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STORY OF A GAY KID

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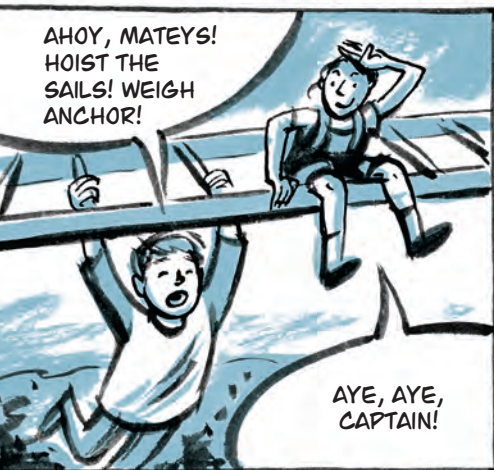


CHAPTER 1

FIRST ATTRACTION

FROM DAY ONE
I KNEW THERE
WAS SOMETHING
DIFFERENT ABOUT ME.

I'M LISTENING.



THAT WAS FUN. YOU MAKE A
GOOD CAPTAIN, CAEL.

YEAH.

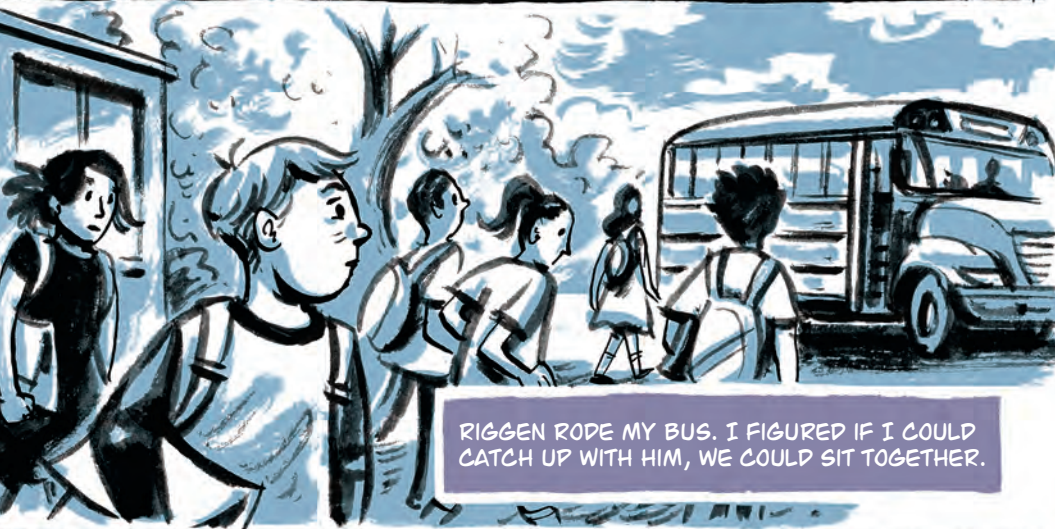
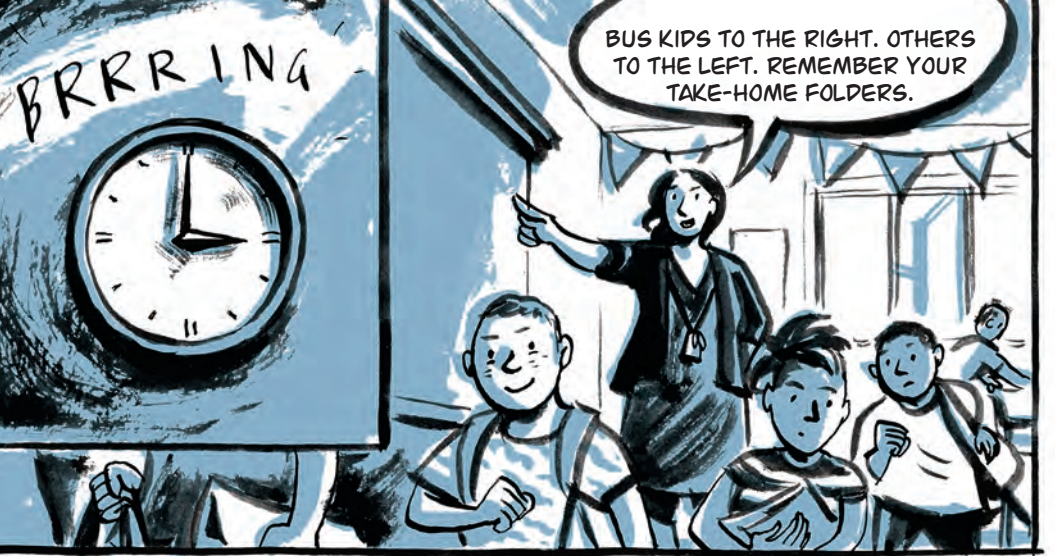
GIRLS WERE FUN AND
I LIKED TO PLAY WITH
THEM AT RECESS, BUT
I THOUGHT RIGGEN
WAS CUTE. I WANTED
TO BE HIS HALL BUDDY.



THAT WAS FUN,
RIGGEN. YOU CAN
BE THE CAPTAIN
NEXT TIME.

OKAY.







WHOA! WHAT THE ... ?

SORRY!

WHAT ARE YOU,
GAY OR SOMETHIN'?!

NO, I... IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT!



I TRIED TO ACT NATURAL. I HOISTED MY BOOK BAG AND CLIMBED ONTO THE BUS.



I WAS CONFUSED. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE BUS DRIVER WAS TALKING ABOUT. I FELT LIKE SOME KIND OF FREAK.

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From day one I knew there was something different about me.

Cael sets out to find out who he is—something he wants to know more than anything. With the help of a trusted teacher, a new friend, and his favorite book, he discovers what he knew all along.

Inside you'll find three stories braided into one: a coming-of-age coming out story, a lesson on civil rights and marriage equality, and historical fiction about a gay man in the military. And you'll read about how Cael comes out as gay, comfortable with who he is and confident that it's okay.

Sandra Levins lives in Burlington, Iowa with her husband, Jim. Their diverse family includes their five sons, their sons' partners, and six adorable grandchildren. A natural-born storyteller, Sandy is also the author of the Magination Press books *Eli's Lie-O-Meter*, *Bumblebee Bike*, *Was It the Chocolate Pudding?* and *Do You Sing Twinkle?*

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