

LESBIHONEST
Synopsis

Growing up a suburban Catholic, Laura Piccinin never thought in her wildest dreams that she could be gay; she was good, she was normal, she was loved. At 15, her crush on her female history teacher hit her like a ton of bricks and sent her spiraling down a path of confusion, shame, and disgust. The small world she lived in made her secret easy to hide but hard to keep. Identifying it only as “the problem” in her journal, no one would have guessed that this unassuming blonde cutie pie was actually a lesbian in hiding.

As the years passed, she found it impossible to live inauthentically, and test-launched a bisexual coming out with a few close friends. It went...ok.

Many years later, while watching an episode of Ellen DeGeneres’ sitcom, *Ellen*, she witnessed, for the first time, two women in love. They held hands, went to dinner, and placed their heads gently on one another’s shoulders. She took a moment of pause and thought to herself, if this is gay, I am SO GAY. And the coming-outs began.

And they have not stopped.

As the generations pass, and Canadian society shifts in the way it perceives and treats LGBTQ+ people, it can be hard to reconcile the disdain for one’s identity in the past, and the seemingly cavalier attitude of family and friends in the present day. This shift has made the change in perception of self slow, bewildering and painful, and in retrospect, entirely hilarious. To have found herself landed in a place of pride has been a delightful turn of events, and its time the story was shared with an audience.

Just come. It’ll be funny.