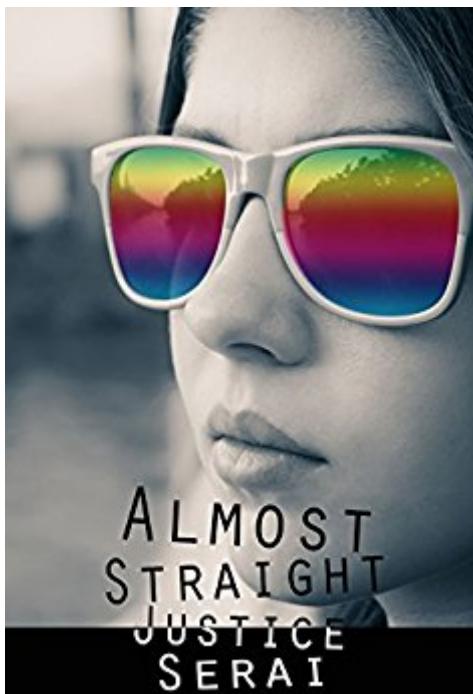


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# Almost Straight



## Synopsis

I started my junior year of high school knowing three definite things: I believed in God. Good grades were the key to my future. And I wanted a boy to take me to prom. Then Liv happened. The way her eyes smiled when she watched me made my stomach do somersaults. Mysterious and flirty, she inspired me to question things about myself I took for granted. People seem to think certain traits are engrained in you from the moment you're born. Personality, special talents, sexual identity, things like that. But what if some things aren't so black and white? What would people say if they knew Audrey, the good church girl, was actually...almost straight?

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## Customer Reviews

Almost Straight is the first book I've read from this author and it makes me want to read more of her work. The story felt authentic and was approached in a very thoughtful and nuanced way. The characters were given room to be round and dynamic, even the "bad guys" of the story, and no one was presented as a caricature. I thought the author had a captivating voice that captured the main character's emotional struggles and felt real. Overall good read.

When I started this book, I thought it was going to be a stereotypical look at homosexuality as seen from the evangelical Christian viewpoint (which I abhor). I was wrong. It turned out to be much more. Yes, those stereotypes were presented, but so was the other side. Some people didn't care who loved who, and some Christians in the story believed more in God's love than in the hate spewed from an old book. Some people were able to change and be accepting because they loved the characters of the girls in the book, and some people still hated. That's pretty much the world right now. Audrey is a typical sixteen-year-old when the book starts. She has a boyfriend and dreams of going to the prom. Then Liv comes into her life and she doesn't understand the feelings she has for her. I think that is normal for any teenage relationship. It's all new territory. Audrey is confused, convinced she's going to hell, and worried about what her parents will do, but she can't deny that she loves Liv. It feels real. The author must remember what it's like to be a teenage girl. "Love is love", she says in the book, and it is. The relationship between Audrey and Liv is depicted as any teenage relationship with its ups and downs, idealism, and crashes. Theirs is not a gay love. It's just love. I thought it was a beautiful story. The author made it clear that being gay was not a choice, but also that Audrey could just have been swept off her feet and could end up loving boys again. Teenage relationships are rarely long-lasting and Audrey has a whole lifetime of experiences ahead of her. I think parents with gay kids would find this book useful, especially devout Christians. This book will show them the pain their prejudice causes their kids and they can see the way the parents in the book dealt with it. Gay teens would probably read this book to feel normal, to have their feelings validated, and confused teens would see they are not alone. "Love is love". That's all that matters.

What can I say, this is my favorite genre and this was an amazing book. I don't care for all the religious stuff one bit and it's difficult to relate to for someone from secular Europe, which usually brings it down for me.. but the way the chemistry between the main characters was presented was top notch. This book hit all the right buttons for me, and I felt like I was right there with her as she fell in love for the first time.

Took me about a day to finish it but I really enjoyed it, it was like traveling in time to my time in high school and wonder what it could have been like to come out then and instead faking it like I did

Change is scary, being different in high school is a death sentence... but being true & open - that's

what this book teaches us .

I found this book to be very engaging, and quite a positive influence on the lgbt community. Very well done.

First book I've read by this author. High-interest reading and wasn't disappointed. Will be reading more books by this author

Its was a good read very good for a teenager about how to deal with a coming out in general.

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