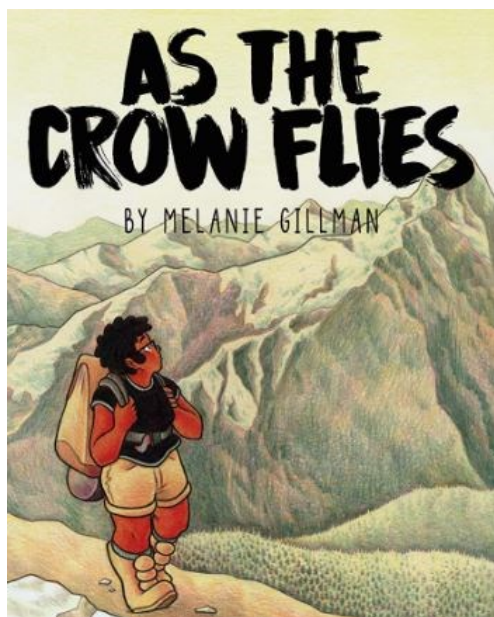


AS THE CROW FLIES



Young Adult Graphic Novel

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Book Summary:

A thirteen-year-old girl joins an all-girl hiking camp.

Summary of Concerns:

This book contains alternate sexualities; alternate gender ideologies; mild/infrequent profanity; and controversial social and religious commentary.

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| 14 | "I'm not sure I'm going to fit in here." ..."All the other girls are WHITE!" |
| 25 | "And, in addition to being one of the area's first settlers, Beatrice was also its first feminist!" The illustration on the bottom-right side of the page depicts two young women in the foreground. In the background, an angry woman is holding a bra up that has been set on fire. |
| 29 | A light-skinned woman is saying, "...But if we strive for goodness, then God sees our efforts and rewards us- by washing away the dirt, and whitening our souls." A darker-skinned young woman is thinking, "WAIT." |
| 30 | The darker-skinned young woman is thinking, "Whitening? Did she really?" |
| 31 | The darker-skinned young woman is thinking, "Could I?" as she imagines herself with her arm raised in the air saying, "SPEAKING AS A WOMAN OF COLOR I FIND THAT LANGUAGE OFFENSIVE." Or- "METAPHORES LIKE THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO SHAME PEOPLE LIKE ME FOR CENTURIES." She then imagines the older light-skinned woman pointing a finger at her saying, "YOU MINORITY KIDS ALWAYS GET SO BENT OUT OF SHAPE OVER NOTHING." |
| 49 | "They sound really lame, though- all skirts and quilting bees and stuff." "Pfft. That's so gay." The darker-skinned young woman is thinking, "Mayday! Really gotta do it this time." She says, "T- that's" An individual outside of the frame says, "I don't see any homosexual content in that." |
| 132 | The darker-skinned young woman is speaking to a lighter-skinned young woman saying, "I know you're not supposed to talk about the ceremony...but Bee keeps saying this weird stuff about it, and it's making me kinda uncomfortable." "Weird like how?" "Like- calling it a 'whitening' ceremony and stuff..." |
| 134 | "So there's nothing about whiteness in the ceremony?" "No! None whatsoever." |
| 149 | "The thing to take away from all this is that women's community- what those women were working to build back in 1870, and what we're still building today- is a threat to male dominance." |
| 156 | The darker-skinned young woman is speaking to another young woman. The other young woman is saying, "From what I've seen, it's still mostly just rich white ladies." "-and nobody's mentioned queer women, but I bet they woulda been left out too!" "Or run outta town entirely!" |
| 158 | The darker-skinned young woman is saying, "I wanna do something that shows everybody how- how exclusionary this whole thing is!" |
| 194 | The same two young women described above are talking. The lighter-skinned young woman is saying, "You bet! I'm stubborn. ...or in my case, I guess you could say I'm- ha ha inTRANSigent!" |
| 196 | The same two young women described above are talking. The lighter-skinned young woman is saying, "I made my mom promise not to say anything when she signed me up." |

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| | <p>I get enough of it already. People looking at you like they know something, or like 'you're not fooling me.' Wait- did Bee say something?" "N-no! I don't- think so?"</p> <p>The older white woman, Bee is shown saying, "...going to tell me you were a demon worshipper, or a man!"</p> |
| 206 | <p>The same two young women described above are talking. The darker-skinned young woman is saying, "Okay- this might be a stupid question, but- Is that- why you wear skirts all the time? To- I'm not sure how to say it-" "To blend in?" "I guess, yeah-" "Cuz no."</p> |
| 248 | <p>"I have trouble with the idea that God could probably be any gender, but 'just happens' to be the gender with the most privilege."</p> |
| Back Cover | <p>Charlie Lamonte is thirteen years old, queer, black, and questioning what was once a firm belief in God. So naturally, she's spending a week of her summer vacation stuck at an all-white Christian youth backpacking camp. As the journey wears on and the rhetoric wears thin, she can't help but poke holes in the pious obliviousness of this storied sanctuary with little regard for people like herself...or her fellow camper, Sydney.</p> |

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