LGBTQIA+ Books in the Nixon Center Collection

In order to help you find the books that you are looking for, we have begun coding each title with the abbreviations found below. The coding project is still in progress. If you have further questions about the coding or any of the books, feel free to contact the Center. Books are found in the order of the author’s last name. Call numbers are listed.

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This is far more than a cautionary tale; it is also a story of a tragedy that marks one mother’s journey to redemption when her son’s death led her to new ideas and experiences that have transformed her into a mature adult.
Nominated for a Lambda Literary Award, 1996
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, GAY, HEAL, TWH, TWS, AW
LC Class HQ75.8.G75 A25 1995


Eight New Yorkers are forced to confront their tangled lives, loves, and affairs after the terrorist attacks on September 11th.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, FAM, GAY, LES, HEAL.
LC Class PS3601.B393 F88 2008


Simon Roberts’ plan for his senior year is simple -- help his high school hockey team win the state championship and earn a college scholarship so he can get away from his dysfunctional family, especially his belligerent father and obnoxious older brother. The Central High Falcons open their season with an away game, Simon is forced to deal with the problem he's struggled with for months -- his crush on teammate Alex Miller.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, CI, TWH
LC Class PZ7.A21655 Hat 2013


A sixteen-year-old lesbian tries to get over a crush on her religious best friend by embarking on a "holy quest" with a couple of misfits who have invented a wacky, made-up faith called the Church of Blue. A Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2013
FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT
LC Class PZ7.A21765 Sp 2011


It’s Father’s Day craft time in Akilah and Kai’s class, but they don’t have dads! So, they hatch a plan to create a special club. It’s for all the kids in their grade who don’t have a dad, but want to celebrate other family members instead. See what they make in The Zero Dads Club!
FB, POC, LES, FAM, TRANS, LC Class

Adeyoha, Koja and Angel Adeyoha. *47,000 Beads*. Illustrated by Holly McGillis. Torono, Ont.: Flamingo Rampant, 2017

Peyton loves to dance, especially at pow wow, but her Auntie notices that she’s been dancing less and less. When Peyton shares that she just can’t be comfortable wearing a dress anymore, Auntie Eyota asks some friends for help to get Peyton what she needs.

India, an unusual nine-and-a-half-year-old living in small-town Maine, has a series of adventures which bring her closer to her artist-mother, strengthen her friendship with a neighbor boy, and help her to accept the man for whom her father moved away.

Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year, 2011

FIC, MG, SC, FAM, GAY, POC

LC Class PZ7.A2665 Acc 2010


When it comes to drumming, Leah Burke is usually on beat—but real life isn’t always so rhythmic. She’s an anomaly in her friend group: the only child of a young, single mom, and her life is decidedly less privileged. She loves to draw but is too self-conscious to show it. And even though her mom knows she’s bisexual, she hasn’t mustered the courage to tell her friends—not even her openly gay BFF, Simon. So Leah really doesn’t know what to do when her rock-solid friend group starts to fracture in unexpected ways. With prom and college on the horizon, tensions are running high. It’s hard for Leah to strike the right note while the people she loves are fighting—especially when she realizes she might love one of them more than she ever intended.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, BI, GAY, OUT

LC Class PZ7.A434 Le 2018


Sixteen-year-old, not so openly gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity—and that of his pen pal—will be revealed.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, CL, TWH, AW

LC Class PZ7.A321452 Sim 2015


Meet Ben and Arthur. Ben is a battered dreamer who's shipping his ex-boyfriend's things back to him. Arthur is new to New York and struggling to fit in. After an memorable meet-cute in a New York post office, the boys lose touch only be be brought back together via a 'missed connection' advert. Is it fate? It looks like it. But after a series of disastrous first dates, Ben and Arthur may have to accept the universe should've minded its business.

FIC, YA, GAY


Bob the bear feels very boring, especially compared to his lively friend Jack, but in the end he realizes that every bear is different and the two of them can still be friends.

FIC, PC

LC Class PZ7.A46264 He 2009


An historical retelling of the history of homosexuality in America. The people and events chosen to create an entertaining narrative that readers could use as a foothold as they begin to learn about the rich heritage of gay and lesbian life in America.
A Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2010.
NFIC, RB, YA, GAY, LES, FAM
LC Class HQ76.3.U5 A37 2008


A collection of short stories about homosexuality by such authors as Bruce Coville, M.E. Kerr, William Sleator, and Jane Yolen. Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1994.
Stonewall Literature Award, 1995
FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, QUEST, POC, OUT, CL, TWH, TWS
LC Class PZ5 .A495 1994


When August learns that his best friend, Jack, shows signs of degenerative hallucinatory disorder, he is determined to help Jack cope. Jack’s vivid and long-term visions take the form of an elaborate fantasy world layered over our own—a world ruled by the Wicker King. As Jack leads them on a quest to fulfill a dark prophecy in this alternate world, even August begins to question what is real or not.

August and Jack struggle to keep afloat as they teeter between fantasy and their own emotions. In the end, each must choose his own truth.
FIC, YA, MS, GAY
LC Class PZ7. 1. A515 Wic 2017


As his home life deteriorates, twelve-year-old Berry decides to remain a choir boy forever and, after trying to perform surgery on himself, obtains testosterone-inhibiting drugs from a clinic, leading to huge, unexpected consequences.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, QUEST, TRANS, HEAL, TWT, TWA, TWSH
LC Class PS3601.N426 C46 2005


Because *Neither* is unlike both the rabbits and birds of the Land of This and That, it sets out to find a new place where all kinds of creatures are welcome.
FIC, PB, GF
LC Class PZ7.A519255 Nei 2018


What’s a sweets-loving young boy growing up gay in North Carolina in the eighties supposed to think when he’s diagnosed with type 1 diabetes? That God is punishing him, naturally. This was, after all, when gay-hating Jesse Helms was his senator, AIDS was still the boogeyman, and no one was saying “It gets better.” And if stealing a copy of a gay porno magazine from the newsagent was a sin, then surely what the men inside were doing to one another was much worse. *Sweet Tooth* is Tim Anderson’s uproarious memoir of life after his hormones and blood sugar both went berserk at the age of fifteen. With Morrissey and The Smiths as the...
soundtrack, Anderson self-deprecatingly recalls love affairs with vests and donuts, first crushes, coming out, and inaugural trips to gay bars. What emerges is the story of a young man trying to build a future that won’t involve crippling loneliness of losing a foot to his disease—and maybe even one that, no matter how unpredictable, can still be pretty sweet.

International Book Awards Winner in Non-Fiction: Gay & Lesbian, 2015
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, HEAL
LC Class HQ76.27.Y68 A53 2014


Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this teen memoir.
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, SC, LES, TRANS, OUT, HEAL, TWT
LC Class HQ77.8.A53 A3 2014


NFIC, YA, FAM
LC Class HQ1034.U5 A528 2012


Through journal entries, a small-town high school quarterback recounts his experiences of falling in love for the new kid and the fear of being outed by his best friend.
FIC, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7 .B6457 2014


Teen scientist Jack Andraka chronicles his development of an inexpensive early detection test for pancreatic, ovarian, and lung cancer, and recounts his own personal story of overcoming depression and homophobic bullying. Includes hands-on science experiments.
National Science Teachers Association Best STEM Book, 2017
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, GAY, OUT, HEAL, TWH
LC Class Q143.A57 A3 2015


*Girls I’ve Run Away With* is a story of first love between a rascally tomboy skater-girl, and her wild-dreamer of a best friend, and what happens when the entire world tries to keep them apart.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, HEAL, TWA, TWH
LC Class PS3601.R474 G57 2013


A family reminisces while gathered together to make a panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt in memory of a beloved uncle.
FIC, PB, SC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.A84 Nam 2003


A girl trapped in a war between her school, her church, and her own family. A boy facing the pain of injustice and prejudice in the same rush as new love. A town shocked by the death of a young person, while one alone knows why. A loner fighting a losing battle inside, terrified by society, longing for respect. Poignant, funny, tragic, uplifting—*Awake* brings together the voices of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender teens through four gifted authors, including Nancy Garden, author of the groundbreaking Annie on My Mind, who have donated their time and talents.
FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, TWH, TWS
LC Class PZ5 .A955 2011


Miriam dreams of escaping from her boring small-town life and going to the big city to start her own life, especially when she develops romantic feelings for a girl named Laura and forms a new outlook after a weekend in the city.
Originally written in German, *Marsmädchen*.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT
LC Class PZ7.B13182 Gi 2008


A guide to sex education for teenagers, including body changes, teen problems, dating, and much more.
LC Class HQ35 .B324 2004


Tim and Pete, ex-boyfriends, Opposites --- as in attract and repel. This is the harrowing twenty-four hours of their ambivalent reconciliation: an all-night odyssey across the hyper-realist landscape of contemporary Los Angeles.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, HEAL
LC Class PS3552.A4278 T5 1993


A young boy faces adversity from classmates when he wears an orange dress at school.
FIC, PB, MC, GF
LC Class PZ7.B18122 Mor 2014


At a Minneapolis high school, a cross-country runner tries to deny his sexual feelings for a male teammate.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH


When Alek's high-achieving, Armenian-American parents send him to summer school, he thinks his summer is ruined. But then he meets Ethan, who opens his world in a series of truly unexpected ways.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT
LC Class PZ7.B229538 On 2014


Reeling from his mother's suicide, seventeen-year-old Alex Bainbridge retreats from the world around him, often finding solace on a secluded island behind his house. As an Armenian-American living in a small Southern town, Alex struggles to fit in and falls in love with Robby LaMont – an introverted new student at school.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, TWH, TWA, TWR, TWS
LC Class PZ7.B26144 Sw 2011


After her mother loses her battle to cancer, fifteen-year-old Destiny Moore moves from Chicago to Avalon Cove, a mysterious island in South Carolina. There, she starts a new life working part-time as a magician's assistant and living with her eccentric uncle Fred and his hottie husband, Clark. Destiny is soon befriended by Tasha Gordon and Topher McGentry. She accompany them to a place called Wonderland, a former boarding house owned by the enigmatic Adrianna Marveaux.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, FAM, GAY, LES, BI, TWH
LC Class PS3552.A673813 W66 2013


Dumped by her high school sweetheart for not being out and proud, bi-racial Tori Kahl struggles with college life, her demanding mother, and the legacy of her dead sister Keisha.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, POC, TWSH
LC Class PZ7.B2745 In 2008


Being adopted is just one piece in the puzzle of Audrey's life -- the picture painstakingly put together by Audrey herself, consisting not only of the greatest family ever but of a snarky, loyal, sometimes infuriating best friend Rose, and a sweet, smart musician boyfriend, Julian. But when Audrey realizes that she's pregnant, she is paralyzed by her own what-ifs and terrified by the distance she feels growing between her and her best friend Rose. Down every possible path is a different unfamiliar version of her life, and as she weighs the options in her mind, she starts to wonder -- what does it even mean to be Audrey Spencer?

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI POC
LC Class PZ7.1.B3727 You 2017


When she was three, Alena's activist mother died. She's been raised by her half-brother and his boyfriend in East London, which is being targeted by a lone bomber. Alena desperately wants to know about her mother, but her brother won't tell her anything.
Alena's played by the rules all her life, but that's over. When she starts digging up information herself and does something that costs her brother his job and puts the family in jeopardy, Alena discovers she can be a troublemaker - just like her mother.

Now she must figure out what sort of trouble she's willing to get into to find out the truth.

FIC, MG, MC, FAM, GAY,
LC Class PZ7. 1. B3728 Tro 2018


Eleven-year-old Augie Boretski dreams of escaping his run-down Camden, New Jersey, neighborhood, but things start to turn around with help from a Big Brother, a music teacher, and a mysterious bookstore owner, so when his school is in trouble, he pulls the community together to save it.

FIC, MG, SC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.B3257 No 2007


A series of five stories, loosely based on the author's experiences growing up on the edge of a small, industrial town in Illinois in the 1950s, touching upon such diverse topics as race relations, unwanted cats, confirmation in the Episcopal faith, and homosexuality.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, POC
LC Class PZ7.B3262 Kil 2007


Seventeen-year-old Aiden has been living like a ghost since his mother tried to stop a family curse by causing him to forget his psychic experiences but when Jarrod, a childhood friend, returns, so do the memories and Aiden is compelled to seek the truth and release them all from the story that has trapped them.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.B2874 Won 2015


In 1970s Northern England, thirteen-year-old Jesse Bennett struggles to come to terms with her attraction to girls while dealing with her mother's mental illness.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PS3552.E1366 A85 2010


J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.

FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, TWH, TWT
LC Class PZ7.B362 Iaj 2011

A guide that helps LGBT teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new LGBT social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and rise up against bigotry and homophobia.
NFIC, SELF, YA, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, TRANS, OUT, TWH
LC Class HQ76.27.Y68 B45 2011


Hoping to keep his older brother Nathan silent about his secret crush on another boy at their school, twelve-year-old Alan agrees to a ruthless sibling competition involving nearly impossible tasks--from standing up to their demanding father to getting a first kiss.
FIC, YA, MG, MC, SC, FAM, GAY, OUT, TWH
LC Class PZ7.1.B4515 Al 2017


This story affirms the dignity and self worth of a child who knows that he is a boy despite the fact that his body is female. Chris's story portrays his determination to be his true self, and the lesson his teacher learns. May this lesson open hearts and minds!
FIC, PB, MC, TRANS, GF


This new poetry anthology navigates the rocky waters of teenage sexuality and confusion with insight, clarity, and understanding. The poems were written by adults who keenly remember the turmoil and excitement of their own adolescent sexual explorations but now have the perspective and sense of self that come with growing up. The poems give teens new insight and new language for dealing with gender issues as a whole.
ANTH, POET, YA, GAY, LES, QUEST, TRANS
LC Class PS595.E76 B46 2004


All Aurin wants to do the summer before her senior year in high school is hang out with her friends Kenney and Fred, but when she falls in love with Neila, everything changes.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2003
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, POC, OUT
LC Class PZ7.1.B43158 Gr 2003


Meet some awesome kids who have gotten pretty tired of being told that certain things are for girls and others just for boys. See how they mix and match everything they like to get what’s suits them best.
PB, POC, GF
LC Class


Have you ever wondered what happens to your birthday wishes? Funny or serious, sad or wonderful, every wish gets read by a birthday wish fairy. This year, David wished for something that his wish fairy had never read before: to turn into a girl.

A lonely seventeen-year-old who has dreamed of meeting a different and special boy desperately seeks help from his friend Trace, a Goth girl, to free him from the clutches of a handsome ghost he has met on a rural New Jersey highway.

Finalist for the Andre Norton Award for best speculative fiction young adult novel

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, HEAL, TWS


Speaking Out features stories for and about LGBT and Q teens by fresh voices and noted authors in the field of young adult literature. These are inspiring stories of overcoming adversity (against intolerance and homophobia) and experiencing life after "coming out."

FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, TRANS, OUT, CL, TWH

LC Class PZ7.B45423 Vin 2008


Long ago abandoned by his mother who could not tolerate farm life, young Jess works out an uneasy alliance with his unyielding grandmother.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL

LC Class PZ7.B4654 Bi 1985


Sixteen-year-old Colby is barely hanging on with her mother dead, her long-haul trucker father often away, her almost-girlfriend dumping her for a boy, and her failing grades, when a stray dog appears and helps her find hope.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT, CL

LC Class PZ7.B4822 St 2012


Fifteen-year-old Alyx Atlas starts school in a new state with a new identity--as a girl--but a bully on the basketball court threatens to reveal that Alyx is an intersex person, which could disqualify Alyx and the team from playing in the state championship game.

FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, INTER, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWT

LC Class PZ7.B511965 Dou 2014


During rehearsals for Shakespeare's "As You Like It," sixteen-year-old Roz, jealous of her cheerleader sister's acting skills and heartthrob boyfriend, invents a new identity, with unexpected results.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, BI, ASEX, POC, OUT

LC Class PZ7.B52859 My 2009

After the death of his mother, thirteen-year-old Sam comes to live with his cousin and as a prank, he dresses up as a girl for school, but it soon gets out of hand.
FIC, YA
LC Class PZ7.B53225 Bo 2005


When Mara's twin brother Owen is accused of rape by her friend Hannah, Mara is forced to confront her feelings about her family, her sense of right and wrong, a trauma from her past, and the future with her girlfriend, Charlie.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, TWR
LC Class PZ7.1.B58 Gi 2018


Seven teens who live on the streets of Los Angeles and who each have their own hard-luck story, form their own dysfunctional family, complete with love and belonging, abuse and betrayal.
FIC, YA, GAY, TWA, TWR
LC Class PZ7.B5775 Al 2007


Dirk MacDonald, a sixteen-year-old boy living in Los Angeles, comes to terms with being gay after he receives surreal storytelling visitations from his dead father and great-grandmother.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 1995.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.B61945 Bab 1995


A postmodern fairy tale, in which a fairy, who may or may not be real, who helps a beautiful girl named Barbie and a tormented boy named Griffin to heal from their personal traumas.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1998.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL, TWA, TWR, TWS


Anyone can be a princess, a pirate, a mermaid, or a superhero. Demonstrated through rhyming text and whimsical illustrations, whatever you can imagine, you can become.
FIC, PB
LC Class PZ7.B641 Not 2014


Louie Angelo, a Woodhaugh High prefect who plans to be a lawyer, falls in love with a girl who lives in a pub and just wants to get through her exams so she can become a chef.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1998.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWS

Transgender author Kate Bornstein provides guidance for suicidal teenagers, relating personal emotional struggles; discussing bullies, identity, and freedom; and describing 101 activities teens can use to cope and keep themselves alive.

