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## CONSENT CULTURE AND TEEN FILMS

ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY  
IN US MOVIES

In her latest book *Consent Culture and Teen Films*, Michele Meek, Ph.D. chronicles the history of adolescent sexuality in US movies and demonstrates how contemporary films—even those that take consent into account—expose flaws in our affirmative consent framework.



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOOK

Teen films expose how affirmative consent (“yes means yes”) does not protect youth from unwanted, unpleasant, and regrettable sexual encounters.

Restrictions on adolescent sexuality in movies/TV have not vanished—rather youth sexuality remains highly regulated in the U.S.

Teen films expose flaws in the affirmative consent framework—particularly how it is highly gendered, heteronormative, and cis-centered.



## ABOUT MICHELE

Michele Meek, Ph.D. is an author, TEDx speaker, filmmaker, and professor. She presented the TEDx talk “Why we’re confused about consent—rewriting our stories of seduction.” She has written articles for Ms. Magazine, Salon.com, and Entrepreneur and has been profiled on NPR, BBC, and The Boston Globe.

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