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Groups Discussions Quotes Ask the Author Living as he does in Melbourne's Orthodox Jewish community, he has a lot to hide. When nonreligious rebel Josh turns up at school, Yossi is asked to look after him, and while Yossi educates Josh on the ancient traditions of their race, Josh does some educating of his own. Through their relationship, Yossi learns to see the laws of Judaism in a very new light. But when he and Josh are caught kissing in the bathhouse, Yossi's life takes on a dramatic new turn, and he can ignore his new reality no longer. For lovers of Melbourne, drama, and romance, and for anyone who remembers teenage or thwarted love, this is a pageturner. To see what your friends thought of this book, He attends Beth Dovid high school and is among their most spiritual and dedicated students. Yossi is also gay, and would give just about anything not to be. He attends Beth Dovid high school and is among their most spiritual and dedicated students. Yossi is also gay, and would give just about anything not to be. But Josh has his own troubles at home, and isn't particularly interested in the spiritual side of education, and can't fathom why Yossi is so preoccupied with it. It's been a topic of discussion in the YA world for a while now that the way gay characters are being written is changing for the better. He lives in a mostly Jewish suburb of Melbourne, and his father is likewise a very devout man. I'd lived in this house my entire life. I belonged here. My place was amongst Jews, keeping alive traditions that were centuries old. I couldn't imagine a life where each day bled into the next with nothing more to punctuate existence but payday and a piss up on the weekend. A life with no God, no holy days, no prayers, no significance to food or clothing. <http://www.020yibao.com/baige/images/userfiles/dm-1200tev-user-manual.xml>

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It's no wonder then, that when Yossi can no longer deny his homosexuality he has to start soulsearching and trying to figure out where his faith and sexuality intersect. Neither being gay nor being religious are choices for me. I've been both for my whole life.' I loved this book on all fronts. And I especially loved Glasman writing about Judaism, letting readers into this world that many won't be familiar with. I particularly enjoyed reading the rigors and rituals because it was Glasman establishing just what Yossi is up against in grappling with his homosexuality; I knew that there was only sin in acting on my impulses, not simply in being the way I was. And yet, just having these terrible feelings made me feel like less of a Jew. And this is the other reason I loved the book. All of a sudden you are being judged for what you do in the bedroom. But Judaism sees sex as a private thing between the two people involved, and God.' Glasman really highlighted a parallel for me too, between Yossi's accepting his homosexuality alongside his faith, and his becoming a young adult who thinks critically and independently instead of letting school, religion and family do the thinking for him. I also loved the character of Josh, whose presence in Yossi's life is really part of the impetus for his questioning everything around him. Here is a gutsy comingofage story that tackles internal and external battles of faith and sexuality with infinite tenderness and witty aplomb. Trust me when I say you should meet Yossi, and keep an eye on Eli Glasman. Although it's aimed primarily at young adult readers, older readers will also find it a substantial read. This is primarily due it's setting in the Melbourne Jewish Orthodox community which provides a fascinating backdrop. Many readers are likely to learn a great deal about the strict cultural traditions and rules Orthodox Jews are supposed to adhere to. <http://davcpundri.com/css/dm-20-olympus-manual.xml>

When the book opens, teenager Yossi is trying to rid himself of his gay feelings by following the advice of a Rabbi advocating conversion therapy on the internet. It's not working. But Yossi's perspective begins to change when he encounters Josh, a new student at his school. Josh is not only very haphazard in his religious devotion. This not only provokes a Uturn in Yossi's sexual awakening but also charges an attraction to Josh. The novel is almost perfectly judged and executed. The only qualm is that Yossi's selfconfidence with his sexuality develops too fast, and although it provides a lovely climactic scene for the book, it's not entirely realistic. This contrasts with the rest of the book, and in particular with the scene where Yossi comes out to sister and father. Just as Jeanette Winterson provided a very unique view of an unusual coming of age in her first novel *Oranges are not the Only Fruit*, Eli Glasman has achieved something similar by tapping creatively into his experiences. It is a wonderful story, well written, with a real insight into a young guys thoughts. I loved it. Nancy Gardens blurb says it all, The journey of a gay Orthodox Jewish boy towards his own religious, spiritual, and sexual truth a poignant, courageous, thoughtprovoking and sweet comingout story. There's no preaching about Judaism or any shoving of Yossis sexuality down your throat everything is done respectfully to both communities. Instead of disregarding aspects There's no preaching about Judaism or any shoving of Yossis sexuality down your throat everything is done respectfully to both communities.

