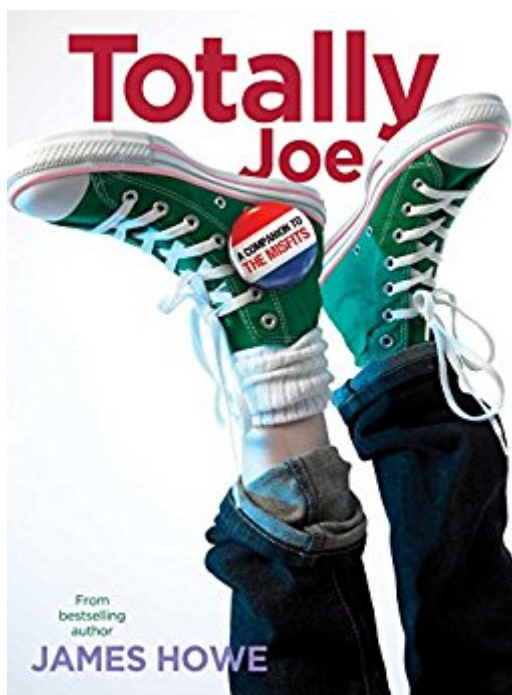


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# Totally Joe (The Misfits Book 2)



## Synopsis

"Everybody says you and Colin were kissing." "What? That's ridiculous!" "For heaven's sake, Joe, if you and Colin want to kiss, you have every right to." "We did not kiss," I told her. Addie shrugged. "Whatever." What was it with my friends? From the creator of *The Misfits*, the book that inspired NATIONAL NO NAME-CALLING WEEK, comes the story of Joe Bunch....

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## Customer Reviews

Book purchased for my grandson, because he likes to read

Needed something that my 12 year old would read. He enjoyed this one. Ordered the rest in the series for him.

Regardless of people's view on the matter of homosexuality, Totally Joe does a good job demonstrating that those who do not fit the common thread are not any less human because of it. Totally Joe, while centering on his experiences as a homosexual, seemed more about the fact that

he wanted to be treated with respect. Joe did not demand others accept his sexual orientation so much as he demanded they treat him as they would everyone else. The alphabiography was a fascinating concept that seemed like an excellent project for young adults. Not only does it require them to work on their writing skills, it also allows them a chance to discover who they are through self-expression. The No Name Calling Week, which was inspired by the companion novel *The Misfits*, is a fantastic idea and a great way for students to understand that agreement is not necessary, but respect is. If this is the type of books James Howe decides to write, audiences should decide to read them.

It's really refreshing that this is about a boy who knows he's gay even before he's interested in kissing anyone. That could really help against the misconception that a lot of young people have of being gay as only being about sex. I noticed that another reviewer mentioned that the speed with which Joe's parents accepted it when he told them was unrealistic, but I think that reflects more on the reviewer (or his parents!) than on the book. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and will definitely recommend to my pupils.

This gem is too short. You will love Joe. There are memorable insights in this very funny book. Finished it at 6:00 in the morning.

I enjoyed this book very much, for Being a 12 year old boy. I enjoyed it so much that i put down my controller for the time I was reading it. I really like how it illustrates the gay persons point of view. Although I am curious to see what this book would be like if it had an illustrator to do a few pictures.

This is an excellent book, giving an inside view of the experience of being a gay teenage boy & finding a relationship with someone who cares about you as you are. The protagonist, Joe, is a very likable character. I enjoyed the book very much & will likely share it with my granddaughter, whose older brother is gay.

As a companion to *Misfits*, *Totally Joe* falls a bit behind in the compelling-plot department but it is a great character piece and would be relieving to any middle grade kids struggling with sexuality. Joe is a completely loveable character and it's nice to see a gay character in middle school that has the kind of support everyone deserves.

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