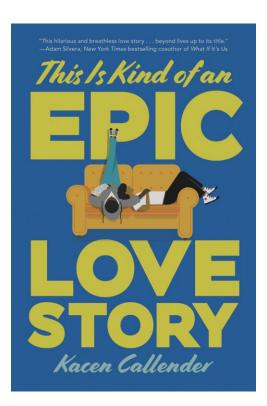


## THIS IS KIND OF AN EPIC LOVE STORY



## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains obscene sexual activities and alternate sexualities.

Young Adult

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236	I think he's actually watching the movie, but I sure as hell am not. I can't focus on
	anything but him right now. Until I finally decide to just muster up the courage and do
	what I'd really like to do. I lean over and kiss him on the cheek. He looks at me with a
	smile, like he's been waiting for me to do that for the past hour. He kisses the corner of
	my mouth, and suddenly the laptop is shoved out of the way and he's on top of me,
	kissing my neck, his hands on my pants—when I sit up.
	"Don't worry," he says. "I know what to do."
	And he pushes me back to the bed, tugs up my T-shirt, lays kisses all over my skin, kisses
	that have me catching my breath, until he's got both my pants and my boxers down, and
	my hands are in his hair, and I don't want him to stop—but he pulls away and starts to
	pull his own shirt off. He looks more nervous about it now too, and he sits in front of me
	for a second, until he kisses me. This kiss is slower. I'm on my back again, his leg pressing
	in between my legs, his mouth on my neck, my chest, my stomach—my skin's burning
	up.
	He sits up, breathing hard. "Are you okay if I'm on top?"
	It's a scary thought, but I'm pretty sure I want him to be. I nod and we're still kissing—he
	pauses and reaches for his nightstand, opens up a drawer, and pulls out a tube of lube.
	For some reason, the lube is what makes me more embarrassed about any of this. He
	kisses me again, blocking my view, so I can't really see what he's doing, can only feel his
	hand slippery and warm, pressing into me, literally inside of me, and it really effing
	hurts—
	"Are you okay?" he asks. He's watching my face closely, intently. I almost want to say
	no—it hurts, and I'm freaking out. But a part of me doesn't want him to stop either.
	I nod. "Yeah. I'm okay."
	He buries his face into my neck, his finger moving around, and I can tell he's trying to be
	gentle—and the more he moves it around, the more I get used to it, the more it starts to
	feel good. His mouth is by my ear, breathing against it. He asks if it's okay if he—and he
	can't really say it out loud, but I know what he means. I nod. Ollie pulls away, seems to
	swipe a condom out of midair and rolls it on. A wave of nerves washes over me.
	He pushes in slowly, and the pain grates. I almost try to push him away.
	He pulls back to look at my face. "Does it feel good?"
	I try my best to smile and nod so that it doesn't look like I'm grimacing.
	He watches me. "It doesn't feel good at all, does it?"
	I hesitate, then shake my head, and we're laughing a little together, but I put my hands
	on his back so he knows I want him to stay. "You can keep going. Maybe it'll start to feel
	good. Just—you know, move slow."
	He keeps going slow, but it never really feels good, though I guess it doesn't hurt as
	much by the end. We both end up on our backs, just breathing heavy, Ollie's cheeks and
	chest red. I'm so completely sore that pain springs up my back whenever I move, so I jus
	stay exactly where I am.
	He looks at me like he's worried. I take his hand, and he smiles and rolls onto his
	stomach.
	"I can't believe we just did that," I tell him.
	"I'm sorry you didn't like it," he says. "I tried to make you feel good."
	"I know." I shrug, then immediately regret it, wincing. "It's not your fault. Pretty sure it



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	was going to hurt, no matter what you did." He still looks a little frustrated about it, so I pull him down for a kiss. "I'm willing to bet it's going to feel a lot better next time." He can't help but grin at that.