



A conversation between a teen gay and his mum.

TEEN QUEERIES author Gaye Dell, has published 11 other books for young people, (www.gayedell.com); it turns out her son is gay. She and son Lucas, decided to share the experiences and questions that have resulted from their journey together. The conversations were taken from a span of around eight years, so some are quite naive and others...well, not.

Gaye and Lucas, put some tricky topics on the table addressing them openly and honestly. The book answers some very personal and potentially embarrassing questions with a positive sensitivity and a good dose of common sense. The book is not only for teens dealing with the possibility of being gay, it is also for other young people going through puberty where there seems to be an inbuilt curiosity about homosexuality and experimentation with same gender sex is not unusual. In any case, TEEN QUEERIES will prove to be an informative, interesting read for teens, their parents, friends, teachers, coaches and anyone else who has a teen queerie in their life...and for those of us that are just curious.

EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

If I know someone is gay, should I out them?

Lucas: *I wouldn't. In High School I'd told one friend I was gay and the very next day, five other kids came up to me ask me if it was true. Needless to say, I felt my trust had been betrayed and felt really gutted about it.*

Gaye: *I imagine that would have to be the worst thing for a young person, that is to have their choice taken away. I would say a resounding 'NO' to that one. Someone's sexual orientation is their own business...no-one else's!*

I like a guy, but I'm not sure if he's gay or not...what do I do?

Lucas: *I am not sure if I should tell this kid that I am gay because if he is straight, he may not feel comfortable being my friend any more. I just can't tell because I'm not sure if he is sending mixed messages or that I like him so much I 'wish' he were gay!*

Gaye: *More often than not, the best relationships go through a friendship stage first anyway... just be yourself and have fun...time is your friend here. If he doesn't make any moves at all, you can probably assume he is not gay (or that he is not interested). You really don't have to 'do' anything but be patient and have fun with him in the friendship.*

EXAMPLES OF OTHER QUESTIONS:

How do I tell my parents?	Why am I gay?
What if my parents don't take me seriously?	Who should I come out to?
Should I act gay or butch up?	Is it better to date older guys?
Does being gay mean I can't be a Christian?	What is sodomy?
How do I ignore the jocks calling me names like "fag", "@#\$\$% sucker", etc.?	

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