NFIC, SELF, YA, HEAL, TWA, TWSH, TWS
LC Class HV6546 .B67 2006


In *My Gender Workbook*, transgender activist Kate Bornstein brings theory down to Earth and provides a practical approach to living with or without a gender. Bornstein starts from the premise that there are not just two genders performed in today’s world, but countless genders lumped under the two-gender framework.

NFIC, SELF, YA, QUEST, TRANS, GF, NBIN, HEAL
LC Class HQ1075 .B69 2013


Seventeen-year-old Will's behavior has been getting him in trouble at his all-boys school in Sydney, Australia, but his latest punishment, playing in the band for a musical production, gives him new insights into his fellow students and helps him cope with an incident he has tried to forget.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, TWH
LC Class PZ7.B69245 Wil 2010


Born with an ability to float in the air, Barnaby Brocket is entreated by his parents to hide his unusual trait until a fateful day when he finds himself on a journey that takes him all over the world and into outer space.

FIC, MG, SC, GAY, TWA
LC Class PZ7.B69677 Te 2013


Walt Whitman referred to a “Mad, naked, Summer Night!” In the pages of *Boys of Summer*, acclaimed editor Steve Berman's latest anthology, talented authors and fresh voices reveal the allure and excitement of the season for gay teens. June always promises romance. July entices with its raw heat, and August offers a languid fire that will burn out before autumn’s approach. These are stories of young love and adventure, when the sky’s ceiling is a bright blue marvel, when another boy’s laughter at the beach can distract from dull summer jobs.

FIC, ANTH, YA, GAY, TWH
LC Class PS648.H57 B695 2012


Chloë is jealous and sad when her favorite uncle announces that he will be getting married, but as she gets to know Jamie better and becomes involved in planning the wedding, she discovers that she will always be special to Uncle Bobby--and to Uncle Jamie, too.

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition. Includes lesbian, transgender, gay and questioning characters.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, TRANS, POC
LC Class PZ7.B73750 Unc 2008


A tale of young love.
FIC, MG, MC, LES, QUEST
LC Class PZ7.B7555 Sa 1989


Sixteen-year-old Kid, who lives on the streets of Brooklyn, loves Felix, a guitarist and junkie who disappears, leaving Kid the prime suspect in an arson investigation, but a year later Scout arrives, giving Kid a second chance to be in a band and find true love.

FIC, YA, MC, QUEST, TWA
LC Class PZ7.B7576 Bro 2011


Much of *Glee*'s appeal comes from its cast of outsiders and misfits—singers and dancers almost as talented as the actors who play them. From Broadway veterans to virtual unknowns, these gifted performers all have one thing in common. They worked tirelessly to achieve their goals and never, ever gave up on their dreams.

NFIC, BIO, MG, YA
LC Class PN1992.77.G5558 B75 2013

Brimner, Larry Dane. *We are one: the story of Bayard Rustin*. Honesdale, Pa.: Calkins Creek, 2007.

Captures a story of passion, courage, and triumph through Bayard's own words and archival photographs, and through spirituals and protest songs that Bayard often sang.

Jane Addams Children's Book Award winner, 2008
NFIC, BIO, MG, MC, GAY, POC
LC Class E185.97.R93 B75 2007


Meet Polkadot, big sister Gladiola, and best friend Norma Alicia, as they introduce young readers to the challenges and beauty that are experienced by Polkadot as a non-binary, transgender kid. Readers learn that gender identity is found “between the ears, not between the legs” and that biological sex and gender identity are not always the same.

FIC, PB, MC, NBIN, TRANS
LC Class HQ77.9 .B75 2013

When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening--and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet.

Carnegie Medal - Children's (Nominee), 2009

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL

LC Class PZ7.B7965 Blc 2008


This witty and tender novel introduces shades of gray into the black-and-white ideas of sexuality and gender. Anyone who has ever wished to be a little bit tough and a little bit glamorous will recognize Johnny’s struggle.

FIC, YA, MC, QUEST, GF, TWH, TWS

LC Class PZ7.B79961 De 2008


High school geeks Lula and Rory share everything, they have no secrets from each other. Lula knows that Rory is gay and he understands why she worships the mother who walked out on her. Then Lula discovers that Rory has been having an affair with his middle-aged boss. When Lula disappears in the middle of the night, Rory is left alone.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, CL

LC Class PZ7.B79961 Wei 2015


Joanna meets the perfect girl for her and must decide whether to break a promise that could change everything for her and her family or lose out on love.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, OUT, CL, TWH

LC Class PZ7.B814197 Ge 2016


When his father takes him to visit Vermont, Buster sends postcards to his friends back home telling them what he is learning about maple syrup and the "mud season." During his trip, he visits his mother’s friends, a same-sex couple with three children.

FIC, PB, SC, FAM, LES

LC Class PZ7.B81618 Bus 2006


Raised as a boy, fourteen-year-old Alex, who has male and female sexual body parts, rejects the hormonal medications prescribed by his mother and decides to live as a girl.

FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, INTER, TWH, TWA

LC Class PZ7.B82835 Al 2015


It is 1987, and only one person has ever truly understood fourteen-year-old June Elbus- her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. Shy at school and distant from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn’s company; he is her godfather, confidant, and best friend. So when he dies, far too young, of a
mysterious illness her mother can barely speak about, June’s world is turned upside down. But Finn’s death brings a surprise acquaintance into June’s life—someone who will help her to heal, and to question what she thinks she knows about Finn, her family, and even her own heart.  
FIC, YA, SC, FAM, GAY, CL, HEAL  
LC Class PS3602.R867 T45 2012

The elephant of purpose is definitely in the room, but this tale, spun by a lad and one of his two same sex parents is playful.  
FIC, PB, SC, FAM, LES  
LC Class PZ8.3.B835 D5 2006

Everything about fifteen-year-old Cat’s new town in rural Michigan is lonely and off-kilter until she meets her neighbor, the manic, beautiful, pill-popping Marlena. Cat is quickly drawn into Marlena’s orbit and as shecatalogues a litany of firsts—first drink, first cigarette, first kiss, first pill—Marlena’s habits harden and calcify. Within a year, Marlena is dead, drowned in six inches of icy water in the woods nearby. Now, decades later, Cat must try again to move on, even as the memory of Marlena calls her back. Told in a haunting dialogue between past and present, *Marlena* is the captivating story of an intoxicating, indelible friendship that does not flinch from the resonant effects of its loss.  
FIC, YA, QUEST, TWDA  
LC Class PS3602.U558 M37 2017

As the Dalinger family travels across America in a rented recreational vehicle, Keats grows more accepting of the attention-getting behavior of their "manny"—male nanny—especially after a visit with the manny's parents on their Wyoming ranch.  
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2008.  
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, TWH  
LC Class PZ7.B91583 Hit 2009

A shy young boy learns how to be more outgoing and self-confident from his male nanny.  
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2006.  
FIC, YA, SC, GAY  
LC Class PZ7.B91583 Ma 2008

The summer after graduating from an Iowa high school, eighteen-year-old Dade Hamilton watches his parents’ marriage disintegrate, ends his long-term, secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love.  
Stonewall Children’s and Young Adult Literature Award, 2010.  
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2009.  
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWA, TWS  
LC Class PZ7.B915985 Vas 2009

Two dads, five siblings, and goggles! Grim Doyle has always known his life was not exactly “normal”, and things get even more curious when he discovers a set of stones that sweep him and his family back to the fantasy, steampunk world they had escaped from years ago, the world of Verne. Now that they’ve returned, Grim and his siblings hide from the evil Lord Victor and his minions. And while learning about Jinnns, Mystics, and the power of absinth they try to discover who is trying to kill them with the deadly Scourge.

**FIC, MG, SC, FAM, GAY**

LC Class PZ7.B9528 Sc 2010


This lavishly illustrated collection of myths, outs all the figures about whom we have only heard rumors until now: the Greek gods and heroes whose tastes in love included others of their own sex.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2002.

**FIC, ANTH, RB, YA, GAY**

LC Class BL795.H6 C34 2002


A continuation of Calimach’s *Lovers’ Legends*.

**FIC, ANTH, RB, YA, GAY**

LC Class BL795.H6 C35 2004


Phyre, sixteen, narrates her life as if it were a film, capturing her crush on Mia, a student teacher of theater and film studies, as well as her fast friendship with a classmate referred to only as "you."

**FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, QUEST, GF**

LC Class PZ7.C12868 Bet 2012


Provides a fascinating look at the science of sex and what makes people male or female. There are many people who are born with any number of variations in X or Y chromosomes, yet those who do not fit into society’s preconceived notions about sex often face a difficult path in life.

**NFIC, YA, INTER, NBIN, HEAL, TWS**

LC Class RC883 .C35 2009


Prepare to be swept up by this exquisite novel that reminds us that grief and love can open the world in mystical ways.

Twelve-year-old Caroline is a Hurricane Child, born on Water Island during a storm. Coming into this world during a hurricane is unlucky, and Caroline has had her share of bad luck already. She's hated by everyone in her small school, she can see things that no one else can see, and -- worst of all -- her mother left home one day and never came back. With no friends and days filled with heartache, Caroline is determined to find her
mother. When a new student, Kalinda, arrives, Caroline's luck begins to turn around. Kalinda, a solemn girl from Barbados with a special smile for everyone, seems to see the things Caroline sees, too. Joined by their common gift, Kalinda agrees to help Caroline look for her mother, starting with a mysterious lady dressed in black. Soon, they discover the healing power of a close friendship between girls. Debut author Kheryn Callender presents a cadenced work of magical realism.


Stephen Shulevitz has three months to go before his high school graduation, when he's faced with the end of the world—realizing he's in love with very straight and very homophobic best friend. With only a few months left to go in his small town, Stephen tries to figure out who he is and who he wants to be.


Eighteen-year-old James living in New York City with his older sister and divorced mother struggles to find a direction for his life. Among his many challenges is his confusion over his sexual orientation. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2007.


Rock and roll loving teen Danny Kelly's life in the country music stronghold of Nashville is complicated by his secret attraction to other boys, but when a threat arises, he and handsome, openly gay Kevin Clark must step up and save the city.


Twin brothers …love helping people and fighting crime alongside their sheriff dad on sun-drenched Fisher Key, Florida. Steven likes chasing girls, Denny longs to lose his virginity, but doesn't dare tell anyone he's gay.


Brody is an abrasive surfer girl who gets bitten by a shark and is forced to deal with her new disability, not to mention the strange, shark-like transformation that may or may not be happening to her. But this is nothing compared to the return of her ex-boyfriend who she must drive back to New York.


Zara Evans has come to the Aurelia Theater, home to the visionary director Leopold Henneman, to play her dream role in *Echo and Ariston*, the Greek tragedy that taught her everything she knows about love. When the
director asks Zara to promise that she will have no outside commitments, no distractions, it’s easy to say yes. But it’s hard not to be distracted when there’s a death at the theater — and then another — especially when Zara doesn’t know if they’re accidents, or murder, or a curse that always comes in threes. It’s hard not to be distracted when assistant lighting director Eli Vasquez, a girl made of tattoos and abrupt laughs and every form of light, looks at Zara. It’s hard not to fall in love. In heart-achingly beautiful prose, Amy Rose Capetta has spun a mystery and a love story into an impossible, inevitable whole — and cast lantern light on two young women, finding each other on a stage set for tragedy.

FIC, YA, LES


A girl's Uncle Frank falls in love with Hank, and they go to Canada to get married. The girl gets to be the flower girl.
FIC, PB, SC, FAM, GAY
LC Class PZ7.C228 Fr 2008


Presents twelve stories by contemporary, award-winning young adult authors, some presented in graphic or letter format, which explore themes of gender identity, love, and sexuality.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2009.
FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, FAM, GAY, LES, TRANS, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWT, TWA, TWSH
LC Class PZ5 .H7793 2009


This work examines the difficulties of teens finding accurate information on homosexuality or positive gay / lesbian role models in fictional literature relevant to their lives. This book evaluates young adult literature that offers homosexual themes and characters.
FIC, RB, YA, GAY, LES
LC Class PS374.H63 C37 2006


As he enters into his first relationships as a gay man, a college freshman recalls the aching loneliness of life with his alcoholic physically abusive father in a community prejudiced against homosexuals.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C2425 My 1998


Identifying titles that address the sensitive and important topics of coming out, being out, and the search for community, this catalog spotlights the best gay, lesbian, bi, transgender, and questioning books written for teens. The authors cover fiction of all kinds, as well as graphic novels and general nonfiction aimed at readers in middle school and high school, and include recent publications as well as classics that continue to be read and enjoyed by 21st-century teens. Information on how to find library programs, services, and additional resources for LBTQ teens is also provided, making this a one-stop sourcebook for LBTQ teens, their families, friends, and classmates, as well as teachers and librarians.
FIC, RB, YA, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, QUEST

Colette’s life is near-perfect, if boring, so when her ex-best friend, Sadie, asks her to come on vacation to the Greek Islands for a family wedding, Colette agrees but is surprised to learn Sadie’s true reason for the invitation.
FIC, YA, SC, LES, OUT, TWH
LC Class PZ7.C24273 My 2014


Stuart Bradley, a gay teenager living in a conservative Christian town in Ontario, Canada, dabbles in several forbidden activities, and when word gets out, he and some other teens face grave danger from the fallen angels that are inciting hatred and extremism in the community.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C24825 Ev 2009


Eighteen-year-old Bitterblue, queen of Monsea, realizes her heavy responsibility and the futility of relying on advisors who surround her with lies as she tries to help her people to heal from the thirty-five-year spell cast by her father, a violent psychopath with mind-altering abilities.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, LES, BI
LC Class PZ7.C26823 Bit 2012


Evelyn's rigidly ordered, conventional existence changes for the better when a boy named Queen joins her fifth grade classroom. While Queen's name and occasional flouting of gender conventions make him a target for the class bullies, the two quickly bond over basketball and their strong imaginations. Evelyn's feelings of awe and empowerment grow as she gets to know Queen and his bohemian family. Evelyn brings a family heirloom cream jug for show-and-tell and tints the cream purple with food coloring. Her newfound confidence allows her not to care that some classmates find this weird.
FIC, MG, SC, GF, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C2685825 Boy 2016


Written as a series of letters to her dead mother, nearly eighteen-year-old Rhea leaves Ireland for America in 1999, struggling with grief and confusion and seeking answers about her mother's past.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWA, TWS
LC Class PZ7.1.C44 Ho 2016


When Jane is forced to move from the cool confines of Metro City to suburbia, she thinks her life is over; but she finds three other girls at school named Jane and they form a secret club called P.L.A.I.N.—People Loving Art In Neighborhoods.
FIC, GN, YA

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LC Class PZ7.C26865 Pla 2007


Three teens form a close relationship as a refuge from their dysfunctional families but the relationships cause a revaluation of their identities.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.C29978 Com 2008


Hal's summer affair with Barry Goldman ends tragically when Hal discovers he is much more committed to the relationship than his friend.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, BI
LC Class PZ7.C3557 Dan 1995


Fat Angie's sister was captured in Iraq, she's the resident laughingstock at school, and her therapist tells her to count instead of eat. Can a daring new girl in her life really change anything?
Stonewall Children’s & Young Adult Literature Award, 2014.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, TWA, TWSH, TWS
LC Class PZ7.C381855 Fat 2013


Jamie's pretty much your average gay teenager. He's not out with his folks, he's got a crush on a fellow high school athlete, and his life isn't perfect. It's a good thing he has his friend, Billy, to take his mind off things, and to show him that all things are possible.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL, HEAL, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C3864 Ch 2007


Charlie's letters describe what it's like to grow up in high school.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL, TWA, TWS
LC Class PZ7.C3975 Pe 1999


Zak’s Safari (available for free online) is a book about donor-conceived kids of two-mom families. When the rain foils Zak’s plan for a safari adventure, he invites the reader on a very special tour of his family instead. Zak shows us how his parents met, fell in love, and wanted more than anything to have a baby—so they decided to make one.

In the first half of the book, Zak teaches us about his biological origins. Using simple but accurate language, we learn about sperm and egg cells, known-donors, donors from sperm banks, and instructions called genes that make up who we are. Zak's enthusiasm, combined with his scientific curiosity and gratitude for his inherited "awesome genes" make him the perfect tour guide for this contemporary conception story. The
second half of the book celebrates family. Gorgeous illustrations depict Zak and his two moms living the adventure of everyday life: eating meals together, playing at the beach, going for nature hikes and hanging out with friends and family.

Zak’s Safari aims to provide a starting place for many future conversations with your kids about their conception story and donor. Zak’s Safari is written in a style that is genuine, informative, casual, and easy to understand.

LC Class Pz7. T967 Za 2015


Drummer Phoebe Byrd prides herself on being one of the guys, and she's ready to prove it by kicking all their butts in the snare solo competition at the Indoor Percussion Association Convention.

Writer Vanessa Montoya-O'Callaghan has been looking forward to the WTFcon for months. Not just because of the panels and fanfiction readings but because WTFcon is where she'll finally meet Soleil, her internet girlfriend, for the first time.

