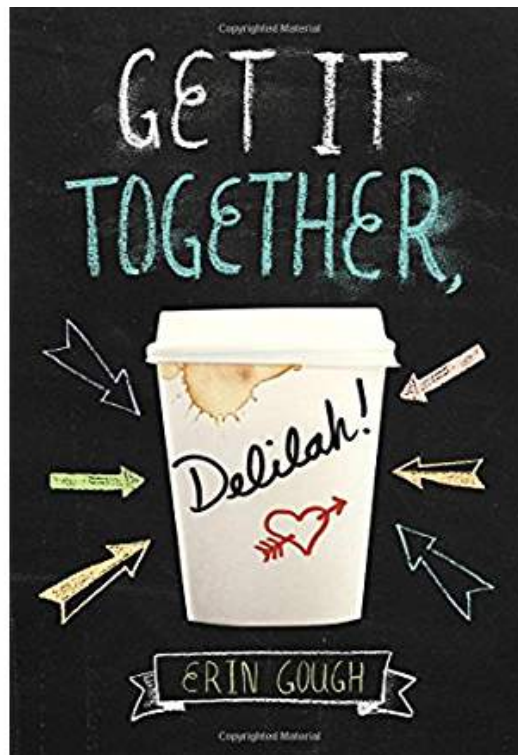


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**Review of *Get It Together, Delilah*
By Erin Gough**

Adult/ Educator Reviewer: Erin Schmitt
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Student Review: Adrianna Serna, 10th Grade



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Adult Review: Erin Schmitt

Get It Together, Delilah! By Erin Gough was a fun read. It is set in Sydney, Australia, where the author is from. Delilah is left in charge of her father's cafe, The Flywheel, when her father goes on a much needed overseas trip to recover from his divorce and wife's remarriage. Originally, Delilah was supposed to have help running the cafe, but the manager is deported back to Ireland after a car accident. A series of romantic entanglements and business misfortunes ensue as Delilah tries to figure out her life and friendships. Along the way her best friends Charlie and Lauren try to help her figure things out as Delilah tries to navigate school and working out her romantic interest in Rosa Barea, a girl who flamenco dances at her family's restaurant across the street from Delilah's cafe.

This book is a good look at how teenagers struggle with the curveballs that life throws them and how it can be difficult for teens who have come out or who are working on coming out. No matter if you are gay or straight this book has compelling characters who are relatable in their struggles and flaws. Other teens will be able to relate to some or all of the character's struggles and Delilah's internal battles with self-doubt and inadequacy. *Get It Together, Delilah!* Would be a great book for teachers to recommend to students as an

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independent reading book or as a small group book choice. Good discussions could be generated about the desire to drop out of school, how it can be difficult to choose a path in life, and how romance can get messy.

Delilah can be a bit overdramatic at times and the bullying described in the book is not fully dealt with by authority figures, so teachers should keep this in mind. Additionally, there are some mentions and scenes that could have led to sex which is something to keep in mind when recommending this book to students. However, Gough writes about everything in a realistic and not glamorized way, which is refreshing and appealing to students. This book would be a great addition to any teacher's classroom library.

Student Review: Adrianna Serna

I honestly thought this book was very important. It really encouraged me to keep encouraging those who are gay. I don't have a problem with people, in fact I love people who are gay. I love them because they are different than everyone else in this world. This world can be very cruel, especially to people who are different. I think these people who are different are special and they are needed in this world. That is a fact that most people refuse to admit.

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I would definitely recommend this book to people. When it comes to books that are not all about action and fantasy I am a pretty hard person to please, but this book was different. I loved it and it truly touched my heart and I am sure it will touch other people's hearts as well. I am personally not sure what kind of person would like this book, but I know that I loved it and I am positive that others will like it too.

What I loved most about this book is probably predictable. What I love most is Charlie McFarlane. I love how funny he is, I love how he is always changing who he has a crush on, but most of all I love how he is pretty much always at his best friend - Delilah's - side. I think everyone in the world should have their very own Charlie McFarlane.