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# How to Talk to Girls

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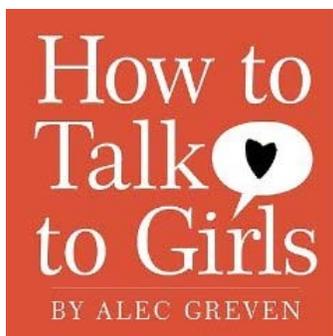
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Greven, Alec. *How talk to girls*. Illustrated by Kei Acedera. HarperCollins, 2008. ISBN 9780061709999. \$9.99. 46 p.

Reviewer: Alison Canar

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young adult;

Rating: Excellent;

Genre: Information books;

Subject: Boys--Psychology--Juvenile literature; Girls--Psychology--Juvenile literature; Self-esteem in children--Juvenile literature; Interpersonal relations in children--Juvenile literature; Conversation --Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Elementary school can be a tough place to win a girl's heart, but fourth grader, Alex Greven, wants to do what he can to help. In *How to Talk to Girls*, Greven shares the wisdom gathered from his and his classmates' experiences in hopes that other boys might be able to achieve the ultimate dream of "winning victory" with a girl. In order to win victory, boys will have to learn to control their hyperactivity or overcome their shyness so that they can carry on a civilized conversation with a girl. Once a boy does get a girl to like him, he should remember that she may still ditch him within a few weeks. Nonetheless, Greven advises, "life is hard, move on."

Although *How to Talk to Girls* is written from one elementary student to another, it also appeals to older readers. It is a quick read with simple yet charming illustrations and language. One cannot help but smile at Greven's clever tips and analogies. Many useful dating suggestions include waiting until middle school before becoming attached to a girl and realizing that normal girls are often a better choice than troublesome, pretty girls. *How to Talk to Girls* can be a useful guide for youth looking to connect with someone special.

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