Instead of disregarding aspects of the Jewish culture, *The Boys Own Manual to Being a Proper Jew* teaches you but also subtly questions elements of the religion, the errors of conformity and the freedom inherent in individuality. At 170 or so pages this book is a quick read and its straighttothepoint plot helps. I've mentally given it a good 3.5 the shining feature was definitely Yossis character, who was one of the most genuinely kind protagonists I've ever read. Reading about Orthodox Judaism and all its traditions was really interesting, too. There is a definite empathy there as Glasman writes in the first person, chatting to the reader as if they were sitting on the opposite side of the table. This book speaks to all those reconciling sexuality, spirituality, culture, family, and finding the space in between. To view it, The ending, for me, was a HUGE disappointment. I was very disappointed in that. I would like to have seen the characters get together in the end. The ending, for me, was a HUGE disappointment. I would like to have seen the characters get together in the end. I loved everything thing else. I loved the entire story leading up to the end, although I didn't like the ending, It was very rich with cultural information about the orthodox Jewish life. The character's are very believable Me working within a Jewish community I see a lot of these things although I don't work in an orthodox community and that was a very interesting part. I didn't know a whole lot about the orthodox Jewish life and so its interesting to hear how different they live compared to their more reformed counterparts. I found it an interesting jump with Josh coming from a nonJewish background and his mother converting. I found that to be really interesting and a great plot point. He has that respectfulness of others while not believing what they believe and I really respect that about him. All in All its a pretty good book. I was just HUGELY HUGELY disappointed with the ending.

I wish he would rewrite the ending and make it not so rushed and that the boys would have gotten together especially after all that trouble with yossis dad and sister. They kind of deserved to be together after that. However, I still would recommend it and I think it is a good read anyway. This book tells the story of 17 year old Yossi, whos Orthodox Jewish and struggling to accept that hes gay. Yossis entire life revolves around religion, and the idea that being his true self would mean giving that up is basically killing him. The sense of community that comes through the book was fabulous. The book is set in Melbourne, more specifically in Caulfield, and so its not surprising that Jewish culture and society comes through so stro This book tells the story of 17 year old Yossi, whos Orthodox Jewish and struggling to accept that hes gay. The book is set in Melbourne, more specifically in Caulfield, and so its not surprising that Jewish culture and society comes through so

strongly when the entire story takes place in Caulfield. I think ultimately I liked the character of Josh more than I liked Yossi. Hes very open about his past and his bisexuality, and despite not being especially religious, he quickly understands the struggle that Yossis going through in trying to balance his sexuality and his religion. Its through Josh that Yossi comes to understand that there are LGBTQIA people in the Jewish community, and that his entire life doesnt HAVE to be turned upside down by his big secret. So those made the story quite hard to read at times. On the whole, I enjoyed this but the ending felt incredibly abrupt, and Joshs character basically disappeared in the last 40 or so pages. It was almost like hed served his purpose in helping Yossi accept his sexuality, and therefore he wasnt needed any more. So that was strange. I had such high expectations of it, and it exceeded all of them.

Last night I started reading, and only stopped when my eyes couldnt be forced to stay open any longer. The second I woke up this morning I reached for my phone, opened the Kindle app and kept on reading where I left off last night. Eli Glasman has written such an important book, and it is one that will stay with me for a very long time. The insight he gives into I had such high expectations of it, and it exceeded all of them. The insight he gives into the life of an orthodox Jew is one like I have never experienced before. As a reader and an atheist with Jewish blood in my veins I felt the pain Yossi felt, but also the happiness and finally the relief. This book made me smile and it made me cry, but most of all it truly opened my eyes to how difficult it must be for the individuals who go through what Yossi did. My hope is that one day no individual, regardless of their religion, wont ever have to have the fears he did. This is a book I would recommend to everyone, but especially to the teachers in every school that teach religion in some way, shape or form this needs to be a part of your curriculum. I did find the ending a little abrupt, but thats probably my only complaint. I read a lot of contemporary since its my favourite genre, but sometimes they can start to feel repetitive, lacking the original characters that I crave. That was not the case. Its a relatively short book 170 pages in length but its diverse, well written and I really came to care about Yossi as a character. I did find the ending a little abrupt, but thats probably my only complaint. That was not the case here at all and was a refreshingly good read, that tugged at my heartstrings. Yossi is Jewishborn and gay, struggling with his sexuality and worries how that will affect his religion and community, yet keeps this all bottled up, with no one to share this with.

