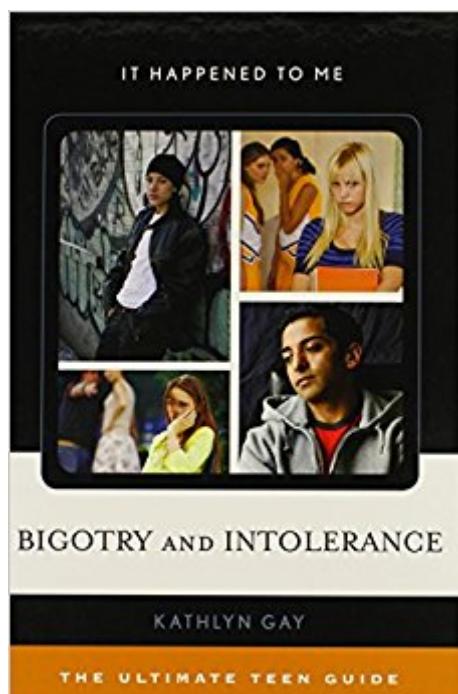


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# Bigotry And Intolerance: The Ultimate Teen Guide (It Happened To Me)



## Synopsis

While many people appreciate cultural, social, political, and religious diversity, there are others who feel compelled to express their intolerance for others through cruel words and actions. Their behavior often stems from ignorance and insecurity, and they demonstrate their prejudices by belittling others who are different from them. These narrow-minded individuals attack others based on any number of reasons, including religious beliefs, sexual orientation, cultural background, social standing, or physical appearance. In *Bigotry and Intolerance: The Ultimate Teen Guide*, Kathlyn Gay looks at the various reasons why people of all age levels and backgrounds feel the need to disparage others. This book also offers help to teens who are the object of fear and hatred by showing them how to combat such behavior. Topics covered in this book include: the meaning of bigotry and intolerance; types of bigotry—•from religious bigotry to homophobia; the difference between bigotry and racism; what it feels like to be the target of bigotry; how to cope with discrimination; individuals and groups that advocate tolerance and appreciation of cultural diversity. Aimed at young adults who are interested in fighting bigotry and intolerance, this book will help teens who suffer from the small-mindedness of others. It might also help those who are less tolerant find some common ground with those who are different from them—•and lead to a better understanding of how diversity makes for a richer, more interesting world. Featuring commentary from several young adults, *Bigotry and Intolerance: The Ultimate Teen Guide* will be welcomed by those who want to turn the tide of prejudice and fear in their schools and in their communities.

## Book Information

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Gr 9 Up-This book examines bigotry throughout history: intolerance based on religion, race, sexual identification, and other personal traits; bullying in schools, online, and on the job; the language, symbols, music, and speech of bigotry; censorship; hate groups; and more. The final chapter supports the idea that concerted efforts of various groups and programs may help to lessen intolerance. The balanced text is informative, interesting, and straightforward. Sidebars provide examples and additional material, and "Did You Know?" and "What Do You Think?" boxes offer readers food for thought and/or discussion. The heavily researched material explains the basis for specific situations and includes an abundance of first-person accounts. A few black-and-white pictures, quotes, chapter endnotes, and a detailed index complete this useful volume.-Susan Shaver, Hemingford Public Schools, NE  
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Ã¢ "WhatÃ¢ "s a bigot?Ã¢ " Beginning with this question, Gay challenges readers to probe their own responses to difficult questions surrounding intolerance. Topics in this entry in the It Happened to Me series include religious bigotry, homophobia, bullying, racism, hate language, censorship, and hate groups, and it concludes with a chapter on ways students are reducing bigotry and hate crimes. By using actual cases, Gay creates a personal connection between the target of bigotry and the teen reader. Including quotes from many teens, she shows the dangerous consequences words and actions can have on others. Although GayÃ¢ "s research focuses more on current situations, she supplies historical background on cases that have led to present-day problems. Chapter notes support her meticulous research on topics that teens face on a daily basis. Grades 9-12. --J. B. Petty

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