Taxidermy assistant Callie Buchannan might be good at scooping brains out of deer skulls, but that doesn't mean it's her passion. Since her parents' divorce, her taxidermist father only cares about his work, and assisting him at the World Taxidermy and Fish-Carving Championships is the only way Callie knows to connect with him.

When a crazy mix-up in the hotel lobby brings the three girls together, they form an unlikely friendship against a chaotic background of cosplay, competition, and carcasses!


Bigotry surfaces at Minitown High when a popular male teacher sexually assaults a delinquent fifteen-year-old girl and the only witnesses are a black boy and a gay student teacher.

High school senior Meredith Bedford is a social outcast with a talent for art who recently moved Albany, NY. When her new friend Dani reveals she is gay, Meredith has trouble dealing with the news.


Devon Raines is a 16-year old journalism student when her beloved grandmother dies. Devon is grief-stricken. She falls in love with Rebecca Washington, a beautiful, black dancer, and also the daughter of the mortuary owners. This story follows their budding relationship, along with other relationships.

All Magnus Bane wanted was a vacation—a lavish trip across Europe with Alec Lightwood, the Shadowhunter who against all odds is finally his boyfriend. But as soon as the pair settle in Paris, an old friend arrives with news about a demon-worshipping cult called the Crimson Hand that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that was apparently founded by Magnus himself. Years ago. As a joke. Now Magnus and Alec must race across Europe to track down the Crimson Hand and its elusive new leader before the cult can cause any more damage. As if it wasn’t bad enough that their romantic getaway has been sidetracked, demons are now dogging their every step, and it is becoming harder to tell friend from foe. As their quest for answers becomes increasingly dire, Magnus and Alec will have to trust each other more than ever—even if it means revealing the secrets they’ve both been keeping.

FIC, YA, GAY


Told from three viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Brendan, a wrestler, struggles to come to terms with his place on the transgender spectrum while Vanessa, the girl he loves, and Angel, a transgender acquaintance, try to help.

FIC, POET, YA, MC, SC, QUEST, TRANS, POC

LC Class PZ7.5.C52 Fre 2013


The last time Jess saw her father, she was a boy. Now she’s a high school graduate, soon to be on her way to art school. But first she has some unfinished business with her dad. So she’s driving halfway across the country to his wedding. He happens to be marrying her mom’s ex-best friend. It’s not like Jess wasn’t invited; she was. She just never told anyone she was coming. Surprise! Luckily, Jess isn’t making this trip alone. Her best friend, Christophe—nicknamed Chunk—is joining her. Along the way, Jess and Chunk learn a few things about themselves—and each other—which call their feelings about their relationship into question.

FIC, YA, MC, TRANS

LC Class PZ7.C54827 Je 2016


A transformer is a robot in disguise. Liv is a boy in disguise. It’s that simple. Liv knows he was always meant to be a boy, but with his new school’s terrible dress code, he can’t even wear pants. Only skirts. Operation: Pants Project begins!

FIC, MG, MC, SC, FAM, LES, TRANS, TWH, TWT

LC Class PZ7.C54117 Pan 2017


The story of Enid and Rebecca, teenage friends facing the unwelcome prospect of adulthood and the future of their complicated relationship.

FIC, GN, YA, MC, LES, BI, QUEST

LC Class PN6727.C565 G6 2015

In 1892, America was obsessed with a teenage murderess, but it wasn’t her crime that shocked the nation—it was her motivation. Nineteen-year-old Alice Mitchell had planned to pass as a man in order to marry her seventeen-year-old fiancée Freda Ward, but when their love letters were discovered, they were forbidden from ever speaking again. Freda adjusted to this fate with an ease that stunned a heartbroken Alice. Her desperation grew with each unanswered letter—and her father’s razor soon went missing. On January 25, Alice publicly slashed her ex-fiancée’s throat. Her same-sex love was deemed insane by her father that very night, and medical experts agreed: This was a dangerous and incurable perversion. As the courtroom was expanded to accommodate national interest, Alice spent months in jail— including the night that three of her fellow prisoners were lynched (an event which captured the attention of journalist and civil rights activist Ida B. Wells). After a jury of “the finest men in Memphis” declared Alice insane, she was remanded to an asylum, where she died under mysterious circumstances just a few years later. Alice + Freda Forever recounts this tragic, real-life love story with over 100 illustrated love letters, maps, artifacts, historical documents, newspaper articles, courtroom proceedings, and intimate, domestic scenes—painting a vivid picture of a sadly familiar world.

NFIC, YA, LES, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HV6534.M4 C64 2014


Former "bad girl" Cyd Charisse moves to New York City to live with her half-brother Danny while exploring career options and various relationships, including the one with Shrimp, who is surfing in New Zealand.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.C6665 Cu 2008


Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year at New York University.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, TWH
LC Class PZ7.C6665 Nao 2007


Fifteen-year-old Michael and his friend Francis both feel betrayed when someone at their private school learns of Evgard, a secret fantasy world they created together, but when a sadistic bully becomes involved in Michael's plan for revenge, the boys and Evgard itself face grave danger.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C683523 Trc 2008


Anetta, Rosalba, and Luisa, find their lives taking unexpected paths while growing up in eighteenth century Venice at the orphanage Ospedale della Pieta, where concerts are given to support the orphanage as well as expose the girls to potential suitors.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C69675 Hi 2009

Introduces the alphabet with whimsical illustrations portraying gay and lesbian parents and racial diversity.
FIC, PB, SC, FAM, GAY, LES, POC
LC Class HQ777.8 .C66 2000


Introduces the numbers one through twenty against a background of impressionistic oil paintings portraying gay and lesbian parents and racial diversity.
FIC, PB, SC, FAM, GAY, LES, POC
LC Class QA113 .C645 2000


The story is about a girl named Debby Mason who disguises herself as a boy, renames herself Molly and joins the Revolutionary army as a drummer.
FIC, YA, MC, GF
LC Class PZ7.C737 Mo 1900


Emma lives with her two moms and a chubby housecat. Follow along as Emma gets in trouble while trying to play with Meesha Kitty; and cheer as she learns to treat him with care.
FIC, PB, SC, FAM, LES
LC Class PZ7.C76496 Em 2005


Two teenagers--a heavy-metal-music-loving boy who is still mourning the death of his mother years earlier, and a beautiful, popular girl whose parents divorced because her father is gay--try to negotiate the complications of family and peer relationships as they get to know each other after learning that their father and mother are marrying each other.
FIC, YA, SC, FAM, GAY, LES
LC Class PZ7.C773 No 2010


High school junior Samantha Blackwell has always been haunted by unsettling dreams that leave her restless and exhausted. But one steamy summer spent mostly working at her family's psychic reading shop, everything changes... Her dreams reveal a budding mystery, a vision that lovely and unassuming classmate Jane Hutchens, who she hardly knows, is being covertly watched at every turn. Stalked. Believing that her dreams are destined to come true, Samantha comes face-to-face with her deepest insecurities as she does her best to rise to the challenge and help Jane. Jane has always struggled to fit in with the outgoing, uber popular Hutchens clan. And life's newest twist isn't making things any easier. Jane is gay, and when she comes out to her influential family, the news lands with an inglorious and heartbreaking thud. Still reeling from the fallout, she begins to receive messages from a secret admirer and is intrigued. But what starts out as harmless soon ensnares both girls in a web that spins dangerously out of control. A small New England seaside town and a
puzzle demanding to be solved is the backdrop for a newly minted friendship to ignite into romance and a
summer that neither teen will ever forget. Together, are they strong enough to shine a light into a place as
dark as the blind side of the moon?
FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT
LC Class PZ7.C78469 Bl 2016

Cooper, Alex. Saving Alex: when I was fifteen I told my Mormon parents I was gay, and that's when my nightmare began. New York, NY: HarperOne, 2016.

A memoir from Alex Cooper, who knew "she was holding a secret that could shatter her family, her church community, and her life. Yet when this secret couldn't be hidden any longer, she told her parents that she was gay, and the nightmare began. She was driven from her home in Southern California to Utah, where, against her will, her parents handed her over to fellow Mormons who promised to save Alex from her homosexuality."
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, LES, OUT, TWH, TWA
LC Class BX8695.C57 A3 2016

Córdova, Jeanne. When we were outlaws : a memoir of love & revolution. Midway, FL: Spinsters Ink, 2011.

A sweeping memoir, a raw and intimate chronicle of a young activist torn between conflicting personal longings and political goals. When We Were Outlaws offers a rare view of the life of a radical lesbian during the early cultural struggle for gay rights, Women's Liberation, and the New Left of the 1970s.
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, LES
LC Class PS3553.O64554 Z46 2011


"Alex is a bruja and the most powerful witch in her family. But she's hated magic ever since it made her father disappear into thin air. When a curse she performs to rid herself of magic backfires and her family vanishes, she must travel to Los Lagos, a land in-between as dark as Limbo and as strange as Wonderland, to get her family back."
"But there is another layer of importance to the novel, and that is Alex's bisexuality. Presented matter-of-factly, without any cheesy plot twist attached, her bisexuality becomes visible but not defining, and the mere fact of its healthy portrayal makes it essential to a group of queer people long erased in mainstream media."
FIC, YA, MC, BI, POC
LC Class PZ7.C8153573 Lab 2016


The teens featured in these stories deal with situations typical to all young adults, including attraction to the opposite sex – or to the same sex, in one story – and first sexual encounters, problems with family and friends, academic and personal aspirations.
FIC, ANTH, YA, POC
LC Class PZ5 .Y65 2011


Ghosts can’t seem to keep their opinions to themselves.

Seventeen-year-old Nate Shaw should know; he’s been talking to them since he was twelve. But they aren’t the only ones making his high school years a living hell. All Nate wants is to keep his secret and keep his head down until he can graduate. That is, until the new boy, James Powell, takes a seat next to him in homeroom.
James not only notices him, he manages to work his way into Nate’s life. But James has issues of his own.

Between dead grandmothers and living aunts, Nate has to navigate the fact that he’s falling in love with his only friend, all while getting advice from the most unusual places.

Ghosts, bullies, first love: it’s a lot to deal with when you’re just trying to survive senior year.

LC Class PZ7.1.C6734 Bo 2017


Forced to choose between their duty and their hearts, Mare and Denna must find a way to save their kingdoms—and each other.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, BI
LC Class PZ7.1.C676 Of 2016


Stories for everyone who has ever felt alone in their struggle to be true to themselves. These are honest, wry, plain-spoken tales about gender, identity and family.
FIC, ANTH, BIO, YA, MC, LES, TRANS, GF, TWT, TWA
LC Class PR9199.3.C66825 O525 2012


Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents—all the while trying to come out as transgendered. An audition for a station in Minneapolis looks like his ticket to a better life in the big city. But his entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out Gabe, the popular DJ, is also Elizabeth from school.
FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, OUT, TWT, TWA
LC Class PZ7.C88149 Be 2012


In 2015, the world watched as soccer star Abby Wambach kissed her wife after the US women's World Cup victory. Milwaukee Brewers' minor league first baseman David Denson came out as gay. And Caitlyn (born Bruce) Jenner, an Olympic decathlete, came out as transgender. It hasn't always been this way. Many great athletes have stayed in the closet their whole lives, or at least until retirement. Social attitudes, institutional policies, and laws are slow to change, but they are catching up. Together, athletes, families, educators, allies, and fans are pushing for competitive equity so that every athlete, regardless of identity, can have the opportunity to play at their very best.
Rainbow Book List Award, 2017
NFIC, BIO, MG, GAY, LES, TRANS, INTER, POC, OUT, CL
LC Class GV708.8 .C76 2017


All Frankie wants to do is quietly make art. When a couple of his classmates, including Frankie’s gender-fluid friend, David, recruit him to assist Uncle Epic, a Banksy-like street artist, it’s just the excitement he needs.
Peppered with engaging comic-book-style panels, Cronn-Mills' off-the-wall art caper offers insight into a brash corner of the art world, with a refreshing matter-of-fact acceptance for unconventional choices. 
FIC, GN, YA, SC, GF 
*illustrations are mixed in with the text, not a full graphic novel or comic 
LC Class PZ7.C88149 Or 2016


Sixteen-year-old Morgan struggles with her growing attraction to a co-worker, her unsatisfactory relationship with her boyfriend, and with her own sexual orientation after a girlfriend is rumored to be gay. 
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, BI, QUEST, OUT, TWH 
LC Class PZ7.C88149 Sk 2009


Meet Katie, Hayden, Dean, Brook, David, Julia, and Natasha. Each is transgender, and in this book, they share their personal stories. Through their narratives, you'll get to know and love each person for their humor, intelligence, perseverance, and passion. You'll learn how they each came to better understand, accept, and express their gender identities, and you'll follow them through the sorrows and successes of their personal journeys. 
NFIC, BIO, RB, YA, MC, TRANS, INTER, GF HEAL, TWIT, TWA 
LC Class HQ77.95.U6 C76 2015


The tale of a young gay man caught in the civil rights movement and the homophobia of small-town America. 
FIC, GN, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, TWH, TWA 
LC Class PN6727.C74 S86 1995


A collection of three stories featuring characters from earlier books by Chris Crutcher: Nak -- Montana wild - Meet me at the gates, Marcus James. 
A Junior Library Guild selection 
FIC, ANTH, YA, SC, FAM, HEAL, POC, OUT, TWH, TWA, 
LC Class PZ7.C89 An 2009


Seventeen-year-old Isaak learns of his nefarious techno-genetic origins, and the underground force that has come together to fight against the secret government organization formed to eradicate those like him. Features a black transgender supporting character who oversees a safe house. 
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, TRANS, TWIT, TWA 
LC Class PZ7.1.C89 Bo 2016


In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.

Deon Davis’ son Ricky suffered through self-inflicting pain, depression, suicidal thoughts and the fear of being accepted. With the love and support of his family and friends he found his way and accepted his life as an intelligent, honorable, and respected gay man.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, GAY, HEAL, TWS

*Could not find any outside reviews on the book*

LC Class HQ76.25 .D38 2010


In alternating chapters, sixteen-year-old twins Ysabel and Justin share their conflicted feelings as they struggle to come to terms with their father’s decision to dress as a woman.

FIC, YA, SC, FAM, TRANS, POC, OUT

LC Class PZ7.D3174 Hap 2012


Jake is in a trap. He has been sent to therapy by his parents because they found out he’s gay. His sister is super religious. His classmates at high school torment while one of his teachers regularly patronizes the local gay bar. His friend Al is only interested in getting him into trouble. All Jake wants is out. But first, Jake must find himself.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, OUT, CL, TWH, TWA

LC Class PZ7.D3212 My 2007


Explains topics such as sex, politics, hooking up, stereotypes, coming out, and more. A candid, funny, and uncensored exploration of sexuality and what it’s like to grow up LGBT.

NFIC, SELF, YA, GAY, LES, OUT, CL, HEAL

LC Class HQ76.26 .D39 2015


An annotated bibliography which present educators, administrators and librarians with a collection of literary works for all ages.

RB, PB, MG, YA, GAY, LES

LC Class Z1037 .D24 2000


Inspired by *shoujo-ai* manga, Tough Love is a teen romance and coming-out story about a shy boy named Brian and the relationships he develops with Chris, the boy he likes, and Julie, the girl who befriends him.

FIC, GN, MC, GAY, OUT, TWH, TWA, TWS

Joseph tells stories about his experiences growing up as a gay man. He navigates through the consequences of being himself (or hiding himself) at school, work, church, and home. He encounters questions and criticisms from strangers, he endures harassment and bullying from friends, he fears retaliation and rejection from his family, and he discovers support and love from people who accept him.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, OUT, CI, TWH, TWA

*Could not find outside reviews

LC Class PS8607.E69 D42 2005


His classmates' taunts don't stop Oliver Button from doing what he likes best.

FIC, PB

LC Class jE PZ2.D4403 oL 1995


Indian American Dimple Lala questions her heart while on a trip to Bombay, on which her boyfriend pushes her away to embark on a spiritual journey, her cousin tests the boundaries of tradition, and her sister opens up about her homosexuality. Born Confused #2

FIC, YA, SC, LES, OUT, CI.

LC Class PZ7.D44885 Bn 2014


Seventeen-year-old Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans, as she sees her hypnotically beautiful, manipulative best friend taking possession of both her heritage and the boy she likes.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, OUT, CI.

LC Class PZ7.D44885 Bo 2002


Following her parents' bitter divorce as she and her father move from town to town, seventeen-year-old Mclean reinvents herself at each school she attends until she is no longer sure she knows who she is or where she belongs.

FIC, YA

LC Class PZ7.D455 Wha 2011


The daughter of a prominent and very conservative local pastor is murdered, and the killer is now taunting Avery, a transgender boy, with messages claiming the murder was revenge for her relationship with Avery. The killer demands Avery repent for changing his gender identity, or he will be the next one killed.

FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, TWT, TWA

LC Class PZ7.D49775 Loo 2016

At the heart of this memoir lies a true epiphany: the author’s sudden, galvanizing awareness of the suicidal consequences of homophobia.
NFIC, BIO, YA, GAY, OUT, TWH
LC Class HQ76.2.U5 D49 1995


Things are changing fast, and no one in Alex’s world is who they seem anymore. After witnessing a respected church leader in a compromising situation, Alex's faith begins to waver. And when his brother Mark shares a deep-rooted secret with him, Alex is forced to decide where his loyalties lie and what he truly believes in.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.D57334 Ou 2009


Outsiders, Maggie and Nash are soulmates but their friendship is put to the test when they fall for the same new guy at school.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.D617 Yo 2015


Women’s music legend Alix Dobkin for the first time chronicles her rise to fame as the first artist to record an openly lesbian record album in 1973. “Bob Dylan’s ‘favorite female singer’ and one of the groundbreaking icons in women’s music recalls the bohemian folk years of Greenwich Village, the radical left culture that shaped her life and music, and the feminism that changes it. Growing up in a Communist family post war New York…
FIC, BIO, YA, MC, LES, OUT
LC Class ML420.D573 A3 2009


At 22, Toby Griffin wants it all--fame, fortune, an Oscar-winning screenplay and a good-looking boyfriend.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY
LC Class PS3604.O52 T47 2004


Laura, a seventeen-year-old Cuban American girl, is thrown out of her house when her mother discovers she is a lesbian, but after trying to change her heart and hide from the truth, Laura finally comes to terms with who she is and learns to love and respect herself.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, QUEST, TRANS, POC, OUT, HEAL, TWH, TWS
LC Class PZ7.D701 Do 2008


Once upon a time, two couples with Jamaican, Mohawk, Indian, and Scottish ethnic roots won the lottery and bought a big house where all of them, four adults and seven adopted and biological children, could live together in harmony--but change is inevitable, especially when a disagreeable grandfather comes to stay.
Donovan, John. *I'll get there. It better be worth the trip.* Woodbury, Minn.: Flux, 2010.

While trying to cope with his alcoholic mother and absent father, a lonely New York City teenager develops a confusing crush on another boy.  
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST  
LC Class PZ7.D7228 Ii 2010


Publisher Weekly praised Donovan's "loose-jointed, poetic first-person narration," concluding that "the author's frank approach to lesbian love and fatal illness packs a hard punch that will leave readers breathless."  
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, HEAL  
LC Class PZ7.D7236 Di 2000


There is a rich and varied body of literature for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, asexual/allied and intersexed young people, which can function as a mirror for LGBTQAI+ individuals and as a window for others. This resource for librarians who work with children and teens not only surveys the best in LGBTQAI+ lit but, just as importantly, offers guidance on how to share it in ways that encourage understanding and acceptance among parents, school administrators, and the wider community.  
NF, RB, FAM, GAY, LES, BI, ASEX, QUEST, TRANS, INTER, OUT  
LC Class HQ73 .D677 2018


Life has just become very complicated for seventeen-year-old Katie; her father walked out a year ago, her mother is stressed out, her brother is a "special needs" teenager, and she is caring for the maternal grandmother she has never met, who is suffering from Alzheimer's--and Katie has a secret of her own that she feels she cannot reveal. (She is coming to terms with her growing attraction to girls.)  
FIC, YA, MC, LES, CL, HEAL  
LC Class PZ7.D75918 Un 2016


A guide for teenage girls on ways of coping with problems involving self-esteem, parents, friendship, sexuality, alcohol, drugs, and other subjects.  
NFIC, SELF, YA, QUEST, HEAL  
LC Class HQ798 .D75 1999


Would you face your biggest fear, to save the one you love? Nicola Jackson escapes from her abuser, only to realize she has no one to turn to and nowhere to go. In a twist of fate, she accidentally bumps into Jenny O'Connor, the most popular girl at school. They strike up an unlikely friendship.

A seventeen-year-old boy finds that every time he closes his eyes, he’s drawn into the body of a mute servant girl from another world—a world that’s growing increasingly more dangerous, and where many things are not as they seem.

FIC, YA, MC, BI, POC, HEAL.
LC Class PZ7.D92173 Sec 2013


Seventeen-year-old Louisa Cosgrove is locked away in the Wildthorn Hall mental institution, where she is stripped of her identity and left to wonder who has tried to destroy her life.

Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2010.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, CL, HEAL, TWA
LC Class PZ7.D9585 Ot 2014


A narrative history of the United States that places GLBT people at the center of the story. Written in the tradition of Howard Zinn’s *A People’s History of the United States*, Vicki Eaklor’s *Queer America, A People’s GLBT History of the United States*, brings vividly to life the people whose work helped change the course of the twentieth century. From the Harlem Renaissance, changes in military policy, and the Stonewall riots to GLBT rights, organizations, and alliances; AIDS; and same-sex marriage, Eaklor argues that “transformations in the social organizations of gender and sexuality are central to American history and everybody’s history.”

NFIC, RB, YA, FAM, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, POC, OUT, CL, HEAL.
LC Class HQ76.3.U5 E35 2011


High school student Michael comes to terms with the fact that he is gay, and on July 4th, Independence Day, decides to tell his best friend Todd of his true feelings toward him.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, QUEST, OUT
LC Class PZ7.E1977 In 1983


In this comics anthology, a variety of authors explore their experiences, perceptions of sexuality, gender, power, consent, and their own bodies as they relate experiences from their teenage years.

LC Class HQ35 .N68 2013


Summer 1979, Rowan Marks is done with high school. Next comes college. And in between there’s a yawning gulf—the last carefree summer vacation. At least, it should be. But Rowan’s older brother Ben is smoking way too much pot. Her best friend Danny is in love with her. And Catherine, the new girl in their small Ohio town, rubs her the wrong way. Well, that’s OK. Rowan can deal. She’s got it all worked out. Then everything turns on its head. Catherine steals her heart, Danny falls out with her, and Ben crashes the
family car, ripping the family secrets bare. All of a sudden, Rowan has a stark choice—is she going to grow up or give up?  
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES  
LC Class PS3605.G534 L43 2013


Despite their efforts to keep their love secret in post-Shah Iran, fifteen-year-old Farrin and Sadira are discovered and arrested. Can the girls’ families save them from execution? Based on a true story.  
FIC, YA, MC, LES, POC, OUT, CL, TWH, TWA  
LC Class PZ7.E469 Mo 2014


Kaycee Jean McCoy has lived her whole life in Sunshine, Tennessee and is swept up in a whirlwind of exciting new emotions as a beautiful a new girl moves in to town. What is she willing to risk for the sake of love?  
FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT, CL, TWH, TWA  
LC Class PZ7.1.E46 Sou 2016


Provides an overview of sexuality and sexual orientation and discusses the issues and concerns of teenage homosexuals, including coming out, support systems, risks, fears, prejudices, and healthy sexual behavior.  
NFIC, SELF, YA, GAY, LES, QUEST, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH  
*Could not find any outside reviews  
LC Class HQ76.26 .E53 2000


Some might say Julian is sheltered. But he lives large, and his eternal optimism allows him to see infinite possibilities wherever he looks.  

Despite his optimism, he is anxious about his stressed family falling apart. Even his ability to "uni-sense" what's happening with his sister is gone. If he can make his family focus on the magic in the universe, surely they'll appreciate life again. Now that they are moving from Washington, DC, to rural Maine, Julian can use his beloved telescope without any light pollution. He can discover a comet, name it for himself, and show his family how they're all truly connected.  

As Julian searches the night sky, he encounters a force that may drive his plan apart. His neighbor, Mr. X, could bring an end to his parents' dream of opening their B&B. Could one negative force unravel everything? An avid student of science, Julian understands that there is much about the universe that we don't yet know. Who is to say what's possible and what's not?  
FIC, MG, MC, SC, FAM, LES,  
LC Class PZ7. E7388 In 2017


Everyone knows that Nathan is in love with his best friend, Preston, but Preston doesn't know. Preston is heading off to train for the Olympics swim team so there is very little time for Nathan to come clean about his feelings. Will a whirlwind trip to Europe help things along?


Bailey longs to wear the beautiful dresses of her dreams but is ridiculed by her unsympathetic family which rejects her true perception of herself.

A Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2010.

FIC, PB, MC, TRANS, GF

LC Class PZ7.E94717 Aaj 2008


In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, seventeen-year-olds Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret until Nasrin’s parents announce their daughter’s arranged marriage and Sahar proposes a drastic solution.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, TRANS, POC, CL, TWH

LC Class PZ7.F2278 If 2013


High school junior Leila’s Persian heritage already makes her different from her classmates at Armstead Academy, and if word got out that she like girls life would be twice as hard, but when a new girl, Saskia, shows up, Leila starts to take risks she never thought she would, especially when it looks as if the attraction between them is mutual, so she struggles to sort out her growing feelings by confiding in her old friends.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, POC, OUT, CL, TWH, TWA

LC Class PZ7.F2278 Te 2014


When eighteen-year-old best friends Evan and Davis of Madison, Wisconsin, join a community center group called "chasers" to gain acceptance and knowledge of gay history, there may be fatal consequences.

A Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2012.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, HEAL, TWH, TWA

LC Class PZ7.F24614 Ch 2011


An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

FIC, MG, QUEST

LC Class PZ7.F314 Be 2013

Now on Broadway as second understudy for E.T., Nate Foster keeps in close contact with his best friend, Libby, as he faces his nemesis, Jordan Rylance, and his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience. Lambda Literary Award Winner, 2015.

FIC, MG, GAY, QUEST
LC Class PZ7.F314 Fiv 2014


Sixteen-year-old Quinn Roberts falls for another guy after his first college party where he can finally step back into the starring role of his own life story.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.F314 Gr 2016


Troubled thirteen-year old Karina and her sisters are abused by their stepfather, but upon his arrest a chance for a normal life appears, as well as a friendship with another girl that could blossom into something more.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, POC, HEAL, TWA
LC Class PZ7.F33579 Tou 2007


A gay Lutheran teen, Charles James Stewart II, chronicles a very memorable senior year at South High in Crystal Lake, Ill.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.F35652 Scr 2008


Eighteen-year-old John must confront his own sexuality when he goes to rodeo school and finds himself strangely attracted to an older boy who is smart, tough, complicated, gorgeous, and gay. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2000.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, QUEST, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.F4174 Ei 2000


Recent runaway Marley Kurtz is back home in Florida after a long road trip. He and his boyfriend Jesse get jobs, move into a loft and start living the good life. They don’t stay free for long however; Marley is eventually pressured into reuniting with the family that sent him away. Marley soon finds himself pulled in too many directions at once.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY
*Could not find outside reviews
LC Class PS3606.I345 D97 2013


Elmer the duck is teased because he is different, but he proves himself by not only surviving the winter, but also saving his Papa.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2002.
FIC, PB, MC, GF
LC Class PZ7.F479195 Si 2002


Fourteen-year-old Celia, hurt by her parents’ separation, the loss of her only friend, and a classmate’s cruelty, has only her poetry for solace until newcomer Drake Berlin befriends her, comes out to her, and seeks her help in connecting with the boy he left behind.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL, TWA
LC Class PZ7.F49835 Swe 2013


Seventeen-year-old Maddie O'Neil Levine and her zany family accompany their terminally ill matriarch on her 'death with dignity' cruise, where Maddie falls in love, makes new friends, and struggles to find the strength to let go of her beloved Gram.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.1.F55 Loo 2016


Josef Jaeger turns thirteen when Adolf Hitler is appointed Germany's new Chancellor. When his mother dies, Josef is sent to Munich to live with his uncle, Ernst Roehm, the openly-homosexual chief of the Nazi brown shirts.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.F49888 Jo 2008


Fifteen-year-old Tyler Buckspan lives with his mom and grandmother in 1960s Cassadaga, a Florida community where spiritual "mediums" ply their trade. The mediums--Tyler's grandmother among them--read palms and tarot cards, conduct séances and speak with the dead. Tyler's a loner, a bookish boy with few interests, until his half-brother Devin, nineteen and a convicted arsonist, comes to live in Tyler's home. For years, Tyler has ignored his attraction to other boys. But with Devin in the house, Tyler can't deny his urges any longer.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL, TWS
LC Class PZ7.F49888 Tyl 2013


An HIV-positive high school student hospitalized after being attacked, the bigot accused of the crime, and the only witness, a classmate with Down Syndrome, reveal how the assault has changed their lives as they tell of its aftermath.
FIC, YA, MC, HEAL, TWA
LC Class PZ7.F6395 Fad 2005


Nearly eighteen, Calliope Pratt knows her rank in the hierarchy of dorks in high school -- just above the band geeks. With a love life as laughable as her name, she still wants a boyfriend. Her best friend Farrah is a
Buddhism-dabbling, left-leaning lesbian who has just come to terms with her sexuality. When Callie is humiliated by her crush in front of an auditorium, she and Farrah turn to the Internet to find their soul mates. Amidst family secrets and tragedies, Callie finds and nurtures an online love, the mysterious Kevin. This chat room relationship blossoms and pushes her to run away from her mother so she can be with her unknown Prince Charming. But she soon learns nothing is what it seems in the virtual world, and blind trust can be dangerous.

FIC, YA, SC, LES


Brimming with sarcasm, fifteen-year-old Jeff describes his stay in a psychiatric ward after attempting to commit suicide.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, QUEST, HEAL, TWS


A book for a new generation of young men and women who want to know more about what being part of the gay and lesbian community means.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1996.

NFIC, RB, YA, GAY, LES


Liam's father has AIDS, and his family cannot talk about it until Liam reveals a secret that he has tried to deny ever since he saw his father embracing another man at the beach.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL, HEAL


Teens Molly and Charlie connect through email when their complicated families exchange houses for the summer, but a misunderstanding threatens the emerging relationship just when the two are about to secretly meet.

FIC, YA, SC, FAM, LES


Feeling humiliated and confused when his best friend Tessa rejects his love and reveals a long-held secret, high school senior Luke must decide if he should stand by Tessa when she invites a female date to the prom, sparking a firestorm of controversy in their small Indiana town.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT, TWH

When Hazel Johnson and Mari McCray met at church bingo in 1963, it was love at first sight. Forced apart by their families and society, Hazel and Mari both married young men and had families. Decades later, now in their mid-’60s, Hazel and Mari reunite again at a church bingo hall. Realizing their love for each other is still alive, what these grandmothers do next takes absolute strength and courage.

FIC, GN, LES, OUT


As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing

Honorable mention Michael L. Printz Winners and Honor Books, 2013
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, BI, QUEST, CL
LC Class PZ7.F893 My 2002


An account of the evolving relationship between a gay man and his father.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1991.
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, GAY, OUT, TWH
LC Class HQ76.3.U5 F75 1991


Milo has two great moms, but he's never known what it's like to have a dad. When Milo’s doctor suggests asking his biological father to undergo genetic testing to shed some light on Milo's extreme allergies, he realizes this is a golden opportunity to find the man he's always wondered about. Hollis's mom Leigh hasn't been the same since her other mom, Pam, passed away seven years ago. But suddenly, Leigh seems happy -- giddy, even -- by the thought of reconnecting with Hollis's half-brother Milo. Hollis and Milo were conceived using the same sperm donor. They met once, years ago, before Pam died. Now Milo has reached out to Hollis to help him find their donor. Along the way, they locate three other donor siblings, and they discover the true meaning of the other F-word: family.
FIC, MG, SC, FAM, LES, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.F91535 Ot 2017


Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.
Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year, 2004
FIC, POET, YA, MC, GAY, TWA
LC Class PZ7.F9205 Ke 2003


An anthology of stories, essays, and poems written by young adults on a full spectrum of subjects: coming out, family, friendship, religion and faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many other topics of importance.
Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2006.
NFIC, ANTH, POET, BIO, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, TRANS, POC, OUT, HEAL, TWH, TWS

One day every hundred years Death, older sister of The Sandman, walks among humans to gain a better understanding of people.

FIC, GN, YA, HEAL, TWS
LC Class PN6737.G3 A6 1994


When the author was eleven he was bullied. He wrote this book so it might not happen to someone else.

Top Ten Indie Next List, 2013
FIC, MG, TWA
LC Class PZ7.G13134 Bu 2013


Sylvia, an overachieving thirteen-year-old who skipped two grades in school, starts realizing she has super agility and strength and sets out to find out why.

FIC, GN, YA, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.7.G347 On 2008


Kyle, a gay sixteen-year-old has troubles. His parents are divorcing, he’s attracted to his mother’s new boyfriend and he’s just met Dwight whose life is even more complicated that his.

Rainbow Awards Honorable Mention, 2012
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, POC, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G15324 T48 2012


Liza puts aside her feelings for Annie after the disaster at school, but eventually she allows love to triumph over the ignorance of people.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G165 An 1992


Jan begins her senior year of high school not expecting that she will lose the starring part in the school play, take over as director when her beloved drama teacher becomes ill, and realize that she is a lesbian.

Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1996.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G165 Go 1996

Going decade by decade, Nancy Garden discusses the social and political issues faced by LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) youth from 1950 to the present, and adds two stories about gay young people from each decade.
FIC, NFIC, ANTH, RB, YA, GAY, LES, TRANS, POC, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HQ76.8.U5 G357 2007

While preparing decorations for Open School Night, Molly and several of her classmates draw pictures of their families and discover that family means something different to each of them.
FIC, PB, FAM, LES
LC Class PZ7.G165 Mo 2004

While trying to come to terms with her own lesbian feelings, Jamie, a high-school senior and editor of the school newspaper, finds herself in the middle of a battle with a group of townspeople over the new health education curriculum.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1999.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, LES, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G165 Ye 1999

When Julia finds a slur about her best friend scrawled across the back of the Kingston School for the Deaf, she covers it up with a beautiful (albeit illegal) graffiti mural. Her supposed best friend snitches, the principal expels her, and her two mothers set Julia up with a one-way ticket to a "mainstream" school in the suburbs, where she's treated like an outcast as the only deaf student. The last thing she has left is her art, and not even Banksy himself could convince her to give that up. Out in the 'burbs, Julia paints anywhere she can, eager to claim some turf of her own. But Julia soon learns that she might not be the only vandal in town. Someone is adding to her tags, making them better, showing off and showing Julia up in the process. She expected her art might get painted over by cops. But she never imagined getting dragged into a full-blown graffiti war
LC Class PZ7.1.G3729 Y68 2017

The book addresses such topics as coming out to children, facing homophobia at school, co-parenting with ex-partners, the impact of AIDS, and the children’s own sexuality.
NFIC, SELF, RB, YA, FAM, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, OUT, HEAL, TWH, TWT
LC Class HQ777.8 .G37 2004

Still reeling from the death of his little brother and the sudden departure of his first love Meg, Otis throws himself into swim training with Dara, until Meg returns for the summer and Otis tries to rekindle their relationship.
FIC, YA, SC, LES, OUT
LC Class PZ7.1.G373 Pha 2016

After the death of her estranged mother, who left Ohio years ago to live with her lesbian partner in New York City, seventeen-year-old Shawna Gallagher's life is transformed by revelations about her family, her best friend, and herself.
FIC, YA, SC, FAM, LES, OUT, TWH, TWA, TWR
LC Class PZ7.G1875 Say 2009

Some days Riley Cavanaugh identifies as a boy, and others as a girl. On the advice of a therapist Riley starts an anonymous blog to vent pent-up feelings and tell the truth of what it's really like to be a gender fluid teenager. But when the blog goes viral, Riley must make a choice to walk away or stand up and risk everything.
FIC, YA, MC, GF, CL
LC Class PZ7.1.G377 Sy 2016

June’s breezy life by Lake Champlain changes when her mom’s girlfriend, Eva, moves in and they announce they want to marry under Vermont’s new civil union law. Some angry adults start a boycott against their Stillwater Marina Shop, and June just wants to disappear.
FIC, MG, SC, FAM, LES, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G29174 My 2012

Lily Jo McGrother is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth-grade. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.
FIC, MG, MC, TRANS, HEAL, TWS
LC Class PZ7.G293463 Li 2016

These two girls have nothing in common, except the passionate "private time" they share every Tuesday afternoon. Jesse wishes their relationship could be out in the open, but Emily feels she has too much to lose. When they find themselves on opposite sides of a heated school conflict, they each have to decide what's more important: what you believe in, or the one you love?
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G293346 Di 2012

Rafael Fannen is a 14-year old boy who has won a minority scholarship to Our Lady of the Woods, an all-male Catholic college preparatory school. Winning the scholarship quickly turns into a nightmare, as Rafe has to deal with the racism of his fellow students. Things quickly spin out of control when he is targeted by a vicious bully.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, FAM, GAY, POC, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.G35875 Ber 2013

Danny Cheng, a Chinese-American teen, grapples with a dangerous revelation about his parents’ past, his plans for the future, and his feelings for his best friend, Harry Wong.
FIC, YA, GAY, POC, OUT
LC Class PZ7.1.G55 Pic 2018


When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she’s not a boy. She knows she’s a girl. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan, so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.
Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2015.
FIC, MG, MC, TRANS, OUT, TWT
LC Class PZ7.1.G566 Geo 2015


This is the author’s journey of self-discovery, musical passion, and drive to become the founding member of Pansy Division, the first out and proud pink rock band to make the national scene.
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, SC, GAY, TWH
LC Class ML419.G56 A3 2009


All Pen wants is to be the kind of girl she’s always been. So why does everyone have a problem with it? They think the way she looks and acts means she’s trying to be a boy—that she should quit trying to be something she’s not. If she dresses like a girl, and does what her folks want, it will show respect. If she takes orders and does what her friend Colby wants, it will show her loyalty. But respect and loyalty, Pen discovers, are empty words. Old-world parents, disintegrating friendships, and strong feelings for other girls drive Pen to see the truth—that in order to be who she truly wants to be, she’ll have to man up.
Lambda Literary Award Winner LGBTQ Children’s/Young Adult, 2017
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, BI, GF, POC, TWH, TWR
LC Class PZ7.1.G583 Gi 2016


Queen Shulamit never expected to inherit the throne of the tropical land of Perach so young. At twenty, grief-stricken and fatherless, she’s also coping with being the only lesbian she knows after her sweetheart ran off for an unknown reason. Not to mention, she’s the victim of severe digestive problems that everybody thinks she’s faking. When she meets Rivka, an athletic and assertive warrior from the north who wears a mask and pretends to be a man, she finds the source of strength she needs so desperately.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, GF, POC, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PS3607.L37555 S43 2013


Matt, the lighthouse keeper, waits for the return of his friend Sailor so they can sail away together, subtly introducing the theme of male homosexuality.
FIC, PB, MC, FAM, GAY


After getting in trouble yet again, popular high school senior Liam, who never seems to live up to his wealthy father's expectations, is sent to live in a trailer park with his gay "glam-rocker" uncle.

American Library Association Rainbow Project
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, TWA
LC Class PZ7.G54375 Hel 2003


They say that whoever you are it’s okay, you were born that way. Those words don’t comfort Emily, because she was born Christopher and her insides know that her outsides are all wrong. They say that it gets better, be who are you and it’ll be fine. For Emily, telling her parents who she really is means a therapist who insists Christopher is normal and Emily is sick. Telling her girlfriend means lectures about how God doesn’t make that kind of mistake. Emily desperately wants high school in her small Minnesota town to get better. She wants to be the woman she know is inside, but it’s not until a substitute therapist and a girl named Natalie come into her life that she believes she has a chance of actually Being Emily. A story for anyone who has ever felt that the inside and outside don’t match and no one else will understand…

Finalist Lambda Literary Award, 2013
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, TRANS, TWT, TWSH
LC Class PS3607.O44 B456 2012


Mitch, a shy and awkward high school junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, CL
LC Class PZ7.G56924 Tw 2008


We are the youth is an ongoing photographic journalism project chronicling the individual stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in the United States. Through portraits, by photographer Laurel Golio, and as-told-to personal essays, by writer Diana Scholl, this book captures the incredible strength and diversity of LGBT youth.
The project began in June 2010 as a way to address the lack of visibility among LGBT young people by providing a space to share stories in an honest and respectful way. Since then, over 100 young people have been profiled, and the project has been displayed at the Brooklyn Museum, the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, the Fresno Fruit Festival, and the Gender Reel Festival.
NFIC, RB, PB, MC, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, POC, OUT, (TW UNKNOWN)
LC Class HQ76.27.Y68 G655 2014


In times filled with terror and torment, one woman's haunting grief rises from beyond to become the people's howl in the dark. Sometimes a heartache is so great, it belongs to everyone. Sometimes a healing is so powerful it holds within it the spark to change everything….if we’re ready.
A queer reclamation of the classic Mexican ghost story, La Llorona, spanning from MesoAmerica 1500 to present day San Francisco.

YA, FIC, FAM, MC,
LC Class PZ7. 1. G654 Mah 2017


With Mother's Day coming, Antonio finds he has to decide about what is important to him when his classmates make fun of the unusual appearance of his mother's partner, Leslie.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2005.

FIC, PB, SC, FAM, LES, POC

LC Class PZ73 .G59155 2005


Caliente Valley High School senior Maui, a gay Latino, is torn between his growing affection for a wealthy newcomer and his loyalty to the GLBT alliance he helped found, whose members consider making statement by attending prom in drag.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, GF, POC, TWH, TWA

LC Class PZ7.G594 Mav 2012


Sixteen-year-old Dylan tries to understand her feelings for her girlfriend Joq at the same time she is dating her boyfriend Cam.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, OUT, CI, TWH

LC Class PZ7.G597 He 2006


Carmen Mendoza, a proud lesbian, has found another note in her locker that threatens her and her lifestyle and looking for some help she tries to team up with Scott, who is not gay but who lost his best friend, Jamie, to suicide after Jaime decided to announce that he was gay.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, POC, OUT, TWH, TWS

LC Class PZ7.G61366 Al 2013


Emma can't wait for her cousin Hannah's wedding. She's going to be the flower girl. That means she'll wear a celery dress and walk down the aisle with the ring bear, leading the way for the happy bride and groom. Or at least, that's what Emma assumes. But nothing turns out to be quite what she's expecting.

FIC, PB, SC, FAM, LES

LC Class PZ7.1.G655 Fl 2016


X is loved by its classmates but despised by adults because no one knows if it is a boy or girl.

FIC, PB, MC, GF, NBIN

LC Class PZ7.G7352 Xac 1978

In 1974, the first year of busing in Boston, Massachusetts, seventeen-year-old Ann Ahern's lesbianism, which has isolated her from other white students, draws her to her African French teacher and leads her to insights into Blacks' struggles in the post-Civil Rights era.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, POC, OUT, TWH, TWA
LC Class PS3557.R274 M37 2008


Set in the 1980s, *Dirty one* follows a pack of adolescent characters coming of age in the suburban town of Leominster, Massachusetts.

FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, SC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PS3607.R38645 D57 2011


An anthology of ten stories about teens losing their virginity.

FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, GAY, POC
LC Class PZ5 .L774 2013


When Cody heads off to rural Georgia for the gay version of the popular reality TV show, City/Country, he has no idea that things are going to be so disorganized. What starts out as a legitimate offer from the network TV, dissolves into a farce where Cody and the other four guys who agreed to do the show are being used as guinea pigs for a doctoral dissertation. Can Cody and the other four guys survive their time in the middle of nowhere?

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY
LC Class PS3607.R3958 C58 2007


When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

A Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2011.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.G8233 Wil 2010


Biography of the famous artist and pop icon.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, SC, GAY
LC Class N6537.W28 G74 2004


An eleven-year-old boy describes life as a family made up of himself, his mother and her lesbian partner.

NFIC, MG, SC, FAM, LES, TWH


As her mother battles a citizens' group that wants to ban all "anti-Christian" literature from the public library, Carla faces her own battle of torn loyalties when her boyfriend starts persecuting the homosexual owners of an antiques shop.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 1992.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, TWH, TWA

LC Class PZ7.G8283 Dr 1991


Nate Lawson didn't know the kind of parents he had until he fell in love with another guy in high school. This wasn’t just any guy, it was Mike Sarafin, the boy Nate had a crush on since the 8th grade. Would you mind? Looks at those two boys, their families, and their love for one another. Your family can surprise you sometime and give you the greatest gift of all, their love and acceptance.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, FAM, GAY, OUT, TWH

LC Class PZ7.G84288 Wou 2013


Narrated by a firefly captured by a five-year-old girl named Violet, who plans to use the firefly as her nightlight. Violet's mommies, Mommy Blue and Mama Red, go along with the idea, but the firefly refuses to live in a glass jar. After several attempts, the firefly devises the ultimate escape plan.

FIC, PB, SC, FAM, LES

LC Class PZ7 .G85374 Fl 2004


As Kristin Lattimer discovers that she is intersex, her entire world unravels. Dealing with her body is difficult enough, but when her diagnosis is leaked to the whole school, Kristin’s entire identity is thrown into question.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2015.

FIC, YA, MC, INTER, OUT, TWA

LC Class PZ7.1.G744 No 2015


During the summer of 1926 in the lake resort town of Excelsior, Minnesota, sixteen-year-old Garnet, who dreams of indulging her passion for ornithology, is resigned to marrying a nice boy and settling into middle-class homemaking until she takes a liberating job in a hat shop and begins an intense, secret relationship with a daring and beautiful flapper.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, CL

LC Class PZ7.G8813593 Si 2012


When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.

A Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2002.

King Lee and King Bertie take a honeymoon trip to the jungle and bring home a surprise.

**FIC, PB, MC, FAM, GAY, POC**  
LC Class PZ7.H11132 Ki 2002


A seventeen-year-old boy's life is nearly destroyed when a rumor that he is homosexual is started in his new high school.

**FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL, TWH**  
LC Class PZ7.H1458 St 1972


Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons and art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

**FIC, PB, QUEST, TRANS**  
LC Class PZ7.H1472 Red 2015


Originally published in 1928, Radclyffe Hall's *The Well of Loneliness* is the timeless story of a lesbian couple's struggle to be accepted by "polite" society. Shockingly candid for its time, this novel was the very first to condemn homophobic society for its unfair treatment of gays and lesbians.

**FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, CL, TWH**  
LC Class PR6015.A33 W43 1990


Gideon always has a plan. His plans include running for class president, leading the yearbook committee, and having his choice of colleges. They do not include falling head over heels for his best friend and next-door neighbor, Kyle. It's a distraction. It's pointless, as Kyle is already dating the gorgeous and popular head cheerleader, Ruby. And Gideon doesn't know what to do. Kyle finally feels like he has a handle on life. He has a wonderful girlfriend, a best friend willing to debate the finer points of Lord of the Rings, and social acceptance as captain of the basketball team. Then both Ruby and Gideon start acting really weird, just as his spot on the team is threatened, and Kyle can't quite figure out what he did wrong...

**FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, BI, POC**  
LC Class M1997.G55 T7 1964


Vincent Harris, the teenaged son of a Baptist minister, has always known he is gay and uses his faith to avoid any sinful thoughts or acts, but when his family moves to a new church in the late 1970s he meets Robert Ingle, falls in love, and begins to wonder if God is really asking him to repent and change.

Rainbow Project List Honors-American Library Association  
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL, OUT, TWH

Yanked out of his city life and plunked down into a small Montana town with his father and his father's boyfriend, seventeen-year-old Ben--angry and resentful about the changed circumstances of his life--begins to notice that something is not quite right with the little boy next door and determines to do something about it.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.H221442 Not 2008


Joanie's got all of the problems of an almost seventeen year old girl. She's trying to get her driver's license, her mom and dad are pressuring her about going to prom, and she never can seem to make it to the bus on time. Even worse, Joanie likes girls, not boys, and all of the girls in her hometown are pretty darned straight.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, OUT, CL
LC Class PZ7.H241444 Ik 2007


Will’s never been obvious about being gay. Not like Daniel, who takes the heat- and the beatings- at Spencer High. But then Will’s best friend outs him on Facebook, and his small-town life starts to spin out of control.

If he’s not like everyone else, and he’s not like Daniel, then who is he?

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWS
LC Class PS8615.A762 H66 2013


Provides accurate, unbiased answers to questions about sexual health from conception to puberty, to birth control and AIDs. Includes chapter on hetero and homosexuality.

NFIC, SELF, YA, SC, GAY, LES, QUEST, HEAL
LC Class HQ53.H37 2014


Rebecca Wilcox’s curiosity about the disturbance of old grave overcomes her fear of the cemetery’s reputation for being haunted. After all, she’s in college now. Armed with only a name and some dates, her search leads her to sophomore Olivia Harmon.

FIC, YA, MC, LES
LC Class PS3608.A7829 L38 2013


Set in Manhattan Beach and Oxnard, California, Hart’s coming-of-age memoir is a moving account of her struggle with the dichotomies of class, culture and sexuality.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, SC, LES, QUEST, POC, TWH
LC Class CT275.H38672 A3 2009

Funny, openly gay high school junior Russel Middlebrook finds the adventure he is looking for when he falls for an anti-consumerist freegan who pops out of the school dumpster. Through Wade, Russel is exposed to new experiences (like eating roadkill) and challenging ideas ("When you don’t spend your whole life looking at a television or a computer screen, you can’t help but take a good look at the world"). But just as their relationship turns romantic, Russel's friend Gunnar suspects that Wade and his freegan friends may be taking their beliefs to a dangerous extreme.

Independent Publisher Book Award Young Adult Fiction (Bronze Medal Winner), 2013
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, BI, OUT
LC Class PZ7.H2635 Ele 2013


A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2003.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.H2635 Ge 2003


When friends Rob, Liam, Mia, and Galen gather for a weekend of fun deep in the forest, one is hiding a lie and not everyone will live to find out which one it is.
FIC, YA, MC, FAY, BI
LC Class PZ7.H2635 Thr 2016


Whether he’s sneaking out, making out, or playing hymns with a hangover, Aaron learns a few lessons that can’t be found in the Bible. He discovers that the best friends aren’t always the ones your mom and dad approve of, the girl of your dreams can just as easily be the boy of your dreams, and the tricky part about believing is that no one can do it for you.
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, CL, TWH
LC Class BR1725.H2425 A3 2013


Julia and Ruth have been unlikely best friends since they first met in Sunday school—Ruth was standing on the Bible-crafts table belting out "Jesus Loves Me." Now that they're a year away from graduation, they're putting the finishing touches on their getaway plans. But their dream of a funky big-city loft and rich, interesting older men is threatened. When Ruth gets pregnant; Julia gets creative. Determined to support her friend and stay on track for life after high school, Julia comes up with a plan that will require all her intelligence, compassion, ingenuity and patience. Drawing on some great (and some not-so-great) works of literature, Julia proves that you can learn a lot just by opening up a book.
FIC, YA, HEAL
LC Class PR9199.2.H378 L58 2008


A young gay man finds the courage to stand up for himself in this LGBTQ twist on Romeo and Juliet.
FIC, YA, GAY


A young man comes to terms with his sexuality in a modern retelling of an iconic Shakespearean romance


A discussion of physical, verbal, and emotional harassment of students in Canadian high schools, with recommendations for challenging homophobic and transphobic bullying in high schools.