Hence why hes squashed these feeling down, until Josh comes on the scene and makes Yossi question things and starts to embrace who he is. Its not hard to feel for Yossi and wish him all the best. Books like this are why diverse books are so important. Diverse characters and stories, offer light and hope to those who dont see themselves represented, along with offering narratives that can open eyes and spark empathy. It tells the story of Yossi, a young man growing up in the Jewish Orthodox community of Caulfield who is coming to terms with the fact that hes gay. Its full of heart and humour and is loaded with atmosphere. Which is just about the only way I can explain it. For 200 pages or so youre immersed in the world of Yossis internal and external worlds, and his depiction of the bagel belt is worth the read alone. Cant wait for lots of people to read it. The book started with too much info dumping. I ended up not retaining much of the Jewish cultural information that I had look forward to learning about. The most dramatic scene of the book was very good but could have been brought forward earlier in the story. More of the book should have been devoted to the aftermath instead of how the story concluded, fizzled out. This is an important book for its target audience. Thank you for writing it. It was a fast read. The bits about Jewish Law were kind of boring for me since it was just rehashing stuff I knew but the story is decent. I imagine this kind of stuff would be more interesting to someone completely new to Orthodox Judaism. My main gripe is that the ending felt a bit rushed. Also, is was a little jolting that the characters swore so much, even the very religious ones. It didnt

feel realistic to me.

It was a fast read. The bits about Jewish Law were kind of boring for me since it was just rehashing stuff I knew but the story is decent. It didn't feel realistic to me. But maybe Melbournian Orthodox Jews swear more than Charedi British ones. I strongly recommend this to any LGBTQIA person. It is also a darn good read. I started it on the train on the way home after buying it. Had it read before I went to bed. The story follows Yossi and his struggle between his religion and his sexuality. Debut novelist Eli Glasman has done really well with the structure as well as demystifying Jewish culture for readers like me, who know very little. I would recommend for 15-16 yr olds as there is a little bit of heavy petting. It offers an interesting perspective, a teenage boy living in a Jewish Orthodox area struggling with his sexuality. I found the religious aspect of the novel fascinating, I really enjoyed learning about the different religious rituals and beliefs in a way I'd never considered before. To view it, it is a window into the world of Orthodox Judaism, and also into the challenges of coming out as a young gay person. Highly recommended. I identify so strongly. Also really interesting because it gives you an insider look at a different type of life. Learned so much about orthodox Jews. I wish it was five times longer, so I could get really absorbed into the story. But the author is able to explain it so you do not get lost as a non-jew. This book will be a very encouraging book for young Jews who were ever been lost and confused of their sexuality. But once Glasman moves into the angst of his quandary I found it very authentic and moving. Relevant to many teenagers regardless of which religion they follow. I look forward to more books by Eli! It gave me all the feels expected to be felt when reading. Haha. There are no discussion topics on this book yet. He studied creative writing at the University of Melbourne, where he completed his Honours degree.

The Boy's Own Manual to Being a Proper Jew is his first novel. Used GoodA book of this grade is generally well kept and is in good shape to read and store. Sturdy spine, all pages intact physically. Solid cover. Might have acceptable shelf wear. Might, rarely, have very limited notes. Ship immediately. We strive for your highest satisfaction or refund. Something we hope you'll especially enjoy. FBA items qualify for FREE Shipping and Amazon Prime. Learn more about the program. Please try again. Please try again. Please try your request again later. Told in the author's usual straightforward, funny, favorite aunt style, The Guy Book delivers sound information and useful advice for boys preparing to go through, or in the midst of, puberty. Boys will find specific information on a variety of subjects, from getting rid of acne to buying birth control to finding help for depression. Answering questions that are too embarrassing to ask, dealing with guy basics like tying a tie, being a good friend, and essential dating dos and don'ts, this is a must-have for boys who want to get the facts, be in control, and learn how to make informed choices. Then you can start reading Kindle books on your smartphone, tablet, or computer no Kindle device required. In order to navigate out of this carousel please use your heading shortcut key to navigate to the next or previous heading. In order to navigate out of this carousel please use your heading shortcut key to navigate to the next or previous heading. Register a free business account. On the other hand, Jukes encourages readers throughout to talk to friends and caring, responsible adults, and offers guy-appropriate lingo and tips to help facilitate tough situations. Don't fret, girls! Jukes is also the author of Its a Girl Thing How to Stay Healthy, Safe, and in Charge. Ages 13 and older. Emilie Coulter. Honest talk about the opposite sex and tips on respectful behavior plus a discussion about homosexuality and homophobia are included.

