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## ***We Contain Multitudes*** by Sarah Henstra

The epistolary novel gets the contemporary young adult treatment in Sarah Henstra's tender, unsparing *We Contain Multitudes*. Tenth-grader Jonathan Hopkirk--gay and sartorially inventive in a small, Minnesota town--is being mercilessly bullied. Adam "Kurl" Kurlansky had too few credits to graduate on time and is now in his fifth year of high school. The two are partnered up for an English project in which they must write one letter to each other a week for the entire semester. Henstra's characters initially approach each other with hesitation, and her skill lies in painstakingly depicting each boy's slow move toward vulnerability until a smoldering, secret romance begins. This exploration of self and sexuality is sure to be quickly embraced by fans of *Love, Simon*, *They Both Die in the End* and *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*. --Siân Gaetano, editor, children's and YA, *Shelf Awareness*

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