

BOOK RESUME: *Ask the Passengers* By A.S. King  
Little, Brown and Company, 2012

### Reviews

- Booklist (September 2012. Starred). "Another thoughtful, and often breathtaking, achievement for King, whose star is ascending as quickly as one of Astrid's planes." Requires log-in to read the whole review.
- [Kirkus](#) (August 2012. Starred). "Only Astrid knows what she wants. She's in love with Dee, but she's not sure if she's a lesbian. She's ignoring all of the labels and focusing on what she feels. Quite possibly the best teen novel featuring a girl questioning her sexuality written in years."
- [School Library Journal](#) (February 2013). "King's novel offers thought-provoking philosophical questions that teens will ponder well after finishing the novel."
- [Publishers Weekly](#) (September 2012, Starred). "The philosophical searching, surprising spiritual guides, and powerful observations of contemporary life that characterize previous works by King (*Everybody Sees the Ants*) are in full evidence in a story that's at once much more than a coming-out novel and one of the best coming-out novels in years."

### Awards

- [Best Fiction for Young Adults](#), YALSA (2013)
- [Los Angeles Times Book Prize](#), Young Adult Literature (2012)
- [Rhode Island Teen Book Award](#), Nominee (2014)
- [Milwaukee County Teen Book Award](#), Nominee (2014)
- [Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award](#), Nominee (2013)
- [Lincoln Award](#), Nominee (2015)
- [James Cook Book Award](#) (2013)
- Author, A. S. King received the [Margaret A. Edwards Award](#) for her significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature, 2022

### Response to challenges

- [Collierville Schools, Tennessee](#): Book was banned pending an investigation by the administration, in relation to possible laws being pushed forward in the state legislature. At this moment the book has been returned to the shelf.
- [Grandbury ISD, Texas](#): Book was banned pending an investigation by the administration. After review by the committee, the book was returned to the shelves.
- [North East ISD, Texas](#): Book was banned pending an investigation by the administration. Book has been returned to the shelves after a review.

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