Frannie has always idolized her cousin Tru. At seventeen, Tru is charismatic, rich, charming — everything fifteen-year-old Frannie wants to be, and everything she's not. So when Frannie overhears her parents saying that after a bad coming-out experience Tru will be staying with them in Baltimore for the summer, Frannie is excited and desperate to impress him. But as Frannie gets swept up in Tru's worldly way of life, she starts to worry that it may all be a mask Tru wears to hide a dark secret. And if Tru isn't the person Frannie thought he was, what does that mean for the new life she has built with him?


Presents brief descriptions of many different kinds of families both traditional and nontraditional. Includes lesbian parents.


Two 15-year-old classmates are loving and devoted "best friends," but the time comes when they must ask themselves a hard question about their relationship


Written by volunteers with Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia (T.E.A.C.H.), a peer-based program run by Planned Parenthood of Toronto. The contributors provide their own stories about growing up "queer."

In parallel stories, Hannah, a slave, finds love while fleeing a Maryland plantation in 1842, and in the present, Opal watches her life-long best friend, Marianne, pull away and eventually lose her life in the same Pennsylvania ravine where Hannah died.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, CL, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.H35885 Maao 2008


Wiccan, who believes that he and Speed must be the long missing sons of the Scarlet Witch, decides to search for her, and nothing the Young Avengers, the original team, the X-Men, or anyone else can do will stop him.
FIC, GN, YA, MC, GAY
LC Class PN6728.A9 H45 2012


Shane, a 12-year-old transgender boy, is excited to begin hormone therapy to “officially” start transitioning to male, but a school bully is set on making Shane’s life miserable because of it. Although Shane is a victim of some hate, he is the recipient of far more acceptance and support. Spreads from the sf comic that Shane is drawing preface several chapters, each hinting at upcoming struggles.
FIC, MG, MC, TRANS, TWT
LC Class PZ7.1.H464 Ot 2016


It's Pride Day, and this big loving chosen family is ready to celebrate! See what they do to make their Pride Day special and so much fun – one letter at a time!
PB, FAM, GF,
LC Class


Hernandez helped save the life of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, and his life experience is a source of true inspiration in this heartfelt memoir. His quick thinking saved her life until the paramedics arrived and took her to the hospital. His memoir explores his life, his character, and the traits that a young person needs to rise above adversity and become a hero.
NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, GAY, POC
LC Class E901.1.H46 A3 2013

Heron, Ann and Maran, Meredith. How would you feel if your dad was gay?. illustrated by Kris Kovick. Boston, Mass.: Alyson Wonderland, 1991.

Jasmine, Michael, and Noah are all regular kids except for one thing: They have gay parents. They have some unique concerns that they’ve never seen discussed by anyone else. This book, written by two lesbian mothers, with help from their sons, will be a lifeline for other young people who face the same issues. It will also help their classmates, teachers, and parents to better understand just how varied today’s families are.
A Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1991.
FIC, MG, SC, FAM, GAY, LES, POC, TWH
LC Class HQ777.8 .H47 1991

Every summer three families take a trip together -- this year it’s to a remote resort in the mountains of upstate New York. Scotty, a teenager who’s just come out, is nervous about how his friends will react to him. A late night visit to an old nearby cemetery seems like a great idea to the bored teens, but the old cemetery holds dark secrets hidden for almost a century -- secrets that might have been better left undisturbed. And what originally seemed like a boring week in the mountains gradually becomes a nightmare of terror for the teens and their families

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, OUT

LC Class PZ7.H432 Lak 2013


Eric Matthews wakes up in the hospital with no memory of how he wound up there—and soon learns that it’s vital that he remember. Apparently, he was in a car accident—and the body of classmate Sean Brody was found in his car, shot to death. But nothing makes sense to Eric. He and Sean weren’t friends. In fact, they disliked each other—Sean was gay and Eric is...well, he’s not sure of much right now! Except he is certain he didn’t shoot Sean, even though he can’t remember anything about the day of the accident.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, TWH

LC Class PZ7.H432 Sl 2011


From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girls’ brain in a boy’s body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn’t feel like herself in boy’s clothing. This confused her family, until they took her to a doctor who diagnosed Jazz as transgender and explained that she was born this way. Jazz’s story is based on her real-life experience and she tells it in a simple, clear way that will be appreciated by picture book readers, their parents, and teachers.

NFIC, PB, MC, TRANS, POC

**NOTE: Jazz Jennings is POC, but the images in the book depict her and her family as lighter than they are**

LC Class HQ77.8.J46 A3 2014


A photo essay of a class in infant care given to fifth and sixth grade boys with the help of mothers and real babies.

National Book Award for Children's Book, Nonfiction, 1981

NFIC

LC Class HQ769.5 .H47 1980


An anthology of scholarly studies exploring the gay and lesbian past.

Stonewall Book Award Nominee for Non-Fiction, 1990

Lambda Literary Award for Gay Men's Anthologies, Lesbian Anthology, 1989

NFIC, ANTH, YA, GAY, LES, BI, GF

LC Class HQ76.25 .H527 1989


High school social dynamics and issues of sexual identity combine in this compact yet thoughtul entry in the Gravel Road series. Brett Miller is a high school sophomore who knows exactly who he is. He is the boyfriend of the fantastically hot Jillia. He is popular. He is normal and 100 percent not gay. Then he meets Zach in art class. Brett’s attraction is undeniable and suddenly he doesn’t know who he is anymore. The first person point of view enables the reader to empathize with Brett’s confusion as he struggles to come to terms with his bisexuality.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, BI, QUEST, TWH
LC Class PZ7.H5349554 Bi 2013


In this young adult memoir, a transgender girl shares her personal journey of growing up as a boy and then undergoing gender reassignment during her teens.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, TRANS, TWS
LC Class HQ77.8.H55 A3 2014


An illustrated guide to the nuances of gender and gender identity for all ages.

NFIC, GN, SELF, MG, YA, TRANS, INTER, GF, NBIN
LC Class HQ1075 .H55 2013


When Jamie is ready to tell people that she’s really a girl inside, she becomes a princess of great daring in a game she plays with her best friends to gather her courage. She’s pleased (but not surprised) that her questing friends turn out to be just as loyal and true as any princess could want.

PB, MC, FAM, TRANS, GF,
LC Class


Roark flies, Nova can make fire, and Victoria can talk with her mind. Now, they’re also having a baby! At the baby shower, an urgent call comes in to Granny Awesome for help at the wolf sanctuary. The guests fly off to give their assistance and return to a wonderful surprise.

PB, FAM, POC,
LC Class


With the help of the Girl with Ponytails, the Boy with Pink Hair learns that if you believe in yourself, anything is possible.

FIC, PB
LC Class PZ7.H56777 Bo 2011


At lunchtime, all of Tom's friends gather at school to work together building their house. Each one of them has a special job to do, and each one of them has a different way of expressing their gender identity. Jackson is a boy who likes to wear dresses. Ivy is a girl who likes her hair cut really short. Alex doesn't feel like 'just' a boy, or 'just' a girl. They are all the same, they are all different - but they are all friends. A very simple story that challenges gender stereotypes and shows 4 to 8 year olds that it is OK to be yourself. An engaging story that is more than just an educational tool; this book will assist parents and teachers in giving children the space to explore the full spectrum of gender diversity and will show children the many ways they can express their gender in a truly positive light.

**FIC, PB, FAM, GF, OUT**


A heartening story of two girls who discover their friendship is something more. But how, among their backward town, will Sam and Allie face what they know is true about themselves?

Welcome to Daniel Boone Middle School in the 1970s, where teachers and coaches must hide who they are, and girls who like girls are forced to question their own choices. Presented in the voice of a premier storyteller, *One True Way* sheds exquisite light on what it means to be different, while at the same time being wholly true to oneself. Through the lives and influences of two girls, readers come to see that love is love is love. Set against the backdrop of history and politics that surrounded gay rights in the 1970s south, this novel is a thoughtful, eye-opening, look at tolerance, acceptance, and change, and will widen the hearts of all readers.

**FIC, MG, MC, SC, QUEST, OUT, CL,**
**LC Class PZ7. H629557 On 2018**


Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school too.

**FIC, PB, MC, GF**
**LC Class PZ7.H67585 Jac 2014**


A fatherless fourteen-year-old boy develops an unusual relationship with the man living near his summer home who helps him prepare his entrance exams to boarding school.

**FIC, YA, MC, QUEST**
**LC Class PS3558.O3485 M36 1987**


Fifteen-year-old Jack's confused feelings for his father, who left him and his mother four years earlier, are further complicated when he finds that his father is gay.

**FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT**
**LC Class PZ7.H7453 Jac 1989**
**LC Class PZ7.H7453 Jac 1990**


The summer after high school graduation and one year after her mother's tragic death, Anna and her long-time best friend Kat set out on a road trip across the country, armed with camping supplies and a copy of Jack Kerouac's Dharma Bums, determined to be open to anything that comes their way.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST
LC Class PZ7.H7667 Ki 2012


After the death of her abusive father and loss of her beloved Ethan and their unborn child, Pattyn runs away, desperately seeking peace, as her younger sister, a sophomore in high school, also tries to put the pieces of her life back together.
FIC, POET, YA, SC, GAY, TWH, TWA, TWR
LC Class PZ7.5.H67 Sm 2013


Three teens, connected by their parents’ bad choices, tell in their own voices of their lives and loves as Shane finds his first boyfriend, Mikayla discovers that love can be pushed too far, and Harley loses herself in the quest for new experiences.
FIC, POET, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.5.H67 Til 2012


Five troubled teenagers fall into prostitution as they search for freedom, safety, community, family, and love.
FIC, POET, YA, MC, GAY, HEAL, TWA, TWR
LC Class PZ7.5.H67 Tr 2009


As she tries to sort out her feelings of love, seventeen-year-old Cass, a spunky math genius with an introverted streak, finds a way to memorialize her dead best friend.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST
LC Class PZ7.H7828 Lo 2010


Presents twelve stories by contemporary, award-winning young adult authors, some in graphic or letter format, exploring themes of gender identity, love, and sexuality. A Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2009.

LC Class PZ5 .H7793 2009


Despite the fact that they share a name, Big Bob and Little Bob are different. Big Bob likes truck and throwing balls and being loud. Little Bob likes dolls and jingling bracelets and being quiet. No matter what they do, they do not do it the same. Could they possibly be friends despite these differences? It is not easy to become friends with someone who is nothing like you—but surprising things can happen when you give it a try.
FIC, PB

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.
FIC, MG, MC, GAY, TWH
LC Class PZ7.H83727 Mg 2001


As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography--life from A to Z--and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2005.
FIC, MG, MC, GAY, OUT
LC Class PZ7.H83727 To 2005
LC Class PZ7.H83727 To 2007


Adrian isn't very happy. He lives in a small town, goes to a Catholic high school, wears glasses, and wishes he were more muscular. He's dogged by a strict mother and bullied by the kids at school. But he's also friends with a cool kid who takes him on scooter rides and whisks him up to a secret treehouse where they steal kisses. Adrian finds himself falling in love until his friend's girlfriend rats them out and sends both boys into a tailspin of embarrassment and concern.
FIC, GN, YA, MC, GAY, BI, OUT, CL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.7.H83 Ad 2014


Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.
NFIC, SELF, YA, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, TRANS, OUT, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HQ76.25 .H84 2003


Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.
NFIC, SELF, YA,FAM, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, TRANS, OUT, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HQ76.25 .H84 2011


Using legends, poems, and firsthand accounts, Hughes gives voice to daring young women who refused to listen. She brings to life the language and manners of their times.

Tells, in two voices, of events leading up to a 1980 incident in which fourteen-year-old Jason, a gay youth surviving on the streets as a prostitute, and seventeen-year-old Doug, a hate-filled punk rocker, have a fateful meeting in a Los Angeles alley. “Inspired by real events in the lives of Matthew Boger and Tim Zaal.” Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2011.


Convinced he should have died in the accident that killed his parents and sister, sixteen-year-old Drew lives in a hospital, hiding from employees and his past, until Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life around.


Abducted by aliens, Henry has 144 days to make up his mind to press a big red button.


Sixteen-year-old Elle falls in love with Frank, the neighbor who helps her adjust to being on her own in a big city, but learning that he is transgendered turns her world upside-down.


Explores the nature of AIDS, its causes, ways of spreading, and effects on the lives of its victims, and discusses how misunderstanding of the disease may complicate the situation as it continues to spread.


A well-known illustrator of children's books discusses her life and art.

In this novel, laid out like a scrapbook, two best friends embark on a project to study the behavior and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they too will be in the right crowd. One of the girls, Julie, has two fathers.

FIC, GN, MG, SC, FAM, GAY
LC Class PZ7.I248 Po 2010


When a rough and tumble little girl, who is sometimes mistaken for a boy, meets a boy who likes wearing princess dresses and playing with dolls, a wonderful friendship is born.

FIC, PB, MC, GF
LC Class PZ7.I83833 Im 2016


A collection of original essays and testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and every day people.

NFIC, ANTH, BIO, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, TRANS, OUT, CL, TWH, TWT
LC Class HQ76.27.Y68 I8 2011


Fast paced, well-written, and funny. Young people can easily identify with Mike and Susie’s genuine friendship and mutual support. Provides a sense of well-being and empowerment in a sometimes difficult world.

Lambda Book Award Finalist
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, LES, TWH **COULDN'T FIND MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS BOOK**
LC Class PS3559.S4146 W47 2000


It's 1992, and the world is caught up in the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the Balkan Wars, but for fifteen-year-old Julie Winter, the news is noise. In Portland, Oregon, Julie moves through her days in a series of negatives: the skaters she doesn't think are cute, the trinkets she doesn't buy at the craft fair, the umbrella she refuses to carry despite the incessant rain. Her family life is routine and restrained, and no one talks about Julie's older brother, a one-time Olympic-hopeful swimmer who now lives in self-imposed exile in Berlin. Julie has never considered swimming herself, until Alexis, the girls' swim team captain, tries to recruit her. It's a dare, and a flirtation—and a chance for Julie to find her brother, or to finally let him go. Anything could happen when her body hits water.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST
LC Class PS3610.A367 D79 2015


When thirteen-year-old Melita, the sophisticated daughter of a New York actress, comes to visit Phoebe, who has been raised by her father on a farm in Maine, Phoebe discovers she has confusing feelings about their developing friendship.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.J153536 Co 2004

All sixteen-year-old Alex Nevus wants is to be two years older and become his sister Alice’s legal guardian. That, and he’d like his first kiss, preferably with Jerod Haynes, the straight boy with the beautiful girlfriend and the perfect life. Sadly, wanting something and getting it are very different.

FIC, MG, MC, GAY, HEAL  
LC Class PZ7.J153588 Haf 2013


When in the course of an unusual friendship Charlie reveals something confidential about his brother, he must decide if he can accept the risks of caring.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, CL, TWH  
LC Class PZ7.J4125 Br 1997


In her memoir, Jazz reflects on how she faced many challenges, discrimination, bullying, and rejection as a transgender teen.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, TRANS, HEAL, TWT  
LC Class HQ77.8.J47 A3 2016


In 1993 in New York City, High school senior Mira uncovers many secrets, including that her father has a male lover.

FIC, POET, YA, SC, BI, OUT, CL, HEAL  
LC Class PZ7.5.J46 Sky 2015


In a Brazil of the distant future, June Costa falls in love with Enki, a fellow artist and rebel against the strict limits of the legendary pyramid city of Palmares Três’ matriarchal government, knowing that, like all Summer Kings before him, Enki is destined to die.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, FAM, GAY, LES, BI, POC, POLY  
LC Class PZ7.J6267 Sum 2013


After being brutally raped, Grady finally goes to a new high school where he meets an outgoing African American and several other students who try to help him deal with the horrible secret that is robbing him of his life.

FIC, YA, MC, QUEST, POC, HEAL, TWR  
LC Class PZ7.J6324 Tar 2003


The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, QUEST, OUT, CL, TWH  

At cheerleading camp, Hermione is drugged and raped, but she is not sure whether it was one of her teammates or a boy on another team. In the aftermath she has to deal with the rumors in her small Ontario town, the often awkward reaction of her classmates, the rejection of her boyfriend, the discovery that her best friend, Polly, is gay, and above all the need to remember what happened so that the guilty boy can be brought to justice.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, OUT, HEAL, TWR

LC Class PZ7.J64052 Ex 2016


In a near-future Toronto where the British Empire never fell, Helena, August, and Margaret are caught off-guard by the discovery of a love so intense they are willing to change the course of the monarchy to keep it.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES

LC Class PZ7.J64052 Th 2017


How can Shane reconcile his feelings for David with his desire for a better life? Shane is still reeling from the suicide of his kid sister, Destiny. How could he have missed the fact that she was so sad? He tries to share his grief with his girlfriend, Tara, but she’s too concerned with her own needs to offer him much comfort. What he really wants is to be able to turn to the one person on the rez whom he loves—his friend, David. Things go from bad to worse as Shane’s dream of going to university is shattered and his grieving mother withdraws from the world. Worst of all, he and David have to hide their relationship from everyone. Shane feels that his only chance of a better life is moving to Toronto, but David refuses to join him. When yet another tragedy strikes, the two boys have to make difficult choices about their future together. With deep insight into the life of Indigenous people on the reserve, this book masterfully portrays how a community looks to the past for guidance and comfort while fearing a future of poverty and shame. Shane’s rocky road to finding himself takes many twists and turns, but ultimately ends with him on a path that doesn’t always offer easy answers, but one that leaves the reader optimistic about his fate.

