



# Not Sure Boys

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How's he supposed to feel when his mom tells him it's wrong to think his best friend is so handsome?

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NOT SURE BOYS is a collection of three gay coming of age shorts that read as either individual narratives or as one story.

**Wacky Packages:** It's the 1970s when summers should just be about trading Wacky Pack cards, playing baseball, and wondering what you're going to be when you grow up, and not about lusting after your best friend's older brother.

**Where Derek Van Lies:** Susan's life revolves around her idol, Derek Van, but when she tries to seduce him, Susan suspects something is wrong. Could he be a "homo sapien"?

**Livin' on the Not Sure:** Robby's gay. Jamie's straight. Yet during the sultry summer of 1984 they have a young adult romance before Robby moves to the West Coast for college. Decades pass and they meet up again. Despite Jamie's straight-married life having gone sour, is there still a spark between them? Is it too late for Jamie to change?

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**NOT SURE BOYS is a funny yet tender read about coming to terms with love under some not-so accepting circumstances—every reader will find something familiar.**

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## About the Author

Rick Bettencourt comes from the North Shore of Boston where he lives with his husband and dog Bandit. When he's not reading or writing, he enjoys traveling, screaming on rollercoasters, collecting early 20th century postcards (Halloween ones are his favorite), and anything to do with Bette Midler.

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### Review extracts:

*"What Bettencourt does so enormously well is build ideas, characters, situations, possibilities, and developments with sure surety of pitch that while the reader can sense the various stories in this book are somehow going to connect, the grace with which he brings this about is so inordinately mature for a writer early in his published life."*

*"This was really a fun read. I like the way everything is tied up with a neat bow at the end."*

*"Tight writing, great character development."*