Toys and strap-ons: Some women like these; some don't. Much has been written about why gay women would seek to play with a replacement penis, but I say who the heck cares- if it feels nice, go for it! Moreover, a man is more than a penis- just because a woman wants something a bit penis-shaped doesn't mean she fancies broad-shouldered, bearded, no-boobed men. Toys, dildos, vibrators, and strap-ons all fulfill the same purpose- a prosthesis to insert into the vagina. As with gay men, one woman isn't the 'man'. Two women having same-sex sex are both (yup) women! Don't Take it From Me Clearly, I am not a gay woman and, as such, why would you possibly come to me for tips on girl-girl sex? well, quite. So I've called an expert- gay writer, Fi Locke: Let's talk about dildos: I think a lot of people assume that where there is no penis, a desperate sexual void is created, out of which something dick shaped must ultimately slot in order to satisfy a vagina. Basically, there's holes everywhere, but you DON'T HAVE TO FILL THEM ALL! Not necessarily even with your tongue (personally, I don't think that feels nice) and not with something penis shaped either. I think most good orgasms revolve around the clit-well, for me and mine anyway! If you then want to get a bit fancy, there's nothing wrong with a few finger inside (or a hand, depending on, well...you know) during or proceeding on from some clitoral stimulation. But that's orgasms. And as great as they are, it's not always all about them. I've only ever slept with two women who enjoyed using dildos. I hate wearing a strap-on. I've only ever done it once and NEVER AGAIN! But then I'm more of a receiving kind of person anyway. (Also, strap-ons are really hard work! You need to be FIT to really shag with one of them! And don't ever expect to cum when you're wearing it.) The whole 'butch dykes love strap-ons' thing is rubbish. I've heard differing opinions from friends and lovers about this, which vary from agreement with the above statement to actually feeling quite emasculated by a 'pretend dick'. It's totally personal. Some people love them, some people don't. But back to orgasms. I love a good shag from a hand or a dildo- vaginal or anal- but, honestly, that's not about the orgasm; it's about the pleasure of being shagged. And sometimes that pleasure is pleasure enough in itself. That's not a timid 'It's okay darling, as long as you're happy, I'm happy' excuse. Genuinely, there doesn't always need to be an orgasm. What else? Well, it's OK to ask for help sometimes. Everybody's lady gardens are mapped out differently, so if your lover is doing it wrong, help her out. Even if it means doing it for her once or twice. That might feel like you're just using her hand to have a wank with, and it is, really, but hopefully after a while she'll start to notice where you're putting it. I've been with a lot of girls with this kind of "This isn't straight sex, it's lesbian sex, and we're</p>

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	<p>nicer and more respectful than them" attitude. That's boring. It's really boring. Just go for it and don't ever be ashamed about anything. Lastly, I think you'll always have to take turns (unless you're 69ing). I haven't found an effective way to not take turns yet. Just make sure you don't do it in a "Right, I suppose I have to do you, now" kind of way. Actually, really lastly: On reflection, I don't think girl-on-girl sex is any different to any other type of sex. If you just listen to what your body wants, what turns you on, and are never ashamed to ask for it, and if you experiment wherever possible, explore every corner of your desire, even if you only do it once, then you'll learn what you love and what you don't want and, voila, you'll be enjoying sexy sex in no time! Oh, okay, actual last thoughts: 1. Why do they always put "veins" on dildos? It's gross. 2. Note to manufacturers: Vibrators do not need to be shaped like penises. 3. Something in your ars, withdrawn shortly before a clitoral orgasm can feel AMAZING for some people. 4. Lube is great. Don't worry about the sheets; you can wash them. Never run out of lube. Especially if you're doing anything with your arse. Who ever said that lesbians can't have sex? We beg to differ."</p>
186	<p>"Why are Gay Men So Slutty? Well, first of all, I don't lie the word slutty, so let's rephrase that to its proper word, PROMISCUOUS, which basically means 'has sex with multiple partners.' Second of all, anyone who suggests that all gay men are promiscuous is a raging homophobe. HOWEVER, the fact of the matter is that many stereotypes have a seed of truth lurking under all the horse crap. In this instance, both my own research and that of other writers suggests that gay men reported having more than twenty partners in their lifetime, with several reporting they had had sex with more than a hundred. This is not meant to be shocking. It is simply a fact. Remember as young gay people, we are raised on HETERNORMATIVE VALUES, which means the values of straight people who are in the majority. Until very, very recently, same-sex couples couldn't even get married, so OF COURSE LGB* people haven't always played by the same rules as our heterosexual brother and sisters. The gay scene has its own norms, and one of those norms, it seems, is promiscuity. Some theories about gay male promiscuity: 1. BOYS WILL BE BOYS: We (and that's all of us, women too) get RAGINGLY HORNY because of TESTOSTERONE- a hormone. Men make more of it than women. Fact. From an evolutionary perspective, a male could make about fifty babies in the time it takes a female to have one. It is thought that monogamy (having one sexual partner) stems from our prehistoric need to have a male hunter-gatherer handy to help provide for a female's offspring. Basically, the only reason straight men aren't having as much sex as has ones is because their girlfriends would have them out on the street in a heartbeat.</p>
201	<p>Saunas and Sex Parties</p> <p>..."In big cities all around the world, there are places that cater to gay men's seeming obsession with sex. Saunas, or 'bath houses', are dotted all over the country, and they are perfectly legal. People (many saunas run lesbian nights) pay some money to enter and then have a bit of a sauna and some random sex. Again, this is fine as long as you're safe. That said, NEVER ONCE did I hear ANYONE say, 'This is my husband, Derek. We met at Chariots in Vauxhall and it was TRUE LOVE.'</p>

