

## **You Have to be Gay to Know God**

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We've all read the stories about how many members of the LGBTQI+ community in South Africa are treated badly because of who they are. And then we go on with our daily lives. Siya Khumalo does something else. His journey of growing up in a Durban township and being gay is narrated in the most perfectly painful way. As he searches for truth in a newly democratic South Africa, Siya's story is filled with uncompromising and uncomfortable realities that many have never experienced. It's a narrative we shouldn't ignore and Siya's brutally honest writing knocks at our conscience. There is no negotiation in this story.