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# It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, And Creating A Life Worth Living

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COMING OUT,
OVERCOMING BULLYING, AND
CREATING A LIFE WORTH LIVING

Including contributions from: Ellen DeGeneres, David Sedaris, Tim Gunn, Michael Cunningham, and many more.

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# **Synopsis**

Every story can change a life. Growing up isn't easy. Many young people face daily tormenting and bullying, and this is especially true for LGBT kids and teens. In response to a number of tragic suicides by LGBT students, syndicated columnist and author Dan Savage uploaded a video to YouTube with his partner, Terry Miller. Speaking openly about the bullying they suffered, and how they both went on to lead rewarding adult lives, their video launched the It Gets Better Project YouTube channel and initiated a worldwide phenomenon. It Gets Better is a collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people, because while many LGBT teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can.

### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

"Handpicked and heartfelt essays from contributors famous and obscure, gay and straight." â " Chicago Sun-Times"A masterstroke . . . revolutionary." â " Armistead Maupin, author of Tales of the City

Dan Savage is the editorial director of Seattle's weekly newspaper, The Stranger. Terry Miller is an event promoter, musician, and DJ. They were married in Canada and live in Seattle with their son, DJ.

The world can be a very confusing place when you are a sexual minority. Feelings of isolation is perhaps more likely to occur in LGBT-indivuals. Therefore LGBT stories cannot be shared often

enough. A lot of people criticised the stories in the book for being too much the same. Though I think it's for that exact reason the book is so good. Exactly because this (book) will make you feel that you are not alone in the experiences you've had.

It's an old library book but a book that everyone should read. The entire IT GETS BETTER program is awesome. Wanted the book because I have everything else associated with the program

I am an active member of my school's GSA and when school started again for the 2010-11 year, we were all shocked and saddened by the numerous LGBTQ related suicides. We were there when Dan started the project and we shared our favorite videos on Facebook and at our meetings. This book is the next step for the project. It is a collection of transcriptions from some of the most watched videos from some very influential people, both in the community and outside of it. The book is moving, not only for LGBTQ people but for straight people with friends that fit into LGBTQ. It offers personal experiences from the other side of the fence that rarely get heard. This other perspective is what makes the IGB book essential. After reading it, people can no longer allow it to not get better. The IGB book adds depth to a movement that is often only seen at face value, from both sides. Buy it, read it, then go to the IGBP website and order one for the high school you attend(ed).

I enjoyed the stories in this book, it certainly does add a feeling of "It gets better" for LGBTQ youths. It's a great read for anyone, to read about people of all orientation, and statuses, the encouragement and feedback is great. I quickly donated the book to my local high school, for others to use. I gave it a 3 star because, I ended up getting really bored throughout (ended up skimming) as the stories started to become the same theme.

A must read for any kid, gay, straight, or whatever, going through middle or high school. It DOES get better!!!

As a young gay man coming to terms with his sexually, this is exactly the book I needed to make through the dark days, I would have probably committed suicide without the support of the LGBT community.

As a person currently going through the process of coming out, I found the stories in the book very

inspiring. The book reassures me that although coming out is one of the most challenging journeys I have taken, it will be well worth the effort in the long run.

It Gets Better main achievement was to open a channel so LGTB kids suffering bullying could share their experiences. Converting that into a book is an obvious move and probably quite profitable, but the stories dont have the same power and the book becomes quite repetitive and lack of the interest of the youtube videos. In any case, good item to give as a gift and probably something that is good to have a home in your shelf if you have children who might not be 100% sure of their sexual orientation/identity, what is to say every kid in a bigger or smaller extent

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