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	Saunas are regarded as a little sleazy, and people often visit these places in secret."
248	Here's the thing- straight people do butt sex too. And two girls are pretty much doing what your daughter would be doing with a dude, I'm afraid.
256	<p>"All the Weird Terms, No Waiting. 69: Two people giving simultaneous oral sex. AIDS: A syndrome brought on by the virus HIV. Asexual: A person who is not interested in sex or has low sexual desire. Bisexual: A person who fancies both men and women. Blow job: Oral sex on a guy. Bottom/passive: Being the partner who "receives" during sex. Circumcised: Term to describe a boy who has had his foreskin surgically removed. Cisgender: The sex you were assigned at birth. Clitoris: Female erogenous zone. Coming Out: The process of telling people about your identity. Cum: common slang term for semen OR to orgasm. Cunnilingus: Oral sex on a girl. Curious/Questioning: A person in the process of wondering about their sexuality. Dildo: a sex toy. Dom: Being the dominant partner during sex. Douching: Washing out the back passage or lady garden prior to sex. Drag queen/king: A performer who wears clothes traditionally assigned to the opposite gender. Fellatio: Fancy term for oral sex on a dude. Foreskin: Loose skin at the end of the penis. Gay: Term to describe a homosexual man or woman. Glory Hole: A hole in a wall or partition through which a man pokes his peenie. Grindr: A social network app for gay and bi men. HIV: A virus affecting the immune system. Intersectionality: The different parts of your whole identity and the impact they have on your life. Intersex: Term to describe a person born with no clear gender or attributes of both genders. Labia: The folds at the entrance of the vagina. Lesbian: A homosexual woman. Lube: Short for lubrication. Makes sex easier. Orgasm: Sexual climax. Orgy: Group sex. Penis: Male erogenous zone Poppers: Slang term for amyl nitrite- an aroma that gives a feeling of light-headedness Queer/genderqueer: A person who refuses to label their sexuality or gender. Rimming: Licking the bottom. Scat: Eating poop. Scissor sisters: A sexual position for two women OR and early 2000s electropop band. Strap-on: A sex toy worn on a belt. STI: Sexually Transmitted Infection. Sub: Being the submissive partner during sex. top/active: Being the partner who 'gives' during sex. transsexual: Any person changing their gender identity. Transvestite: A person who wears the clothes traditionally assigned to the opposite gender. Vibrator: A vibrating sex toy. Water sports/golden shower: Weeing on people in a way considered sexy.</p>

## Part One: Boy-on-Boy Sex

Here is a diagram of a boy. If you are also a boy, you are probably aware which parts FEEL NICE when you touch them, but here's a rough guide.

