

# **"The Perks of Being a Wallflower"**

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**There is much more controversial material in this book than that below.**

- **The book is aimed at teenagers, and is told from a teenage boy's perspective.**
- **The book contains explicit references and discussion regarding:**
  - **Sexual acts between teenagers.**
  - **Male masturbation.**
  - **Oral-genital sex.**
  - **A great deal of profanity.**
  - **Male homosexual acts between teenaged boys, including kissing, seduction/"having a crush" and anal sex.**
  - **Illegal drug use.**
  - **Homosexual acts between men and boys.**
  - **Sex between a boy and a dog.**
  - **Female masturbation using an object.**

**Page 3-4 [The book starts out with Charlie's friend committing suicide. It is suggested that his home life and parents were the cause.]**

**His mom played bridge with one of Michael's neighbors and they heard the gunshot...The Counselor said that he suspected that Michael had "problems" at home" and didn't feel like he had anyone to talk to. That's maybe why he felt all alone and killed himself...Michael's funeral was strange because his father didn't cry.**

**Page 12 [Charlie accidentally walks in while a his sister is having sex with a boy.]**  
**And I opened the door to the basement, and my sister and this boy were naked. He was on top of her, and her legs were draped over either side of the couch. And she screamed at me in a whisper.**

**"Get out. You pervert."**

**..."Yes. He is." That's all my sister could say.**

**Page 21 [He discovers masturbation.]**

**Do you know what "masturbation" is? I think you probably do because you are older than me. But just in case, I will tell you. Masturbation is when you rub your genitals until you have an orgasm.. Wow!**

**I thought that in those movies and television shows when they talk about having a coffee break that they should have a masturbation break. But then again, I think this would decrease productivity.**

Page 27 [More on masturbation...]

I guess I forgot to mention in my last letter that it was Patrick who told me about masturbation. I guess I forgot to tell you how often I do it now, which is a lot. I don't like to look at pictures. I just close my eyes and dream about a lady I do not know. And I try not to feel ashamed....

One night, I felt so guilty that I promised God that I would never do it again. So, I started using blankets, but then the blankets hurt, so I started using pillows, but then the pillows hurt, so I went back to [the] normal [way].

Page 30 [He is forced to stay in his room while his brother throws a party. A boy brings a girl in and seduces her, while Charlie watches...]

Every ten minutes or so, a drunk girl or boy would stumble in my room to see if they could make out there or something. Then, they would see me and walk away. That is, except for this one couple.

This one couple, whom I was told later were very popular and in love, stumbled into my room and asked if I minded them using it. I told them that my brother and sister said I had to stay here, and they asked if they could use the room anyway with me still in it. I said I didn't see why not, so they closed the door and started kissing.

Kissing very hard. After a few minutes, the boy's hand went up the girl's shirt, and she started protesting.

"C'mon, Dave." "What?" "The kid's in here."

And the boy kept working up the girl's shirt, and as much as she said no, he kept working it. And the boy kept working up the girl's shirt, and as much as she said no, he kept working it. After a few minutes, she stopped protesting, and he pulled her shirt off, and she had a white bra on with lace. I honestly didn't know what to do by this point. Pretty soon, he took off her bra and started to kiss her breasts. And then he put his hand down her pants, and she started moaning. I think they were both very drunk. He reached to take off her pants, but she started crying really hard, so he reached for his own. He pulled his pants and underwear down to his knees.

"Please. Dave. No."

But the boy just talked soft to her about how good she looked and things like that, and she grabbed his penis with her hands and started moving it. I wish I could describe this a little more nicely without using words like penis, but that was the way it was.

Page 31. [...and the boy sodomizes the girl while Charlie watches.]

After a few minutes, the boy pushed the girl's head down, and she started to kiss his penis. She was still crying. Finally, she stopped crying because he put his penis in her mouth, and I don't think you can cry in that position. I had to stop watching at that point because I started to feel sick, but it kept going on, and they kept doing other things, and she kept saying "no." Even when I covered my ears, I could still hear her say that.

Page 36. [One of several scenes of boys in various stages of homosexual relationships.]

As we were leaving, Sam turned to Bob. "I still think you're an asshole."...

When I got out of the bathroom, I heard a noise in the room where we left our coats. I opened the door, and I saw Patrick kissing Brad. It was a stolen type of kissing. They heard me in the door and turned around. And Patrick smiled. And Bob started to make fun of him having a crush on the quarterback. And Patrick smiled more.

