



Queer Questions Straight Talk:

An interview with author Abby Dees

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“The thinking I had around the book was to recognize that there is this in between place between being ignorant and bigoted and hip. Everyone’s in this space and we need to allow space in this process,” Abby Dees, activist, ex-civil rights attorney, and author of the book *Queer Questions, Straight Talk*, explained.

“Instead of opening up and taking a chance and risking someone saying that it’s a completely insensitive and bigoted thing to say, they (curious straight individuals) stay silent. And that doesn’t help anyone.

There’s got to be a way for people to move forward on these issues without having the bejeezus scared out of them.”

Queer Questions Straight Talk (QQST) was such a no-brainer when Dees conceived it. When the idea was born, Dees was working as an editor on a book for caregivers and their loved ones. She loved the idea that the time and space for coming out could be used in a positive way instead of such an ongoing negative way. She took to the book very quickly, and it really helped her grow.