

Just a Boy

by R. W. Clinger

Harrington Park Press, Binghamton, NY

“It was my first kiss; it felt normal.”

This thought by Jove Tyler occurs about halfway through this story of a high school senior jock’s first gay encounter. It says more than any other part of the book. For a gay teen who has been fighting his natural inclination for years, this is a revelation.

Jove’s coming out journey reflects the many fears of feeling different while striving to maintain established friendships. We all play roles in our lives, but suppressing our sexuality during our teen years is a truly difficult challenge. Imagine, if you can, the stress of pretending sexual attraction to the “wrong” gender (for you) all day, every day, amongst your closest friends and contemporaries.

Jove’s life is complicated by a female classmate’s attraction to him and his own attraction to his oldest friend – and next door neighbor. Just a Boy blends Jove’s ordinary everyday activities with his absolute knowledge that he is gay. Still in the closet, he is appalled when another friend “outs” Jove’s next-door neighbor. Jove’s friendship is tested, and he comes up with a truly innovative way to combat this growing rumor.

This would be an excellent choice for inclusion in a high school or public library.

*Reviewed by Dave Parker,
President, PFLAG Transgender Network*

Please send this other Haworth title as my complimentary copy when it is published.

When a Transgender Spouse (or Partner) Comes Out (tent.)

Arlene Istar Lev, LCSW, CASAC



Hard Cover ISBN
978-1-56023-627-6
(1-56023-627-2)

Soft Cover ISBN
978-1-56023-628-3
(1-56023-628-0)