

# LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX IN YA

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## BLOG POST GUIDELINES

Hi there, and thanks for the interest in blogging for us! Our guidelines are pretty straightforward and done to make your life - and our life - easier.

### Who Can Write for Us

Everyone. Undergraduate discovering the field for the first time? Master's student diving into independent research? PhD researcher? Visiting Fellow? Lecturer? Librarian? We want your thoughts. You don't have to be presenting at the conference to write for us.

### What You Can Write About

We are looking for a healthy mix of things: From reading groups to open seminars, or your own research, we are interested in what you are doing, why, and most of all, what are you learning about that you think is pretty cool. The topics need to be related in some way to the theme of sex. While the conference focuses on sex in YA texts, we have widened the scope of the blog, so feel free to discuss anything from picturebooks, middle grade, manga, tv and film, video games to name a few!

### How Long It Should Be

We aim for readability, so 500 - 800 words is the sweet-spot. Of course, some things might be better longer or shorter; we can work with you on this if necessary.

### How to Submit

Have an idea? Select a date from the [doodle poll](#) or email [letstalkaboutsexinya@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkaboutsexinya@gmail.com). If you email us with an idea (or just need some extra guidance), it can be as fleshed-out as an abstract, or as simple as a sentence saying "I want to write about x". One of the committee members will discuss it with you, we can agree a deadline, and answer any questions. Once you are ready to submit a draft, send it to the same place with accompanying photos including credit to the person who owns the photo.

### Deadline

The date selected on the poll is the submission date for your blog post. If there are any problems, just let us know ahead of time, and we can work with you - we just need to have enough time to make adjustments.

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## The Process

The blog is run by your friendly Let's Talk about Sex in YA conference committee, and there is a review and editing process. Basically, at least one of us will review the post after it is written, and copy edit it. If we have questions, we'll be in touch. Otherwise, the post will be published the week after the date you have submitted it.

## Style Guide

- All manuscripts should be submitted as a word document.
- The manuscript should include a short bio of the blog author.
- At the bottom of the blog post, please include a list of cited primary and secondary sources, using your preferred citation style.
- Please send us any pictures you would like to add to the post, including photo credits and captions.

## Do's and Dont's

- Think outside the box - this is a creative as much as an academic outlet. The blog post should be enjoyable for you to write, a space to reflect on your work and your experiences, and a means to celebrate what you're interested in.
- Be professional: Remember this is a friendly and academic community. Your choice of language matters. Personal flair and tone is fine, of course, but be sure to use appropriate, professional, respectful, and non-discriminatory language.
- Be critical if and when necessary, but be wise about how you criticize. Personal pot-shots should be avoided; have reasons for why you question ideas - essentially, remember we are a public-facing academic community, and also, no one likes to be hurt.

To sum up: *don't* be rude, *do* be interesting :-)

We look forward to reading about your ideas and sharing it with the community on our blog!

## The Let's Talk About Sex in YA Organising Committee

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