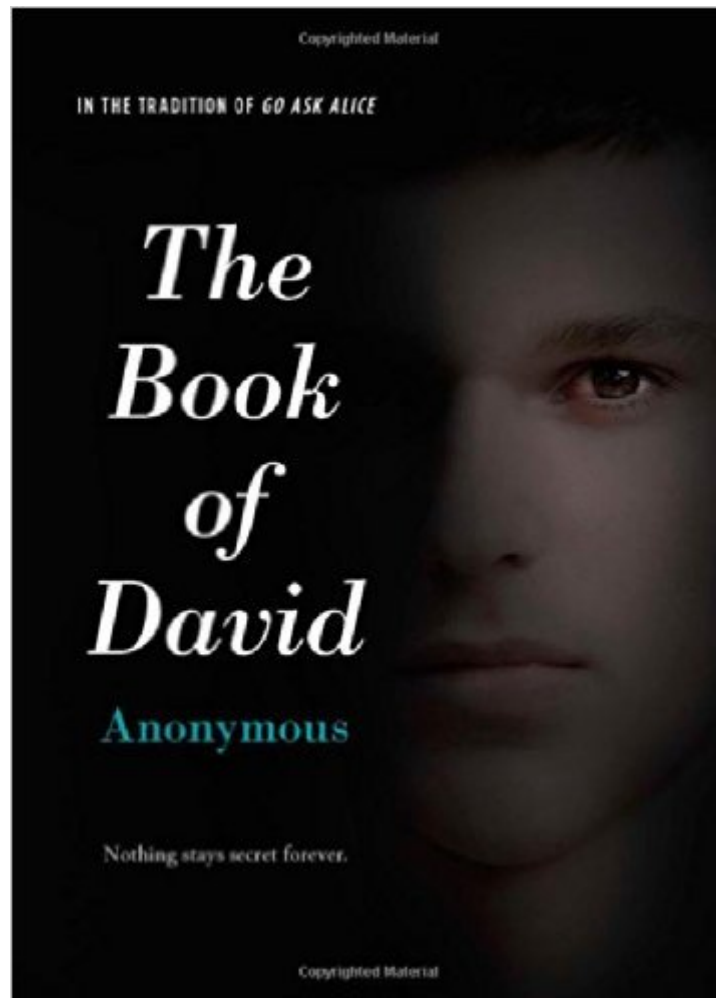


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The Book Of David



Synopsis

His secret is his downfall. A riveting, first-person tale in the tradition of *Go Ask Alice* and *Lucy in the Sky*. The author of this fictional diary began writing for a class assignment, but soon it became much more to him. As the star player of his high school football team, he faces a lot of pressure and expectation. Not to mention the secret that he's harboring inside. The secret that could change everything. And as David quickly learns, nothing stays secret forever. His innermost thoughts and feelings are chronicled in the diary he left behind.

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Customer Reviews

3.5 of 5 Captain of the football team, David has feelings for Jon, the new guy in school, feelings he doesn't understand. He can't be gay though, because his girlfriend is head cheerleader. Plus his parents and church think homosexuality is a sin that can be cured. David and Jon are becoming closer, but can they ever be more than friends who steal knowing glances and smiles? *THE BOOK OF DAVID*, like other fictionalized books by "Anonymous" is written in journal form. While better than some of the other books by "Anonymous", this novel is filled with stereotypes. The Jock who can't have these feelings, because jocks aren't gay. The Theater Geek, hello musicals. Homophobia in the locker room. Homophobic parents, though lacking the mother who gets it. Another Gay Athlete to show The Jock you can be gay and a jock. Fortunately there are non stereotypical characters too, teachers, classmates, and coaches at the high school and college level. While the plot and characters are fairly standard, I would still recommend *THE BOOK OF DAVID* to middle and high

school kids, their parents and coaches.

"The Book of David" was David's secret journal. David slowly fell in love with Jon. David was confused about being gay through most of his journal. I think the story took place near California. The story was from David's point of view. This book made me feel exhilarated. I love how David explained how he felt when he was with Jon. He felt amazing and he was truly in love. I kept wondering what was going to happen next in the story and what was going to happen at the end. I thought David was going to die at the end. There was the first journal that the main character did not die at the end. Something significant happened at the end, but I was relieved that David did not die. I loved every aspect of this book. Obviously this was not David's journal word for word. The book was too similar to a story than a journal. I loved it though.

I purchased this book for my friend who is currently a guest of the Federal Government, he called to tell me he loved it and cried his eyes out and it is now being passed around the accommodations. Excellent Read exact quote

I loved this book!!! It came in amazing condition too!! just graduated high school and this book is everything I could have ever asked for. I ordered it a while back but I've finally finished reading it. I love these anonymous books (like Go Ask Alice). I'm planning on ordering Letting Ana Go soon. I'm in love with these and I can't put them down!

THE BOOK OF DAVID, a novel written by an anonymous diarist, is one of the most eye-opening books I have recently read. The diarist, whose name is kept secret, manages an esteemed and "golden" life, complete with football scholarships, a varsity-cheerleader girlfriend, a best friend named Tyler with whom he can clown around and a God-loving family. He only lacks verbal confirmation from God for a straight ticket to Heaven. Despite all of this, the diarist is still dissatisfied with himself and his surroundings due to a monumental secret: he is gay. The diarist only begins to recognize this about himself when a new kid named Jon moves to the small town in Arkansas in which this book is set. Jon awakens feelings of lust and love in the diarist, and makes it impossible for him to suppress the attraction to boys he has denied since second grade. As Jon and the diarist begin a complicated relationship, the diarist journals his feelings about being gay and experiencing both peer pressure and internal conflict, and in doing so he ultimately records the process of finding himself. I am glad to have read THE BOOK OF DAVID, because although I know gay people, never

before have I been forced to so intensely study the process of struggling with one's sexuality. The diarist records his every thought, as the book is written almost in a stream-of-consciousness fashion, so the reader experiences his happiness and pain very potently and comes to understand him. It is because of this book that I better fathom the struggle of being LGBTQ amongst judgmental people. Readers who enjoyed reading GO ASK ALICE will also appreciate THE BOOK OF DAVID, as the novels are written in a similar form. Reviewed by Cadyn D., Teen Board Member.

It would appear David has it all. Star on the football field alongside his best friend Tyler, dating a cheerleader and deciding which athletic scholarship to accept from the dozens being offered. Except David is secretly gay and Tyler hates gays. David's girlfriend introduces him to their new classmate, Jon, at David's 18th birthday keg party. From there the two boys experiment with their sexual awakening. Tyler is jealous of this new friendship and is determined to destroy it in the most publicly humiliating way possible. As a result, David and Jon become the targets of extreme bullying. The book is written in the format of a class project personal diary. David's innermost thoughts and feelings are all dangerously written on these pages. Note: The sex scenes are pretty explicit. Teenage drinking is also portrayed. The novel includes 3 internet resources for gay, lesbian and straight youth ages 13-24. Trained counselors can answer questions free & confidentially.

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