The absence of anatomical diagrams may reduce readers' embarrassment and focus their attention on the text. The author also discusses a basic wardrobe, slow dancing, and appropriate ways to get noticed by girls. Nearly every chapter encourages readers to discuss problems with their parents, counselors, doctors, and other medical practitioners. This solid addition to the genre provides frank information in a creative way. Vicki Reutter, Cazenovia High School, NY Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. In a jokey premise that will appeal to teens, the book follows the format of

a car owners manual with a retro look. Featuring blackandwhite photographs, mostly from the fifties and early sixties, the format is reminiscent of the movies shown in health classes throughout America in past decades. Much of the book covers matters related to sexual maturity, sexually transmitted diseases, birth control, and dating. However, basic facts on shaving, doing laundry, and picking out clothes are also mentioned, and there is a chapter on womens health and hygiene issues mysteries to many young males. Much of this information is available in other sources, but the added sense of fun will make this a first choice for a lot of young men. All rights reserved Boys will find specific information on a variety of subjects, from getting rid of acne to buying birth control to finding help for depression. Answering questions that are too embarrassing to ask, dealing with guybasics like tying a tie, being a good friend, and essential dating dos and donts, this is a musthave for boys who want to get the facts, be in control, and learn how to make informed choices. She lives and works with her husband, artist Robert Hudson, on a ranch in northern California. Testes have dual functions they produce reproductive cells sperm, and they secrete the sex hormone testosterone.

Your reproductive system also includes accessory reproductive organs a system of ducts that store and carry sperm, and glands that line and empty into these ducts. The penis has more than one purpose and more than one function. The role of the penis in the reproductive system is to distribute sperm. Its also an organ of excretion you pee out of it. The penis has another important function producing intense physical pleasure. This is the most sensitive part to touch. The glans is covered by a retractable layer of skin called the foreskin. Some boys are circumcised at birrhwhich is when the foreskin is surgically removed. Circumcision is sometimes performed for religious reasons. In terms of appearance, its considered fine to be circumcised or fine to be left intact. For one thing, routine circumcision of infants is no longer advised for prevention of penis cancer. Penis cancer Dont worry, young boys dont get this. Neither is it considered necessary for prevention of infection. Keeping an intact penis clean is easily accomplished by gently pulling back the foreskin and washing under and around it with soap and water. This prevents smegma, the white substance secreted by the glans from getting trapped behind the foreskin and causing infection. There medial reasons for circumcision in some cases, though. It may be recommended if a guys foreskin is uncomfortably tight or too big to be moved down over the glans. Circumcision surgery is relatively simple and straightforward, and it need not be a cause of concern if it becomes necessary. However, it does require surgery for an older child or a man. The rest of the penis is called the shaft. The structure of the penis and the blood flow to and from the tissue inside it erectile tissue allow the penis to become temporarily rigid at times. This is called having an erection. Boys get erections throughout their lives, starting when they are babies. However, erections take on new meaning during puberty see page 11.

The testes hang down in a pouch of skin called the scrotum. One ball is called a testis. The scrotum is internally divided into two sacs one for each testis. The testesand scrotum combo is often referred to as testicles. A couple of months before the birth of a mate baby, his testes descend nto h, s scrotum. They drop down from his abdomen, where they are formed. Sometimes a testis doesnt descend. It just stays up in the abdomen or only comes partway down. If you have an undescended testis or partly descended testis, make an appointment to talk to your doctor about it. He or she may recommend correcting this with hormone treatment or surgery. **OUTSTANDING DESIGN FEATURES** Cooling Features Sperm more about them on page 11 are manufactured at a lower temperature than the internal temperature of the body. Air circulating around the scrotum keeps the testes cooler. Also, theres a heatexchange setup in the blood vessels that supply the testes a cooling system. Heat Regulation The scrotum is capable of relaxing and tightening up. When its chilly out, it pulls the testes as close as possible to the bodywhere they can warm up. When its hot out, the scrotum gets all soft and droopy so that the testes can kind of swing in the breezeto cool off. This design isnt just to keep the testes at the absolute optimum temperature for sperm formation. The

testes are unprotected by muscle or bone. This is risky, considering how important they are. To make the best of the situation, the scrotum tightens when a guy feels fear, drawing his testes closer to his body, where they will be safer if there is a confrontation. It can also tighten when a guy feels nervous, and it tightens during sex. One testis is usually a little bit bigger than the other. Both are carefully located in the scrotum so that one hangs lower than the other, usually the left one. This way, they aren't in a position to crush each other as a guy goes about an active daily life that involves running, for instance.

