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Alex Gino.

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## Book Review Comments

Parents need to know that **Alex Gino's** *You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!* deals with racism, police violence, deaf culture, and trying to talk about big issues without hurting someone's feelings. Jilly, age 12, welcomes a baby sister into the family and watches her parents struggle with the news that her baby sister has a hearing impairment. She also sees the struggle her Aunt Alicia (who's married to her Aunt Joanne) has with the racism embedded in the extended family. Violence perpetrated by police against black teens is highlighted, and it hits very close to home when one of Jilly's acquaintances is shot by police when she's jogging at night.

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Do not let your child read this before you have read it yourself-inappropriate content for a 10 year old. My daughter chose this book at her school book fair. The description talks about a girl who has a baby sister who is born deaf and my daughter has hearing difficulties. She was really enjoying the book however she struggles with repeating things out of context and this book has huge potential to cause upset!!! It covers same sex relationships, (fine but warning would be nice to prepare for questions). It then goes on to cover racism from the police and a little boy getting shot, racism at a family dinner where it mentions the 'n' word. It doesn't say the whole word but any child is going to ask. Thankfully my child has never heard the word and I don't want her learning it-it's from the dark ages and should stay there. All this controversial stuff takes away from the advertised theme of the book which could have been so good if they hadn't ruined by making it so inappropriate for children. I really am quite cross this book was sold at a school book fair. Do not buy it unless you have a much older child with the maturity to deal with the adult themes.

Youtube link to audio chapters

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