Page 44. [Charlie watching two of his friends having anal sex with each other.]

When most people left, Brad and Patrick went into Patrick's room.

They had sex for the first time that night.

I don't want to go into detail about it, because it's pretty private stuff, but I will say that Brad assumed the role of the girl in terms of where you put things. I think that's pretty important to tell you. When they were finished, Brad started to cry really hard. He had been drinking a lot. And getting really stoned.

No matter what Patrick did, Brad kept crying. Brad wouldn't even let Patrick hold him, which seems rather sad to me because if I have sex with some, I would want to hold them.

Finally, Patrick just pulled up Brad's pants, and said to him. "Just pretend you're passed out."

Page 45-47 [Describing how Brad's reaction to his homosexual relationship.]

Brad's parents never did figure out why their son was getting stoned and drunk all the time. Neither did anybody else. Except the people who knew.

I asked Patrick if he felt sad that he had to keep it a secret, and Patrick just said that he wasn't sad because at least for not, Brad doesn't have to get drunk or stoned to make love.

P. 136 [This kind of "colorful" speech the author uses.]

"What the fuck is wrong with you?"..."And I thought Brad was fucked-up. Jesus."

Page 143 [Another weird scene that seemed to have no meaning except for shock.]

I guess the mom had been searching for the little boy for a long time because she came running up to the information desk, and when she saw the little boy, she started crying. She held him tightly and told him never to run off again. Then, she thanked the older kid who had helped, and all the older kid said was, "Next time just watch him a little fucking better."

P. 158 [A scene at night on a deserted golf course.]

"...they're just about to 'do it' when Parker realizes he forgot the condoms. They're both naked on this putting green. They both want each other. There's no condom. So, what do you think happened?

"I don't know."

"They did it doggie style with one of the sandwich bags!"

Page 159 [This is too weird to describe...]

There was a guy named Carl Burns and everyone called him C.B. And one day C.B. got so drunk at a party that he tried to "fuck" the host's dog.

**And there was this guy they called "Action Jack" because supposedly he was caught masturbating at a drunk party. And at every pep rally, the kids would clap and chant, Action Jack...clap clap clap...Action Jack.**

**Page 160 [A girl who masturbated with a hot dog...]**

**There were other stories and other names...Sheila, who allegedly masturbated with a hot dog and had to go to the emergency room. The list went on and on.**

**Page 160 [Charlie speaking -- he begins to engage in homosexual acts, also.]**

**He drove me home and pulled up in the driveway. We hugged good night, and when I was just about to let go, he held me a little tighter. And he moved his face to mine. And he kissed me. A real kiss. Then, he pulled away real slow...And moved into kiss me again. And I just let him. And I don't know why. We stayed in his car for a long time. We didn't do anything other than kiss.**

**Page 161 [A scene about a park where men pick up boys to have sex with them.]**

**One night Patrick took me to this park where men go and find each other. Patrick told me that if I didn't want to be bothered by anyone that I should just not make eye contact. He said that eye contact is how you agree to fool around anonymously. Nobody talks. They just find places to go. After a while, Patrick saw someone he liked. He asked me if I needed any cigarettes, and when I said no, he patted my shoulder and walked away with this boy. ...**

**So, tonight, he dropped me off at home. It was the night we went back to the park where men meet. And the night he saw Brad there with some guy.**

**Page 162 [Charlie and his friend go back to the park...]**

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**Page 171 [Discussing their parties...]**

**Whoever lost the dance contest had to pretend he or she was having sex with a large stuffed Gumby doll, so I quickly showed my sister and her boyfriend how to dance the Time Warp, so they wouldn't lose the contest...I don't think I could have handled her pretending to have sex with a large stuffed Gumby.**

**Page 173 [Discussing his homosexual relationship with Patrick.]**

**I know Patrick will be around, but I'm afraid that maybe since he isn't sad, he won't want to spend time with me. I know that's wrong in my head, but it feels that way sometimes.**

**Page 173 [Discussing Patrick's other homosexual relationship, etc.]**

**I hope Brad and Patrick decide to make up and dance in front of the whole school. And that Alice is secretly a lesbian and in love with Brad's girlfriend Nancy (and vice versa), so nobody feels left out.**

**Page 208 [This starts the final chapter of the book. This is how the author ends Charlie's story.]**

**I've been in the hospital for the past two months. They just released me yesterday. The doctor told me that my mother and father found me sitting on the couch in the family room. I was completely naked, just watching the television, which wasn't on. I wouldn't speak or snap out of it, they said.**