

INVISIBLE BOYS

by **HOLDEN SHEPPARD**

KEYNOTE: An emotional tale of identity, sexuality and suicide derived from personal experience about three teenage boys who struggle to come to terms with their homosexuality in a small Western Australian town.

ABOUT THE BOOK

On the surface, nerd Zeke, punk Charlie and footy wannabe Hammer look like they have nothing in common. But scratch that surface and you'd find three boys in the throes of coming to terms with their homosexuality in a town where it is invisible. *Invisible Boys* is a raw, confronting YA novel that explores the complexities and trauma of rural gay identity with painful honesty, devastating consequences and, ultimately, hope.

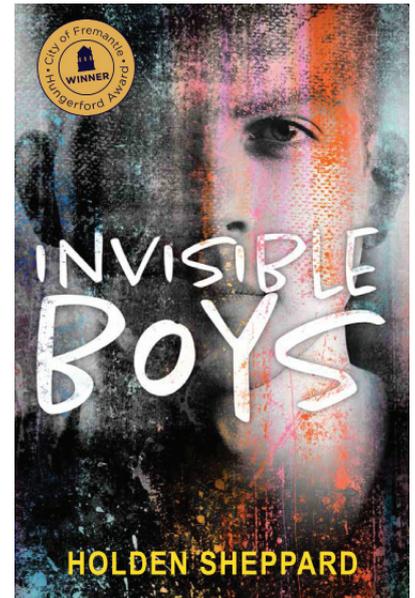
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Holden Sheppard is a YA author originally from Geraldton, Western Australia. After graduating from ECU's writing program, Holden won a prestigious ArtStart grant from the Australia Council for the Arts in 2015. *Invisible Boys* won the 2017 Ray Koppe Residency Award, resulting in a writing residency at Varuna, the Writers' House, in early 2018 and was also Highly Commended in the ASA Emerging Writers' Mentorship Prize 2018. His short fiction and journalism has been published in *indigo*, *Page Seventeen*, *Huffington Post*, *ABC*, *DNA Magazine* and *Faster Louder*. His novella *Poster Boys* was selected for The Novella Project VI and was published in *Griffith Review 62: All Being Equal*.



NOTES

- Holden is already in high demand for events and will tour Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia in October and November 2019, with other states to follow if demand warrants it.
- Holden is a major media talent who has appeared on numerous radio programs and has been featured in newspaper and magazine articles talking about his experiences as a gay teenager. He is also the current host of the Fremantle Press podcast.
- Holden has a strong social media presence with some 9,000 actively engaged followers.
- The book in manuscript form has already won three awards, the Ray Koppe Varuna Residency, the City of Fremantle Hungerford Award and the Australia Council's Kathleen Mitchell Award.



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