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ONE TRUE WAY

By Shannon Hitchcock

Advance Praise for One True Way:

“Uplifting and inspirational, particularly considering the current lack of middle-grade books with LGBTQ content.” — Booklist

Set against the backdrop of history and politics that surrounded gay rights in the 1970s South, this novel is a thoughtful, eye-opening look at tolerance, acceptance, and change, as two girls discover their friendship is something more.

Allie and Sam are classmates at Daniel Boone Middle School. Allie and Sam are friends. Allie and Sam are girls. Allie and Sam are falling for each other. In this story set in 1977, teachers and coaches must hide who they are, and girls who like girls are forced to question their own choices. One True Way sheds light on what it means to be different, while at the same time being wholly true to oneself. Through the lives and influences of two girls, readers come to see that love is love is love.

Shannon Hitchcock is the author of the critically acclaimed Ruby Lee & Me and The Ballad of Jesse Pearl, both hailed for their immediacy and cadenced voice. Shannon’s picture book biography Overgrown Jack was nominated for the Sue Alexander Most Promising New Work Award. Her writing has been published in Cricket, Highlights for Children, and Children’s Writer magazines. She lives in Tampa, Florida.

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