CONTROL PANELS Hormones Hormones are part of a communication system called the endocrine system. They are chemicals secreted by various organs of the body, including the brain, heart, kidneys, liver, thyroid gland, and testes. Hormones act like tiny messengers, circulating through the bloodstream and giving signals to cells to make changes that affect everything from brain development to kidney function. Even though hormones are carried by the blood throughout the entire body and reach all the body's tissues, hormones are very specific as to which cells they influence. Sex hormones are present in both males and females, and reproductive functions are largely controlled by them. Males and females share some of the same sex hormones. The main male sex hormone is testosterone. It's secreted in the testes by Leydig cells, which are located in connective tissue spaces between the tubules where sperm are formed. Testosterone is famous for contributing to a boy's attraction to action. It enables guys to have the energy and concentration to perform well in a variety of situations. Testosterone triggers many of the changes associated with puberty. It tells a guy's reproductive sex organs how and when to develop. Secondary sexual characteristics aren't directly involved in reproduction, but they make up the many differences between male and female bodies. Testosterone influences the development of these characteristics. Among other things, it deepens the voice, increases lean muscle mass, cuts down on body fat, increases bone density and growth, and triggers the growth of facial hair. It also increases sex drive and libido. If you are a seller for this product, would you like to suggest updates through seller support? Amazon calculates a product's star ratings based on a machine learned model instead of a raw data average.

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krislyn 5.0 out of 5 stars It introduced everything I wanted to talk to him about and a lot of things I had never even thought of. Yes, the author deals directly with sex, fantasies and even touches on group masturbation. She DOES NOT condone the behavior. She simply states that it is known to happen and talks about how a boy should deal with the situation should he be approached by a friend, of the same age group, and he is uncomfortable. She also talks about what he should do if he is ever approached by someone older or a relative. She makes it very clear that this behavior is not ok and should be reported. The author also talks about fantasies. Young boys are known to fantasize. It is no secret that occasionally they find themselves attracted to a related female or male!!, either older or the same age. This is not a new phenomenon ever heard of the Oedipus Complex. The author makes it very clear that, while a temporary crush or even a fantasy is normal, acting on the feelings is absolutely not. She explains in no uncertain terms that incest is illegal and never ok. The book deals directly with the act of sex, what it is and why we do it. She describes all methods of birth control as well as abortion. Again, she never condones any behaviors. She simply states the facts in a way a teenage boy can understand. There is also an entire section on the emotional and physical consequences of having sex before you are ready. The author talks about STDs, unwanted pregnancies and the emotional turmoil that can accompany having sex before you are ready. She explains that, even though someone's body may be mature enough to have sex, their mind may not be. She reminds the reader that he is still a child, but she does so in a way that is well received even by teenagers.

She gives boys good, solid advice on dealing with girls and how he should behave around her and around her parents. She is upfront about the importance of respecting not only others, but yourself. If you are an ultraconservative parent who does not want your child to know anything about sex or birth control, you should probably look elsewhere. Yes, the author treats homosexuality as a natural part of life. If your beliefs vary, this is not the book for you. If you are a lessconservative or liberal parent who understands that teenagers will be teenagers and will make their own choices in life and you simply want to arm your child with the knowledge he needs to make smart decisions, it doesnt get any better than this book. He admitted it shed some light on some things he had never even thought about and answered a couple of questions he was just too embarrassed to ask. There are some things in there I never would have thought of and many things I have thought of, but didnt know a good way to say. Even if I didnt give the book to my son just the mere fact I read it and my husband reads it is tremendously helpful. The topics are widerangingnot just things of a what is happening to your body but also the WHY of what is happening and HOW to take care of yourself. Also, how NORMAL many differences are. Yes acne sucks, but if you understand why its happening it helps. This is a nonexhaustive list but it gives you an idea. I have read some of the other reviews regarding content. Some might be controversial in some families of coursewhether its the topics on fighting, homosexuality, piercings, abortion or whatever. I did not find anything too preachy per se from my point of view, though I can see how some topics do call for parental discussions. Definitely topics for discussion. Its our job to teach our children how to grow up and be adults and this book takes some of the most difficult topics and makes them more approachable.