

Flamer by Mike Curato – discussion 10/01/25

- What is this book (literally) about? Give a summary.
- What is this book (really) about? Think deep...
- What do you like/dislike most about the book?
- This book is set in the mid-90s, do you think it feels accurate to that time period?
- Do you have a favorite character or one you related to the most? Who and why?
- On page 204, Aiden says “I wish I were cool like Ted. He’s different, but in a good way.” What do you think this means?
- What role did Catholicism play in Aiden’s inability to accept himself?
- What surprised you the most in the story?
- What do you think would have happened if the bear hadn’t accidentally broken up the fight?
- How do the panels, colors, and style of drawing contribute to the story?
- Flamer is the 10th most banned book last year, why do you think that is?
- Does this story feel realistic to you? Do you think this would really happen?
- Which scenes have stuck with you the most?
- What did you think of the ending? How did it make you feel?
- Is this book positive representation for LGBTQ+, people of color, and/or people with different abilities?

