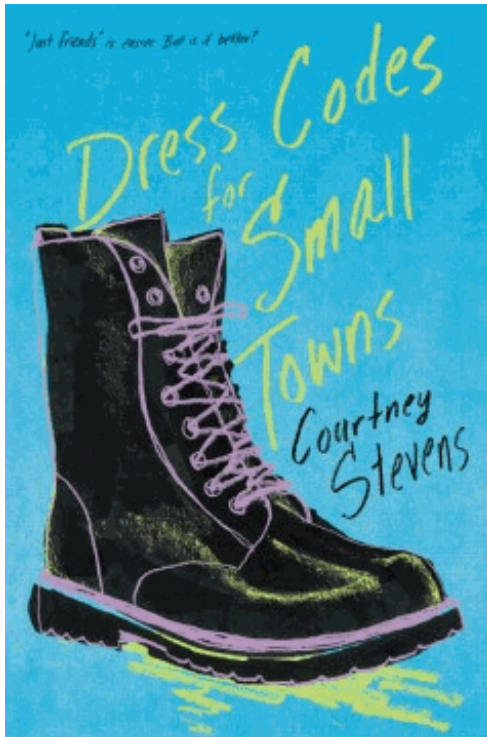


# DRESS CODES FOR SMALL TOWNS



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## Summary of Concerns:

The book contains sexual activities; sexuality alternate genders ideologies; and profanity.

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**Teen Guidance**  
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Page	Content
46	Right now, I'm dressed as a dude. ..."This fluid thing you have going is a thing of substance."
63	"You want me to find a country girl to have sex with?"
79	Out there, I might be straight or gay or bi...or anything. Out there, I choose. No one cares whether I wear jeans or dresses. It'll feel like jumping in a coffee shop to a song called "I Cannot Be Contained."
122	...and both of them missed my sexuality or gender or both by a mile.
131	...I was thinking the same thing when you let Woods put me on the guy's side...
152	Daddy, I'm Atreyu. Those words are hazy, but I do remember the words that followed: "Elizabeth, Atreyu is a boy. You are a girl."
163	But I am the girl-who-isn't-a-guy who lives perpetually on the guy's side. A brother, a dude, a...
172	"No," Dad asserts. "I'm asking if Davey Winters is sexually fluid." ...Sexually fluid? ..."...they all say your generation doesn't care to define sexuality." ..."There's a whole alphabet of letters. L-G-B-T-Q-I-A-B-C-D-"
178	That sex dream. My first sex dream. My first sex anything. And...I was a guy. And...I was with Janie Lee. ...Morning doesn't care about my sexuality.
179	According to "experts" I am starved for intimacy and have a "masculine mind-set."
180	...had a sex dream where I was a guy.
184	"Thinking of yourself as boyish is one thing, but your friends assigned you a gender- without asking- and that flayed you. If I had to speculate, you're actually upset because you believe they should know you well enough to avoid such an error. Which isn't totally fair to you or them. Gender, sexuality, fluidity: those areas require stumbling around in the dark, feeling, and bumping into things..."
185	Maybe, when it comes to sexuality, my foregone conclusions are not all that foregone. Sometimes tomboys are gay. Sometimes they're not. I wonder which kind of tomboy I am or if there is room to not know until later.
186	"And do you think you're not overly excited about the Corn Dolly because you're wrestling with what it means to be a girl?"
277	"...'Hey homos,' I heard them, but I knew I wasn't gay. I'd...well, I'd given it my best go, and I still liked girls. He liked girls too. And boys. And anyone who made him feel deeply..."
284	"Are you straight, B?" "I'm complicated," I answer
326	Two boys dancing. Two girls dancing. No one cares.

Profanity	Count
Bitch	4
Fuck	4
Piss	3
Shit	11