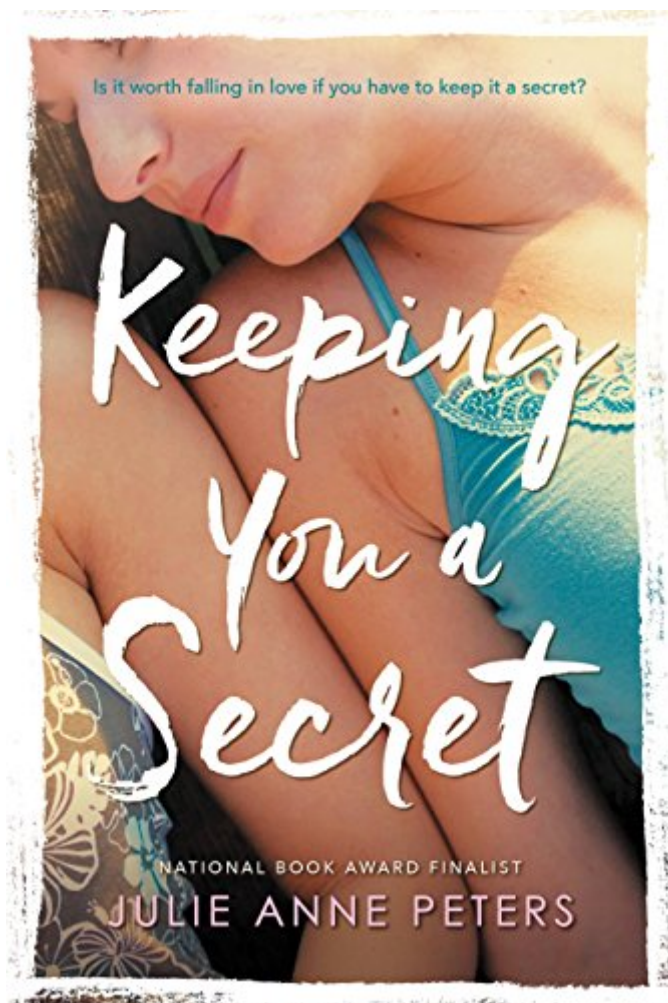


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# Keeping You A Secret



## Synopsis

National Book Award finalist Julie Anne Peters delivers a moving, modern classic love story with a "coming out" theme--now with a fresh, redesigned cover! With a steady boyfriend, the position of Student Council President, and a chance to go to an Ivy League college, high school life is just fine for Holland Jaeger. At least, it seems to be. But when Cece Goddard comes to school, everything changes. Cece and Holland have undeniable feelings for each other, but how will others react to their developing relationship? This moving love story between two girls is for fans of Nancy Garden's classic young adult coming out novel, *Annie on My Mind*. With her characteristic humor and breezy style, Peters has captured the compelling emotions of young love.

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## Customer Reviews

Keeping You A Secret by Julie Anne Peters is one of the greatest LGBT+ young adult novels I've ever read. It's about a high school senior named Holland Jaeger who thinks she's straight, but after meeting the new student in school, Cece Goddard, she slowly begins to realize that she's not. The book deals with the anguish of homophobia, the pain of hiding who you are, and the joy of finding love. This book enthralled me from beginning to end. I enjoyed it so much that I have read it four

times cover-to-cover in two months. Though the subject matter can be painful at times, the book itself is a fast and easy read. Each time I read it, I read it in one sitting (mostly because I could not put it down). If you enjoy the young adult genre, and if you're looking for a compelling LGBT+ love story, read this book.

I wasn't so sure about this book until I started reading it. Within pages I was hooked and couldn't put it down. It's such a cute and well written story. The basis is something that anyone can relate to whether gay or straight. What I especially loved about this story was the main character Holland. She was completely believable and I was so caught up in wanting things to turn out well for her. Julie Anne Peters did a very good job shaping Holland as well as all of the other supporting characters. The only possible downside I found was that Cece was at times almost too outrageous about flaunting her sexuality. Just in regards to the mention of some of her t-shirts and such. That part seemed a little bit overboard for me. But it was such a small thing that it really didn't make my opinion of the book any less. I would highly suggest this book. The story of finding love in a new and disarming place is so easily cliché and obvious but this book is neither of those things. It's honest and touching, heartbreaking and heartwarming, fun and surprising. It's a must read. I've gone back to it multiple times and still love it each and every time.

This is a book that produced two conflicting emotions as I read it. I didn't want to put it down because it was so well written and captivating but at the same time I dreaded turning the pages because there was so much pain and sorrow. This is an excellent read especially for teens but also for the greater reading public. No one really takes into account the pain they may cause to others simply by utilizing hateful language about one's sexuality. The sad thing is that teens can be especially unforgiving and brutal with respect to their peers who don't quite fit what's perceived as the norm. Unfortunately, the book feels chillingly real in its narrative; despite the progress which has been made people are still being discriminated, segregated, humiliated and worse, led to commit suicide or otherwise hurt themselves due to their sexuality. The most chilling part of this book for me was the reaction of some of the parents in this book. How can you possibly "kill" your child like that is really beyond me, especially when your child is so confused, bewildered by all these new feelings and needs ALL the support and love it could possibly have. My heartiest congratulations to the writer for creating this authentic, heart-felt story. A well deserved 5 stars.

This book just wow. To see all the fears I have I as a closeted teen and to see them come to life had

an effect on me. Especially since Holland overcame them with the help of Cece. I don't have a Cece in a romantic sense but I have a best friend he's also gay and out and proud. He is my rock my everything he keeps filled with pride and self respect that society's look on homosexuals has stripped from me. This book showed the struggles of coming to the realization of being gay and how others view it. This book took us on a journey of a girl seeing her high school filled with friends were filled with sharks thirsty for blood seeking those who were different. Then to overcome all that and remember you always gonna be you maybe even more you than you could have imagined but you still you. It's beautifully written. So many emotions so many shared and experienced emotions. I'm glad to have the pleasure of reading this fantastic book.

What an eye opener. I found this story really good and readable. The best part for me is how she brought in the struggles all, or rather most homosexual people go through. She writes about the inner struggles, and how differently each person handles it, how it effects one's day to day living, how parents handle it and of course the public. Some people have it worst than others, but how they all help each other in various ways to get through everything and helping one another manage their difficulties. I love how she made Seth such a decent honest guy, to show that being gay is not always influenced by bad relationships and the fact that Holland had a not to bad step dad in which most cases they are usually bad and take sexual advances. In this story that is just simply not the case. I love how Cece and her family supports Holland and that Faith (of all people) becomes such a good character in the story. Where we actually get to know her true self. How one should not judge a book by it's cover but accept each other for who you are. Unfortunately I thought that Holland's friends would turn out still to be her best friends and accept her for who she has become, but that also shows another quite honest truth about getting out of the closet. All in all I really loved and enjoyed the story. It was a really nice read. And to be honest, I couldn't put the book down. I HAD to finish it. I think I expected the ending to be a bit different, but in the end I really do not have a complaint what so ever. I would really encourage people to read this book as it brought joy to my world.

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