



Under the Radar **A Young Adult Novel by Judith Clark**

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One more year. That's all Gunnar has to wait until graduation. More importantly, it's one more year until he'll feel safe to come out.

Gunnar has kept his sexuality a secret – only his twin sister knows he's gay. Coming out now would make him the target of homophobic bullies at his school. But a year is a long time, especially when life starts moving at its own pace, and Gunnar meets guys he wants to date.

Set in a small rural town, *Under the Radar* is the uplifting story of a teen who dreams of a life in which he can be himself.

Reviews

"A quiet tale of a young man learning to speak his truth." – *Kirkus Reviews*

"Imagine you're a closeted queer male athlete coping in the locker room. Hard enough. Now imagine you're a wrestler on your high school team – you've been in full embrace with your teammates and opponents for months. And you do have a tendency to get into fights off the mat. That's Gunnar at his rural Alberta school. Yet he still imagines coming out." – *NOW Magazine*, 12 queer books to read in summer

"*Under the Radar* is a book about self-discovery, sexual exploration, family, friendship, and romantic awakening, told through a lens of hope, forgiveness, and growth. Readers will find themselves invested in Gunnar's journey, including – or perhaps especially – his connection to Aidan." – Highly Recommended Rob Bittner, *CM Magazine*

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