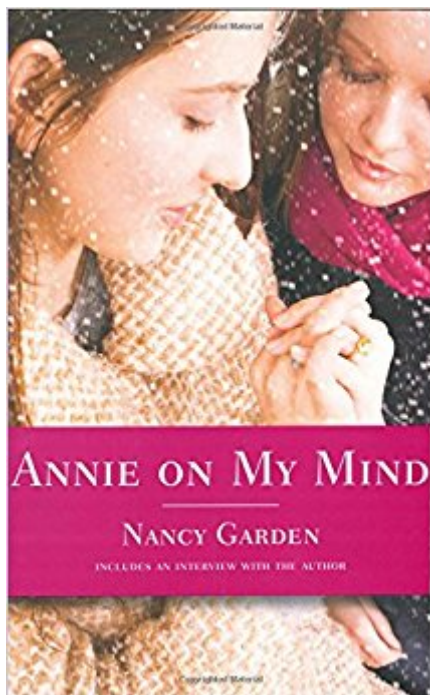


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# Annie On My Mind



## Synopsis

This groundbreaking book, first published in 1982, is the story of two teenage girls whose friendship blossoms into love and who, despite pressures from family and school that threaten their relationship, promise to be true to each other and their feelings. Of the author and the book, the Margaret A. Edwards Award committee said, "Nancy Garden has the distinction of being the first author for young adults to create a lesbian love story with a positive ending. Using a fluid, readable style, Garden opens a window through which readers can find courage to be true to themselves." The 25th Anniversary Edition features a full-length interview with the author by Kathleen T. Horning, Director of the Cooperative Children's Book Center. Ms. Garden answers such revealing questions as how she knew she was gay, why she wrote the book, censorship, and the book's impact on readers — then and now.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Garden's exceptionally well-rendered tale concerns two teenage girls who fall in love with each other. Ages 14-up. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

—“Brings this classic of the genre to a whole new generation of readers.”—

“The body of adolescent literature has waited for this book a long time . . . Gut-level believable.” Publishers Weekly  
“An eye-opener (maybe ‘heart-opener’ is a better term) . . . Just the thing to provoke some honest conversation.” VOYA  
“The Milwaukee Journal

I just got done reading this book this morning! And it was amazing! It was written in 1996 and was the first lesbian romance with a happy ending. I often am discouraged about reading or watching LGBT genre because they often have unhappy endings. An unhappy ending....is not reality. It... just isn't, so why would I want to fill my mind with that? The author of the story met her wife in her teenage years in the 50's. It was quite a confusing time for her (I can only imagine! I was confused enough in the 90's!). But they ended up sticking together and after 35 years of living together got married in MASS. During the 50's homosexuality was still seen as a mental illness at best at worse immoral sick and perverted. Even though they were in this time era they did not break up! Which is true for a lot of LGBT folks, we don't always break up, we do live happy lives! We don't all kill ourselves. The author wrote in her book about how LGBT literature, especially before the 90s couldn't have happy endings, else they wouldn't get published. Like we were censored from the idea that we can live happy lives and have successful marriages. A lot of the books from LGBT genre are still like that too! That is why this book was so impacting to me last night. I mean straight folk are filled from early on with positive images of successful straight marriages, with love stories with happy endings, Beautiful stories between a man and a woman. So when I find one I want to rave about it. So whether you're straight or gay check out this book on it is sold for only a penny on and shipping is probably around \$3. And straight people can read this romance with a happy ending, for I have read all your happy ending romances and none of them have made me straight.

It's been nearly thirty years since Nancy Garden's landmark novel, "Annie On My Mind", hurdled into the eager hands of a disenfranchised youth. Though the world has changed radically since 1982, the genuine sweetness of "Annie" continues to be a thorn in the side of those who believe that such positive stories about homosexuality should be banned and removed from school bookshelves. The only way for the young to survive is to know that there are people out there who are like them, or, knowing that there are others who are at the very least supportive. Some claim that Annie is syrup-sweet and unrealistic in many ways. Who cares? No matter your sexuality, there is nothing wrong with getting lost in the purest and most sought-after of emotions -- love. And love is what Nancy Garden gives in spades. This is the story of two young women who meet at a museum

in New York and become quick and fast friends. It is told from the perspective of Liza, a girl from an elite private school in Manhattan. When the two young women take their love to the next level, the relationship is challenged by a brutal and dispassionate world of outsiders and they are each irrevocably changed.

This book is absolutely phenomenal! This is the best lesbian book I have ever read. The book is written between both women's perspectives, alternating between chapters. I wasn't be able to put the close the book, as I was not able to anticipate where Peyton and Kendall were going to go next! The author does a magnificent job accentuating the stomach-turning feelings one gets as a teenager, falling in love for the first time. I cannot wait until Nancy Garden comes out with another novel!!

What to say? I've loved this story ever since first reading it nearly ten years ago. I had pulled it off the shelf at my university's library at random -well, not completely. I was walking down an aisle and just had this funny feeling to pull out this book. Call it crazy, but it felt like the book that I've never seen before wanted me to read it. At first I was confused by the writing but read on. I'm glad I did and was soon rapt by every page. At the time, it had been a while after things didn't work out with a girl I really liked. I needed a way to understand her more, plus my heart was still sore. This book helped, plus this girl looked exactly like Liza which is what floored me when I first saw the front cover. I read it in secret. This was for me, you see. I soon bought my own copy. As time passed, I healed and my love for this book has changed as well. I often wondered what a sequel would be like. Then, recently, I found the audio read by Rebecca Lowman who really feels the characters and acts out each one wonderfully. Her voice is captivating and so closely matches how Liza and Annie sounded in my mind. Whether to heal, to inspire or all in between, this is a great and timeless story that I still enjoy and recommend to all.

Annie On My Mind is an exceptional book. It really lets the reader see into the mind of a high school student dealing with feelings for the same sex. I know of many girls in the past and I'm sure of more in the future, have thought about being attracted to the same sex, and this book lets girls out there know that is okay. It doesn't not give only one side of the battle of the characters, to admit that they are gay to family and friends, but to admit to themselves that they are who they are and that is best to love one another rather than fight it and cause themselves more pain. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking to read a good book and to anyone who likes to see other's points of

view to have a better understanding of what people of homosexuality go through.

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