FIC, YA, GAY, CL, TWS


Belle is a high school junior who expects to marry her long-term boyfriend one day, until he tells her and their entire small Maine town that he is gay, and both face prejudice and violence even as they enter new relationships and try to remain friends.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, TWH

LC Class PZ7.J6817 Tip 2007


Jones' account of his remarkable life as he chronicles the heartbreak of losing countless friends to AIDS, which very nearly killed him, too; his co-founding of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation during the terrifying early years of the epidemic; his conception of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the largest community art project in history; the bewitching story of 1970s San Francisco and the magnetic spell it cast for thousands of young gay people and other misfits; and the harrowing, sexy, and sometimes hilarious stories of Cleve's
passionate relationships with friends and lovers during an era defined by both unprecedented freedom and violence alike.

Signed by the author.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HQ75.8.J66 A3 2016


In these pages, Randy Jones, the original cowboy in the band, takes us inside the time period, the discos, and the new musical style that was in many ways unprecedented in giving a voice to a previously closeted gay culture… Jones puts the American gay rights movement in historical context and shows how the fast lane rise, fall, and rebirth of this novel band paralleled activities across the last 40 years within the gay culture and gay rights movement.

NFIC, BIO, RB, YA, MC, SC, GAY,
LC Class HQ76.3.U5 J66 2009


This novel explores the lives of two Georgia families soon to be linked by marriage. It tackles dark themes --- a young daughter dying of AIDS, the menace of homophobia, the splintering of families, the discordant voice of religious fundamentalism --- but at its core is a hopeful portrait of the different and often elusive faces of salvation.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PS3610.O67 B43 2002


In Vancouver, British Columbia, two teenage dressage riders, one a spoiled rich girl and the other a closeted gay sixteen-year-old boy, come to terms with their identities and learn to accept themselves.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, OUT, CL
LC Class PZ7.J858 Ano 2007


Every family has a rainbow sheep! These are some of their stories. The premiere publication in Qommunicate Media's LGBTQ+ True Stories Anthology Series features stories and poems by children of gay dads and lesbian moms, transgender fathers and children, queer aunts and uncles, and others about life in their families -- all "straight" from the rainbow sheeps' mouths.

FAM, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, POET


High school misfits Trudy, Cassie, Harumi and Esther seem an unlikely group to be in the up-and-coming punk band Screaming Divas. Will their rocky friendship survive love, addiction and imminent tragedy?

FIC, YA, SC, LES, POC, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH,
LC Class PZ7.K12668 Sc 2014


With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student arrives at his small-town Missouri high school, keeping a big secret.

Stonewall Children’s and Young Adult Literature Award, 2011.

LC Class PZ7.K1565 Alm 2009


A collection of four love stories featuring Shelby, Miles, and other characters from the Fallen series.

LC Class PZ7.K15655 Fan 2012


This accessible guide illustrates how some laws limit the rights of LGBT youth and others protect them. Out Law lays out the basics about federal, state, and local laws that frequently impact LGBT youth and explains how legal authority and responsibility is often vested in local officials, such as school principles. Keen explains how laws treating LGBT people differently came to exist, evolved over time, and are subject to significant changes even today. Out Law discusses the shifting legal terrain for such issues as when schools can censor messages on T-shirts or library computer research into LGBT-related Web sites. It gives youth tips on how to document efforts to curb their rights and where to turn for help in protecting those rights.

LC Class KF4754.5 .K44 2007


High school senior Michael Sattler leads a charmed life. He's a star athlete, has great friends, and parents who love him just the way he is. What's missing from his life is a boyfriend. That's a problem because he's out only to his parents and best friend. When Michael accidentally bumps into Christy Castle at school, his life changes in ways he never imagined. Christy is Michael's dream guy: smart, pretty, and sexy. But nothing could have prepared Michael for what being Christy's boyfriend would entail.

LC Class PS3611.E5643 O46 2013


Bo Dickinson is a seventeen-year-old girl from a bad family, but she is also over-protected, legally blind, Agnes Atwood's best friend—so when Bo calls in the middle of the night, desperate to get out of town, Agnes helps her to steal the Atwoods' car and the two girls go on the run, even though Agnes is not sure exactly what they are running from. Bisexual teens.


As a musician at the popular college café Coed Joe’s, high school senior Kai Manter is never lacking for male attention. Out, proud, free-spirited, and sexually aware, Kai sets his sights on his darkly Gothic and undeniably bad-tempered coworker, Jamie Arlotta, a freshman at the local arts university. But Jamie’s lessons
in life have been harsher. Having been sexually abused by his older stepbrother for several years, Jamie has grown an impenetrable outer shell meant to keep the world at a safe distance.


Braving the start of high school, longtime childhood friends Benjamin Wells and Timmy Norton quickly realize they are entering a whole new world colored by their family responsibilities. Ben is trying to please his strict father; Timmy is taking care of his younger sisters. While their easy camaraderie is still comfortable, Ben notices Timmy growing distant and evasive, but Ben has his own problems. It's easier to let concerns about Timmy's home life slide, especially when Timmy changes directions and starts to get a little too close. Ben doesn't know how to handle the new feelings Timmy's desire for love inspires, and his continuing denial wounds Timmy deeply.


Sixteen-year-old Parr Burrman and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, and she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker.


Summering in the Hamptons on the estate of a famous rock star, seventeen-year-old Lang tries to decide how to tell his longtime friends that he is gay, while struggling with an unexpected infatuation with a girl from France.


Seventeen-year-old Erick's comfortable and well-ordered life begins to fall apart when he is forced to keep two secrets: the identity of his new girlfriend and the nature of his brother's debilitating disease.


When Miss Murray takes over her English class, mediocre student Ashleigh Walker feels an urge to try harder and give her best, and before she knows it she is in love, so strong nothing can distract her from it.


While searching for his lost friend, Alex not only learns the reasons behind Tito's disappearance but also comes to accept some hidden truths about himself.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 1997.


In the spring of 1851 San Francisco is booming. Twelve-year-old Amelia Forrester has just arrived with her family and they are eager to make a new life in Phoenix City. But the mostly male town is not that hospitable to females and Amelia decides she will earn more money as a boy. Cutting her hair and donning a cap, she joins a gang of newsboys, selling Eastern newspapers for a fortune.


Twelve days in August change a sixteen-year-old soccer player's perceptions of himself, his family, girls, and gays.


Tajalli, Mujtaba, and Aasiya just want a break from adult conversations. they go to check out the old garden in their new mosque building, and end up making a new friend and learning an important lesson about caring or the earth.


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PC, FAM, POC, GAY,


Fourteen-year-old Autumn slowly becomes aware of changes in the tenuous relationship between her father and mother that threaten her cherished life on a small island off the coast of Washington State.


This little boy loves the color pink and sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses, and sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara crown, even when climbing trees. He's a Princess Boy, and his family loves him exactly the way he is.


Nemesis is a Diabolic. Created to protect a galactic Senator's daughter, Sidonia. The girl who has grown up by her side and who is as much as sister as a master. There's no one Nemesis wouldn't kill to keep her safe. But when the power-mad Emperor summons Sidonia to the galactic court as a hostage, there is only one way for Nemesis to protect Sidonia. She must become her. Now one of the galaxy's most dangerous weapons is

masquerading in a world of corruption and Nemesis has to hide her true abilities or risk everything. As the Empire begins to fracture and rebellion looms closer, Nemesis learns that there is something stronger than her deadly force: the one thing she's been told she doesn't have -- humanity. And, amidst all the danger, action and intrigue, her humanity might be the only thing that can save her, Sidonia, and the entire Empire.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, POC


Astrid Jones copes with her small town's gossip and narrow-mindedness by staring at the sky and imagining that she's sending love to the passengers in the airplanes flying high over her backyard. Her mother doesn't want it, her father's always stoned, her perfect sister's too busy trying to fit in, and the people in her small town would never allow her to love the person she really wants to: another girl named Dee.

LC Class PZ7.K5693 Ask 2012


It's 1981, and Bryant thinks his move to New York will be the beginning of a new life. But the men he meets are being threatened by a mysterious illness. Could transforming into a night creature save him and his loved ones from certain death?

LC Class PS3611.I545 N54 2013


Brynn Haper's life has one steadying force--Rachel Maddow. She watches her daily, and after writing to Rachel for a school project--and actually getting a response--Brynn starts drafting e-mails to Rachel but never sending them. Then Brynn is confronted with a moral dilemma. One student representative will be allowed to have a voice among the administration in the selection of a new school superintendent. Brynn's arch nemesis, Adam, and ex-girlfriend, Sarah, believe only Honors students are worthy of the selection committee seat. Brynn feels all students deserve a voice. When she runs for the position, the knives are out. So she begins to ask herself: What Would Rachel Maddow Do?

FIC, YA, MC, LES
LC Class PZ7.1.K6267 De 2018


When seventeen-year-old Riley Frost swears off romance and starts investigating a murder, she confides in her best friend, budding filmmaker Desmond Brandt, who may not have Riley's best interests at heart.

LC Class PZ7.K678322 Cut 2013


Thirteen-year-old Nina has grown accustomed to spending part of the week with each of her divorced parents until she discovers the real reason for the breakup of their marriage.
The struggle of ten-year-old Toe with growing up with a baby brother, and her best friend, Libby, who won’t let her join her club “cause she’s not enough of a tomboy.”

Fifteen-year-old Jamie is dismayed by his attraction to boys, and when a beautiful girl shows an interest in him, he is all the more intrigued by her father's work developing a drug called Rehomoline.  
Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2011.  
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2010.

Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and his emerging homosexuality, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

Sixteen-year-old Billy spends the summer with his gay uncle in Tucson and works at a racetrack where he falls in love with an outspoken horse exerciser named Cara Mae.

Three troubled high school seniors, who plan to run away together from Illinois to California after graduation, try to figure out who they are and who they want to be.

Hoping to escape from himself for awhile, Kit auditions for a controversial school play and discovers his talent for acting, struggles with coming out, and both he and his costar face crises in their view of themselves and in their close relationships. Told from two points of view.


Matt has been sleepwalking through life while seeking answers about his brother T.J.’s death in Iraq, but after discovering that he may not have known his brother as well as he thought he did, Matt is able to stand up to his father, honor T.J.’s memory, and take charge of his own life.


Bex prefers to think of herself as a realist who plans to survive, but regardless of labels, they’re all sure of the same thing: a crisis is coming. And when it does, Bex will be ready. She’s planned exactly what to pack, she knows how to handle a gun, and she’ll drag her family to safety by force if necessary. When her older brother discovers Clearview, a group that takes survival just as seriously as she does, Bex is intrigued. While outsiders think they’re a delusional doomsday group, she knows there’s nothing crazy about being prepared. But Bex is not prepared for Lucy, who is soft and beautiful and hates guns. As her brother’s involvement with some of the members of Clearview becomes increasingly alarming and all the pieces of Bex’s life become more difficult to juggle, Bex has to figure out where her loyalties really lie.


Ben Carver returns for the spring semester at the exclusive Natick School in Massachusetts determined to put his relationship with Rafe Goldberg behind him and concentrate on his grades and the award that will mean a full scholarship—but Rafe is still there, there is a girl named Hannah whom he meets in the library, and behind it all is his relationship with his distant, but demanding father.


Tired of being known as “the gay kid”, Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school—but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

As Bobby Framingham, quarterback of his high school football team, finally acknowledges to himself that he is gay, events start to spin out of control when his sexual orientation is revealed in the student newspaper and then in the local press, and he learns that his father has cancer.
Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2008.

LC Class PZ7.K83518 Ou 2008


Seventeen-year-old Carson Smith is bored of Billings, Montana, and resentful that he has to help his mother take care of his father, a dying alcoholic whom he has not seen in fourteen years – but then he meets Aisha, a beautiful African American girl who has run away from her own difficult family, and together they embark on a journey of discovery that may help them both come to terms with their lives.

LC Class PZ7.K83518 Po 2015


Amedo moves to a new town with a dream. He wants to discover something and he wants a friend to share his search.

LC Class PZ7.K8352 My 2007


The story of Harvey Milk, San Francisco’s first openly gay city official.

LC Class F869.S353 M546 2001


In this riveting story, the author explores the decades of discrimination and abuse that gay people endured in earlier eras and also describes how gay people continue to fight for equal rights and recognition.

LC Class HQ76.8.U5 K86 2011


Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference.

LC Class HQ77.9 .K85 2014


Riverdale High’s Kevin Keller recounts his days at middle school dealing with bullies, finding a date for the prom, and the life changing moment when he realized he was gay.

LC Class PZ7.K9523 Ke 2013

When Lulu's Dad tells her that she's going to change her name to Rachel and be a lady now, Lulu has major worry: what if Santa doesn't find out in time to fix all the tags on Rachel's Christmas presents? Lulu decides to take matters into her own hands and make sure that her Dad gets the lovely Christmas she deserves for being a most wonderful parent. 

PB, FAM, POC, TRANS, 


After being entrusted with her brother's Los Angeles apartment for the summer as a graduation gift, Emi Price isn't sure how to fulfill his one condition: that something great take place there while he's gone. Emi may be a talented young production designer, already beginning to thrive in the competitive film industry, but she still feels like an average teen, floundering when it comes to romance. But when she and her best friend, Charlotte, discover a mysterious letter at the estate sale of a Hollywood film legend, Emi must move beyond the walls of her carefully crafted world to chase down the loose ends of a movie icon's hidden life, leading her to uncover a decades' old secret and the potential for something truly epic: love.


You go through life thinking there's so much you need...

Until you leave with only your phone, your wallet, and a picture of your mother.

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Mark and Kate sit next to each other in school but are barely acquainted until they meet at a San Francisco club during Pride Week and connect over each one's forbidden love.
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LC Class PZ7.L13577 We 2017


Chimpy Discovers His Family is the story of an orphan who dreams of being adopted. When Chimpy meets his ideal parents, Juan and Benji, he is confused to find that they can’t adopt him because they are gay. Refusing to accept this, Chimpy begins an amazing journey. Chimpy Discovers His Family affirms that it doesn’t matter who your parents are as long as they love, understand, and accept you. It’s a story for anyone who has ever felt different. James LaCroce uses drawings and words to bring Chimpy’s journey to life. He is an author and psychologist who lives and works in San Francisco, CA.
FIC, PB, GAY, FAM


The adventures of everyone’s favorite chimp continues in this follow-up to the critically acclaimed graphic story, Chimpy Discovers His Family. Chimpy and his best pal, Matthew Chicken, attempt to protect their neighborhood from violence targeting the LGBT community and end up having another adventure. James LaCroce takes on the serious issue of violence against the LGBT community through use of words and drawings that is engaging for people of all ages.
FIC, PB, GAY


Sofarende is at war and the army is paying families well to recruit children, so if twelve-year-old Mathilde or her best friend Megs is chosen, they hope to help their families but fear they will be separated forever.

LC Class PZ7.L1422 Be 2016


Gene, the daughter of a noble family, runs away from the decadence of court to R.H. Ragona’s circus of magic, where she meets runaway Micah, whose blood could unlock the mysteries of the world of Ellada.

LC Class PZ7.L159554 Pan 2013


As they play, Mia and Tayja confirm that there’s one thing they don’t have to pretend: They know in their hearts that they’re real sisters, even though others don’t always recognize this since they’re adopted and don’t
look alike. Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," the sisters end their make-believe journey with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms.


Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.


In 1957 in California, having fallen in love with a young man who has come to his house to build a garden, a fourteen-year-old gay boy finds his life and his world view changing.


Scarred physically and emotionally from a dog attack at age nine, Aaron Cassidy has spent the last seven years breaking out in a cold sweat at the mere sound of a bark in the distance. Days after he receives his driver’s license, he decides to challenge his bone-deep fear once and for all.


Chloe Mitchell's older sister, Ivy, is on the autism spectrum. Chloe decides Ivy could use a boyfriend, and already has someone in mind: Ethan Fields, a sweet, movie-obsessed boy from Ivy's special needs class. Ivy and Ethan aren't comfortable going out on their own so Chloe and his brother David have to tag along. Soon Chloe, Ivy, David, and Ethan form a quirky and wholly lovable circle, bonding over frozen yogurt dates and movie nights. Chloe is forced to confront her own romantic choices- and the realization that it's okay to be a different kind of normal.


This is a remarkable first novel about a complex family and a marriage suddenly imperiled by the revelation of long-kept secrets. Rose and Owen Benjamin are living quietly in the midst of New York City's energy. Their son, Philip has come of age and he has fallen in love with Eliot. Though he knows that revelation will upset the balance of their lives, Philip has no idea just how fragile that balance really is.


In the beach town of Neptune, New Jersey, Phoebe's life is changed irrevocably when her gay cousin moves into her house and soon goes missing.
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LC Class PZ7.L483 Ab 2008


Bullied at school, dumped by his friends, and pressured at home, an artistic teenager struggling with his sexuality and identity makes a desperate attempt to end his loneliness.