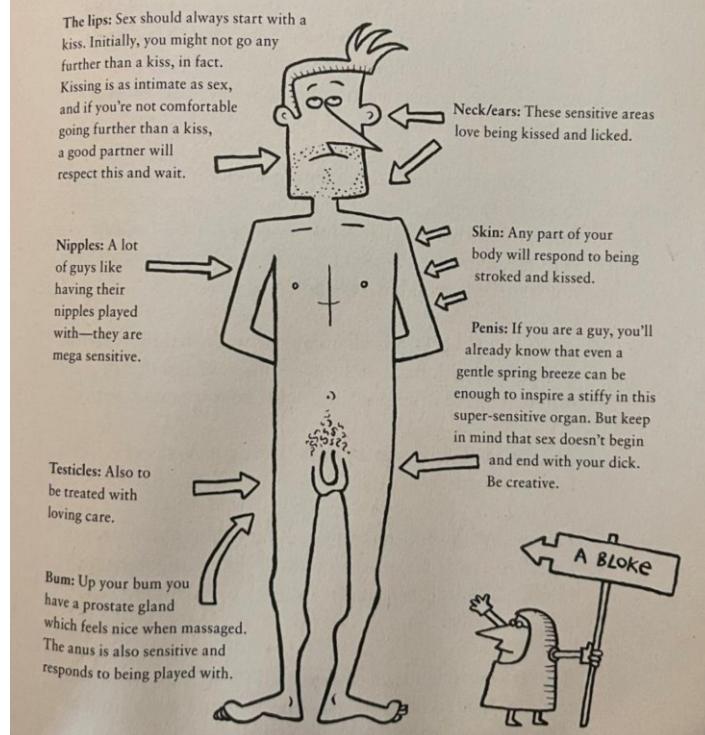


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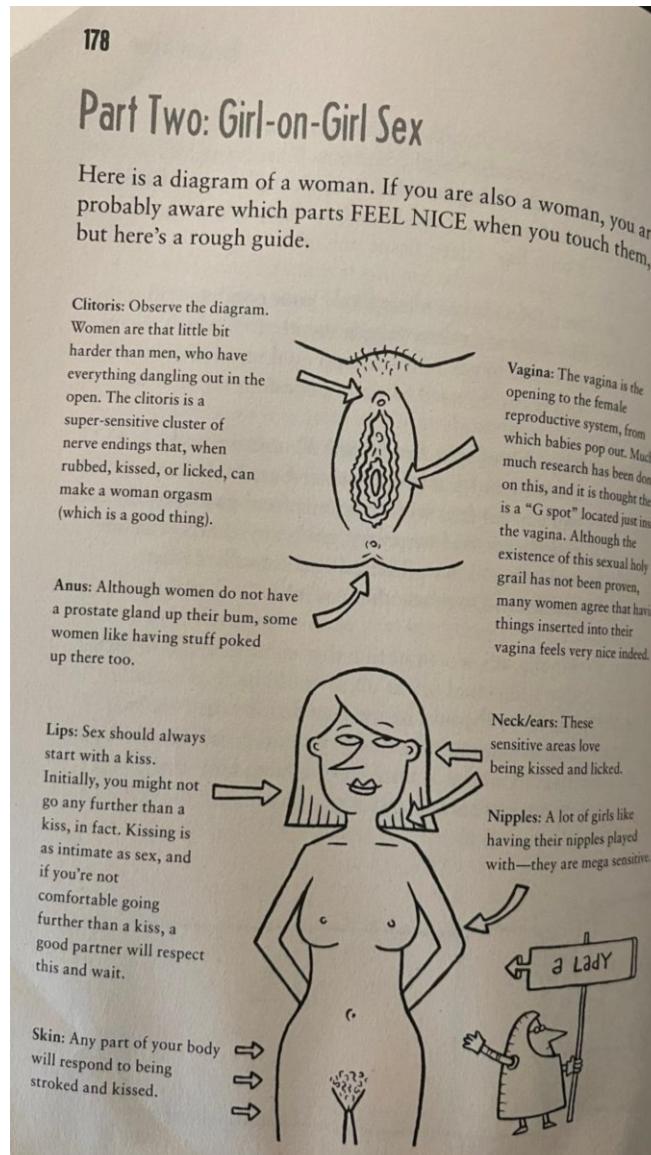


Figure 2