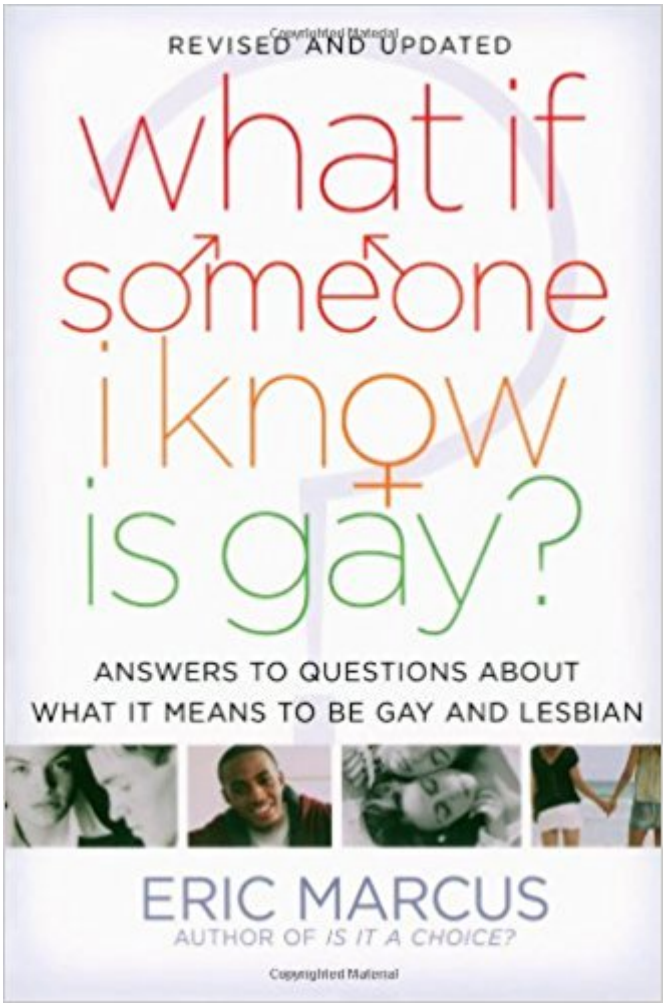
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# What If Someone I Know Is Gay?: Answers To Questions About What It Means To Be Gay And Lesbian




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## Synopsis

if you think your friend is a lesbian, can you ask her?  how do people become gay?  is it a sin? is it a choice?  No question goes unanswered in this important book about being gay. All the basics -- and not-so-basics -- are covered in more than one hundred questions asked by real teens just like you. So the answers contain all the info you want to know. And just in case you feel like sharing, there's a new "parents only" chapter to clue them in too.  Expert Eric Marcus has fully updated and revised this essential guide for today's readers. He candidly and clearly pushes aside the myths and misinformation about being gay and lesbian, answering all the questions that are on your mind.

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Grade 7-10-Marcus's question-and-answer book "about gay stuff for young people" is similar to his popular book for adults, Is It a Choice? Answers to 300 of the Most Frequently Asked Questions about Gay and Lesbian People (HarperCollins, 1999). The author provides useful information and anecdotes on many issues concerning friends and family, dating, sex, religion, school, activism, and discrimination. However, while the book is generally informative and positive in its approach, its title makes the audience somewhat ambiguous. It suggests that the book is intended for heterosexuals who have a gay/lesbian friend or family member, but many of the questions seem to come from gay teens themselves, e.g., "I have a crush on my friend. Can I tell him/her?" or "I'm gay and I'd like to tell my friends, but I'm afraid to. What should I do?" There is also a problem with the reading level versus the content level. While the information seems most appropriate for high school students, the tone is often condescending to teens. Nonetheless, the book is to be commended for its positive

approach and for its currency.Betty S. Evans, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 7-12. Following his previous books on the subject, openly gay writer Marcus received a barrage of questions from young readers curious to understand their own feelings or the experiences of others. In response, he offers a detailed, reader-friendly, question-and-answer book that covers many topics, shatters myths, and affirms quite honorably the dignity of all people. He holds forth on everything from sexual feelings, dating, sex, and marriage to religion, activism, and discrimination. His explanations are helpful, forthright, and simple enough for some older middle-school readers. Only in the chapter on sex, where he talks briefly about heterosexual and gay sex, is there information that might require librarians to use discretion where younger patrons are concerned. Beyond that, however, Marcus provides the clarity and support that many readers, gay or straight, need. Roger LeslieCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book can help people understand the struggles LGBT people and families have with following their conscience and sometimes being at odds with local church acceptance. It is written with great sensitivity and offers many resources to continue study of the topic.

Eric Marcus has written this wonderful book for middle and early high school kids about homosexuality. Written in a question and answer format in larger print, this book tells the TRUTH to kids who might be questioning their sexuality, or might have a gay friend or family member, or are bigoted about gays. For older kids and adults, read Eric’s book, "Is It a Choice?" It covers the same territory but in greater depth.Homosexuality is usually not discussed at a middle school level, although children can sense sexual identity differences at this age between themselves and others. This often leads to shunning, confusion, prejudice, bullying, harassment and beatings. Some gay kids even have urine and feces thrown at them or are spit upon. If you condone or excuse this behavior you become part of the problem of gay harassment and hateful behavior.The best way to avoid negative, bigoted behavior toward gays is to be proactive: buy this book for your child, your church, school, and home library. Homosexuality is a normal, natural expression of human sexuality. Let’s take the lid off the pressure cooker of bigotry and become lesbigay advocates for all children everywhere. All straight, gay and questioning kids need this book’s truth desperately. I

highly recommend it as an educator and Lutheran church librarian.

It’s thorough, honest, easy to read, and appropriate for teens and even pre-teens. Everyone should read this book before they formulate their opinions about gay people.

And love it. My brother and his friend looked at it questioningly, but whatever. It’s excellent. It has like, a hundred questions and they all have detailed answers. I love it!

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