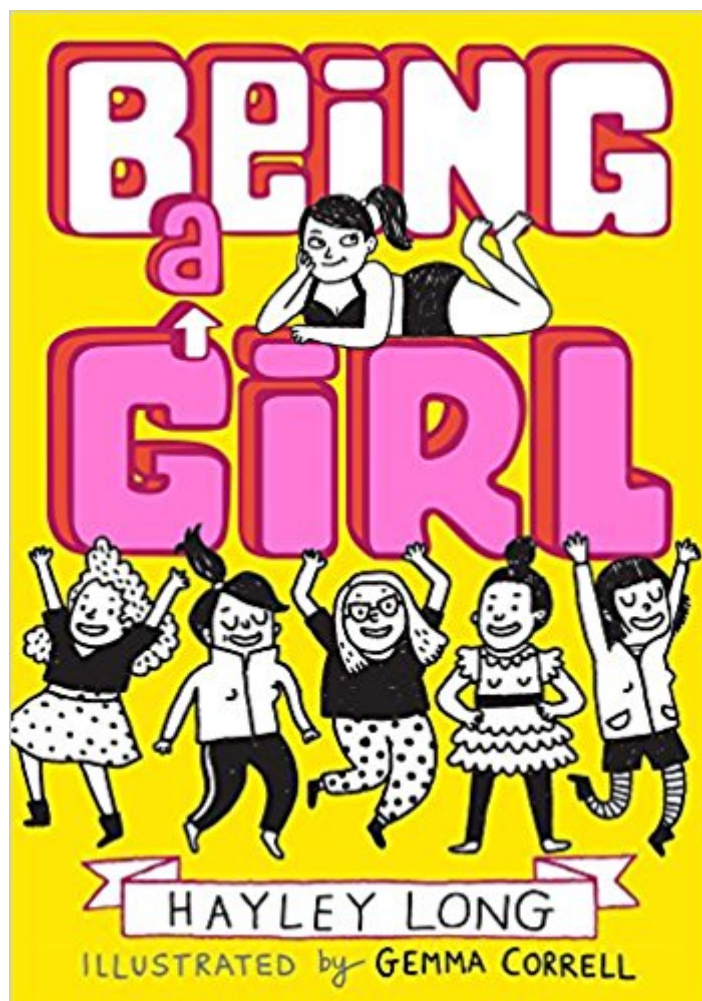


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# Being A Girl



## Synopsis

Other books give you the facts — • BEING A GIRL tells you the truth! Being a girl is awesome. It can also be really, really hard. And no one knows that better than girls who are going through it right now. From BFFs to Mean Girls, selfies to self-esteem, pimples and periods and peer pressure, — Being a Girl tells it like it is. Friendly, funny, reassuring, and totally honest, this is the book mothers will — wish — they had had when they were younger, and the one girls will turn to again and again.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up — Long is like a really cool older sister or friend, giving the inside scoop on sexism, friendships and peer pressure, periods, makeup and fashion, hair care (both head and body), romantic relationships, and sex. She interviewed teen girls and boys about many of these topics and offers some of their answers (in their own handwriting). Correll's comic book — style illustrations of girls (and the occasional boy) are silly and funny and fit perfectly with the variety of text styles — from thought bubbles to charts (for example, "The Ohmygosh, I Like My Female Friend Flowchart") to silly footnotes. Although Long points out that most readers will not yet be ready for sex, the work does contain straightforward sexual information, including diagrams of male and female reproductive systems, a warning about the necessity of using condoms, and a brief discussion of emergency contraception and abortion. While the bulk of the material is targeted at straight girls, the work is consciously inclusive, examining LGBTQ issues such as gender identity and same-sex attraction and pointing out that those in heterosexual and same-sex romantic relationships encounter many of the same emotional issues. This volume was originally published in

England, and its list of resources—helpful websites (including many .gov sites on bullying, drug abuse, and health) and crisis/hotline phone numbers—has been updated for U.S. readers. Long stresses throughout this guidebook that there is not one right way to be a girl, providing comfort to readers going through the pressures of adolescence. VERDICT Empowering, fun, and helpful—a title teen girls will be sure to cherish.—Jenny Berggren, Longfellow Middle School, Berkeley, CA

"Correll's quirky cartoons create a lively presentation. Long's frank, sympathetic advice will be welcomed by girls seeking affirmation during a time of change." — (Publisher's Weekly) "This breezy primer, peppered with Correll's genial cartoon illustrations...is a good starting point for younger teens, and Long's ultimate message—there isn't one right way to be a girl—is a good one." — (Sarah Hunter, Booklist) "Empowering, fun, and helpful—a title teen girls will be sure to cherish." — (Jenny Berggren, School Library Journal) "When I had finished the book, I knew more about myself—It felt like I was talking to a real girl/woman who has been there before—The book felt very personal. I loved everything about — Being A Girl. It is one of the only books about this kind of stuff that isn't: A) a boring book of facts or B) super cheesy—I recommend it for (GIRLS!!!!!!!!!!) ages ten to fifteen.— (Farrah - age ten, Kids' BookBuzz) "[The book] helps young girls with the adorable illustrations and the information about what real girls face...My daughter told me she likes this book a lot because it covers topics she doesn't always want to talk to me about." — (Kelly's Thoughts on Things Blog)

Item as described, great transaction. Thank you!

Being A Girl is a fun, sassy and solid book about the tween and teen years. She dares to answer all of the questions a girl might have about bodies, relationship, sex and other typical teenage issues. What I like best is how she intertwines discussions of gender throughout the book and gives a heap of support for all girls to understand how gender roles are developed and maintained. This is especially critical for non-conforming girls, but really for every girl and boy. Haley Long is sex-positive in general and discusses the joy and excitement of the possibilities of sex but also specifically advocates for girls to take their time and make sure this is really a decision that is right for them. One issue that Ms. Long completely misses is how HIV is a risk and how to have safe sex. A big omission. Overall, a big shout out for honestly talking to girls about the issues that really

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