LC Class PZ7.L483 Tr 2012


Welcome to Andover... where superpowers are common, but internships are complicated. Just ask high school nobody, Jessica Tran. Despite her heroic lineage, Jess is resigned to a life without superpowers and is merely looking to beef-up her college applications when she stumbles upon the perfect (paid!) internship--only it turns out to be for the town's most heinous supervillain. On the upside, she gets to work with her longtime secret crush, Abby, who Jess thinks may have a secret of her own. Then there's the budding attraction to her fellow intern, the mysterious "M," who never seems to be in the same place as Abby. But what starts as a fun way to spite her superhero parents takes a sudden and dangerous turn when she uncovers a plot larger than heroes and villains altogether.

LC Class PZ7.1.L3943 No 2016


When fourteen-year-old Krista McKinley transfers from Catholic school in Ohio to California's public Crestmount High, she discovers she has a lot to learn. Luckily, she is befriended by Carrie and Brandon and things start to look up. But when a simple dare tests Krista's values, it sends her entire world spiraling into a confusing series of events that leaves her questioning her identity as well as the people around her.

LC Class PZ7.L5216 To 2010


Paul is a sophomore at a high school like no other, and his friends, homecoming queen Infinite Darlene; star quarterback Jon who may not be his best friend anymore; Toni, his other best friend whose parents won’t let him out on a date unless it is with a girl; Kyle, the ex-boyfriend who won’t go away; Rip, the school bookie; and finally, Noah, the boy who changes everything.
Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2003.

LC Class PS3562.E922175 B69 2003
LC Class PS3562.E922175 B69 2011


Can you truly love someone regardless of what they look like on the outside? The main character, A, wakes up every morning in a different body. Day to day, A can be male or female, any ethnicity, any size, and in any type of household. The only constant is that he (we'll go with that pronoun for convenience) is 16. A has been body jumping for as long as he can remember, and he has learned to not leave behind any trace of his
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presence—until he meets Rhiannon. For the first time in his life, A feels a true connection with another person. But can she love him back? *Every Day* challenges gender presumptions.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Es 2012**


Larger-than-life Tiny Cooper finally gets to tell his story, from his fabulous birth and childhood to his quest for true love and his infamous parade of ex-boyfriends, in the form of a musical he wrote.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Hm 2015**


A collection of eighteen stories describing the surprises, sacrifices, doubts, pain, and joy of falling in love. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2008.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Ho 2008**


Three New York City teens express their reactions to the bombing of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and its impact on their lives and the world.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Lov 2009**


A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences, and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories. There’s the girl who is in love with Holden Caulfield. The boy who wants to be strong who falls for the girl who’s convinced she needs to be weak. The girl who writes love songs for a girl she can’t have. The two boys teetering on the brink of their first anniversary. And everyone in between. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2004.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Re 2004**


A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a crow-section of today’s gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Two 2013**


In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world.

**LC Class PZ7.L5798 Wi 2006**


Summertime brings the Fletcher Family back to Rock Island where the good times never end, but this summer the boys' favorite lighthouse is all boarded up and with the help from their new neighbors, the Garcia girls, the boys are determined to find out what is really happening with their lighthouse and saving it, no matter what the cost.

I.C Class PZ7.L58257 Fam 2016


Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, Kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.

I.C Class PZ7.L58257 Mis 2014


After a chance meeting with a psychic, Olivia, a teen cook living in Los Angeles with her two dads and misfit brother, finds a vintage cookbook with handwritten notes inside and pieces together a story that turns a normal summer into a search for her birth mother.

I.C Class PZ7.L5881 Se 2013


Afraid that there is no way to be both gay and Jewish, Ellie Gold, an orthodox Jewish teenager feels forced to either alter her sexuality or leave her Jewish community until her mother and sister offer alternative concepts of God that help Ellie find a place for herself.

I.C Class QC178 .C277 2014


Jess knows her summer plans are ruined but little could she imagine the huge surprise that awaits her when she visits her dad's home for the first time in years.

I.C Class PZ7.L6344 Gj 2005


Ella, whose nickname is "Mini Mia" because her favorite soccer player is Mia Hamm, loves spending time with her eccentric uncle Tommy, but finds herself a bit put out when she has to share him with his new boyfriend Fergus.

I.C Class PZ7.L65763 Mi 2007

Baby journal with places for photographs and genealogical information

LC Class HQ75.27 .L74 2004


Adrian Piper may be a talented artist, a sci-fi geek, and gay, but at his Texas high school those traits would only bring him the worst kind of attention. He is only free to express himself is at his drawing table, crafting a secret world through his own Renaissance-art-inspired superhero, Graphite. After a hate crime occurs Adrian must discover his own power, decide how to use it, and know where to draw the line-- no matter how dangerous the risk.

LC Class PZ7.L66295 Dr 2016


Things become even stranger when Reese returns home. San Francisco feels like a different place with police enforcing curfew, hazmat teams collecting dead birds, and a strange presence that seems to be following her. When Reese unexpectedly collides with the beautiful Amber Gray, her search for the truth is forced in an entirely new direction--and threatens to expose a vast global conspiracy that the government has worked for decades to keep secret.

LC Class PZ7.L778786 Ad 2012


In this variation on the Cinderella story, Ash grows up believing in the fairy realm that the king and his philosophers have sought to suppress, until one day she must choose between a handsome fairy cursed to love her and the King’s Huntress whom she loves. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2009.

LC Class PZ8.L773 Ash 2009


Seventeen-year-olds Kaede and Taisin are called to go on a dangerous and unprecedented journey to Tanlili, the city of the Fairy Queen, in an effort to restore the balance of nature in the human world.

LC Class PZ8.L773 Hun 2011


When teens Reese and David are kidnapped after revealing that they were adapted with alien DNA, Reese is forced to reconcile her new love for David, a human, with feelings for Amber, and Imrian, and make a world-changing choice.

LC Class PZ7.L778786 Inh 2013

When Chinese American teenager Jess Wong's best friend Angie falls in love with a girl from the nearby boarding school, Jess expects heartbreak. But when everybody's secrets start to be revealed, the stakes quickly elevate from love or loneliness to life or death.


Spending their summer at Wildewood Academy, an elite boarding school for the performing arts, tests the bond between teens Sadie and her best friend Demi.


If you asked anyone in his small Vermont town, they'd tell you the facts: James Liddell, star athlete, decent student, and sort-of boyfriend to cute, peppy Theresa, is a happy, funny, carefree guy. But whenever James sits down at his desk to write, he tells a different story. As he fills his drawers with letters to the people in his world -- letters he never intends to send -- he spills the truth: he's trying hard, but he just isn't into Theresa. It's his friend, a boy, who lingers in his thoughts. James's secret letters are his safe space -- but his truth can't stay hidden for long. Will he come clean to his parents, his teammates, and himself, or is he destined to live a life of fiction?


While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes -- and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?


A groundbreaking volume to which some of the finest writers for adults and teens have contributed original stories on the various aspects of love and sexuality.


The author explores an age-old dilemma: individual desire versus the good of the group.

Click, a straightedge transgender kid, is searching for her place within a pack of newly sober gender rebels in the dilapidated punk houses of Portland, Oregon circa 2002. Ze embarks on a dizzying whirlwind of leather, sex, hormones, house parties and protests until her gender fluidity takes an unexpected turn and the pack is sent reeling.

LC Class PS3612.O9 R68 2012

**Lu, Marie. Warcross. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2017.**

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn’t just a game—it’s a way of life. The obsession started ten years ago and its fan base now spans the globe, some eager to escape from reality and others hoping to make a profit. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. But the bounty hunting world is a competitive one, and survival has not been easy. Needing to make some quick cash, Emika takes a risk and hacks into the opening game of the international Warcross Championships—only to accidentally glitch herself into the action and become an overnight sensation.

Convinced she’s going to be arrested, Emika is shocked when instead she gets a call from the game’s creator, the elusive young billionaire Hideo Tanaka, with an irresistible offer. He needs a spy on the inside of this year’s tournament in order to uncover a security problem . . . and he wants Emika for the job. With no time to lose, Emika’s whisked off to Tokyo and thrust into a world of fame and fortune that she’s only dreamed of. But soon her investigation uncovers a sinister plot, with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

LC Class PZ7.L96768 War 2017


Halibut Jackson is so shy that he makes special outfits to blend in wherever he goes, but the clothes he wears to a party at the palace only make him stand out.

LC Class PZ7.L96895 Hal 2004


Told from two viewpoints, Forest, a television actor who needs more fans, and Claire, a teen fan fiction blogger, are teamed to raise his profile despite their disagreement over whether his character is gay.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, QUEST, POC

LC Class PZ7.1.L849 Shi 2018

**Lurie, April. The less-dead. New York: Delacorte Press, 2010.**

Sixteen-year-old Noah Nordstrom, whose father is the host of a popular evangelical Christian radio program, believes that the person who has been killing gay teenagers in the Austin, Texas, foster care system, is a regular caller on his dad's show.

LC Class PZ7.L97916 Le 2010


In a small Alabama town in 1947-1956, Sonny searches for answers about his father's disappearance, "Uncle Marty," who looks after the family, and Mamby, their black housekeeper.

When Jesse sews a skirt and wears it to his day care center, he is teased by his friends.


Fifteen-year-old Ellis recalls her favorite things as her mother's desire to turn off the machines that have kept Ellis's father alive for two years fill the last four days of her sophomore year with major changes in herself and her relationships.


Simultaneous struggles of coming out, coming-of-age, and coming to Jesus. Character Rick Lahrem is a high school sophomore in Chicago suburb during 1976.


Following his father's death from a heart attack, thirteen-year-old Hand blames himself and his mother, who has recently returned after leaving the family years ago. He learns much about his mother and father, as well as difficult truths about his Uncle Wolfgang.


After being left for dead in a gully, Liir, an adolescent boy, recovers with the help of a mute waif named Candle. He then begins the search for himself, his heritage, and whether or not he is really the son of Elphaba, the notorious wicked witch of Oz.


From the end of her senior year at Minnesota's Le Seur High School through her first year as a physics major at Columbia University, Molly Swain finds the inner strength and good friends to help her cope with huge challenges, including learning that the boy she loves is gay.

When nurse Cherry Aimless lands in San Francisco in search of Nancy Clue and a flock of missing nuns, the earnestly whitegirl 50s meet the oh-so-queer 90s in a delightful parody of both girl detective novels and lesbian romantic fiction.

LC Class PS3563.A466 C37 1993

Mardell, Ashley. The ABC’S of LGBT+ Coral Gables, Florida: Mango Media, 2016

Hello and welcome to the ABC’s of LGBT. Ashley Mardell, one of the most trusted voices on YouTube presents a detailed look at all things LGBT+. Along with in-depth written definitions, personal anecdotes, helpful infographics, links to online videos, and more, Mardell aims to provide a friendly voice to a community looking for information.

Beyond those searching for a label, this book is also for allies and LGBT+ people simply looking to pack in some extra knowledge! Knowledge is a critical part of acceptance, learning about new identities broadens our understanding of humanity, heightens our empathy, and allows us different, valuable perspectives. These words also provide greater precision when describing attractions and identities. There is never anything wrong with having and efficient, expansive vocabulary!

LC Class HQ73. M37 2016


TJ, a sturdy teenaged girl with little self-confidence, becomes best friends with a new, gay student in her high school, and when he is bullied and she tries to convince him to tell the authorities, he refuses.

LC Class PZ7.M33857 Mag 2009


English – Spanish version; Unauthorized biography beginning from his Puerto Rican heritage through his bandmates days with Menudo, character role in day time drama, General Hospital, and more.

LC Class ML420.M3323 M35 1999


Describes growing up in a strained working class household transplanted to the South. The author skillfully expresses the curiosity of children on the verge of becoming sexual, and their confusion in the midst of family violence.

LC Class PS3563.A72355 O53 2009


Danielle effed up. Big time.

Danielle's plans for the future were all figured out... until she failed senior English and her single college acceptance was rescinded. Determined to get her life back on track, Danielle enrolls in her hometown
community college with a plan: pass English and get back into Ohio State—and her mother’s good graces. Romance isn't on her radar... until she reconnects with her childhood crush and golden boy next door, Luke.

Between family drama, first love and finding her own way, Danielle can't help but feel a little overwhelmed. Thankfully she has her friendship with the snarky and frustratingly attractive Porter, her coworker at the campus bookstore, to push her to experience new things and help keep her afloat.

One thing's for sure: This time, failure's not an option.

LC Class PZ7.1.M37338 Big 2017


Me is an intimate memoir about the liberating and spiritual passage that turned a young boy named Enrique Martín Morales into far more than just one of the most iconic pop stars of our time. Describes growing up in a strained working class household transplanted to the South. The author skillfully expresses the curiosity of children on the verge of becoming sexual, and their confusion in the midst of family violence.

LC Class ML420.M3323 A3 2010


Josie Little and her girlfriend Annette Anderson have traveled halfway across the country to attend Brookwood Academy, a prestigious boarding school in Connecticut, and get away from Annette's abusive mother, but as soon as they get there things begin to unravel--the undercurrents in the school are poisonous, Annette seems more interested in drinking with the in-crowd, and a boy declares that he is in love with her.

LC Class PZ7.M4116 Wi 2016


Tells the stories of lesbian, gay, and bisexual young people through a combination of photography and narrative. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1997.

LC Class HQ75.2 .M37 1997


Meet Ryo and Dee, two New York City cops with an attraction for action --- and each other.

LC Class PN6790.J34 F34 2003


Robert, a British fifteen-year-old, is confused when he plays the part of Rosalind while studying Shakespeare in school and discovers parts of his personality that he did not know existed.
Melanie, Adrianna, and Nicole are now in their early twenties. All three are embarking on new experiences with love and relationships. Melanie wants to have her cake and eat it too. Will she allow her insecurities to get in the way of her happiness? Adrianna is in love with her boyfriend, Thaddeus. He has provided her with a nice slice of the American pie. Will she allow unfinished business from her past to interfere with her present happiness? Nicole has had her share of disappointments. She figures that is the way the cookie crumbles. Or does it?


Tomorrow is the school parade and Danny knows exactly what he will be: a princess. Mommy supports him 100%, and they race to the thrift store to find his costume. It is almost closing time. Will Danny find the costume of his dreams in time?


Eighteen-year-old Tally sets out on an unexpected quest to seek out the reclusive musician who may hold the key to her past—and instead finds Maddy, an enigmatic and beautiful girl who will unlock the door to her future.


Sixteen-year-old Bart Lively desperately wants to feel comfortable in his own skin. Sure, he’s a competitive swimmer, but being a jock doesn’t mean he isn’t the target of gay jokes, and the macho culture of his swim club is wearing him down. At the same time, he becomes drawn to the art and athleticism of synchronized swimming, the idea of the human form moving to music under water. So he jumps at the opportunity to become the first boy on the synchro swimming team, even if it means others start questioning his masculinity even more. He starts finding himself attracted to his teammate Erika, and when she asks Bart to swim with her in a brand new event, the mixed duet, he commits to taking them all the way to the Olympics. But Bart’s difficulty at achieving the skills he needs, and Erika’s sudden decision to quit the duet, threaten to derail his dream and kill what made the sport so liberating and alluring in the first place. And it doesn’t help that as he falls in love with Erika, he’s falling in lust with her enemy and synchro rival Chelsea … not to mention a cute boy in the diving club. Ultimately, Bart will have to give in to his intuition that leads him to realize there are many ways to be a boy. If he doesn’t, he’ll not only lose his friendship with Erika, but his new Olympic dream.


Children have always disappeared from Eleanor West’s Home for Wayward Children under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere else. But magical lands have little need for used-up
The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world. But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her new-found schoolmates to get to the heart of the matter. No matter the cost.


Seventeen-year-old Jill is a fairly normal high school senior whose focus is on getting a certain boy to ask her to prom, but four days a month she transforms into surly Jack who decides it is time he had his own life and a chance with the girl he wants.


To everyone who knows them, best friends Miel, a gay Latina and Sam, a transgender Pakistani-American boy, are as strange as they are inseparable. Roses grow out of Miel's wrist, and rumors say that she spilled out of a water tower when she was five. Sam is known for the moons he paints and hangs in the trees and for how little anyone knows about his life before he and his mother moved to town. But as odd as everyone considers Miel and Sam, even they stay away from the Bonner girls, four beautiful sisters rumored to be witches. Now they want the roses that grow from Miel's skin, convinced that their scent can make anyone fall in love. And they are willing to use every secret Miel has fought to protect to make sure she gives them up.


For nearly a century the Nomeolvides women have tended the grounds and lush estate gardens of La Pradera. They have a tragic legacy: if they fall in love too deeply, their lovers vanish. When a strange boy appears in the gardens, he is a mystery to Estrella and to her family, but he's even more a mystery to himself. He knows nothing more about who he is or where he came from than his first name. As Estrella tries to help Fel piece together his unknown past, they uncover secrets as dangerous as they are magical.


Fifteen-year-old Maggie, still grieving the loss of her mother in an accident that also gave her a limp, has turned her back on old friends but connects with a new student, Dahlia, who makes her part of her quirky family and plans their future together as roving musicians and lovers.


Sixteen-year-old Jules, whose family owns an Italian restaurant and has a history of mental illness, starts seeing a recurring vision about a rival restaurant, a truck crash, and forbidden love.
Felicity Costello, aka Flick, is pretty much like any other sixteen-year-old - except for one difference. A difference she doesn't want anyone else to know about. A difference she hardly admits even to herself. Not for the faint-hearted, Flick is a searingly honest depiction of teenage life as it is lived today.

Fat and foxy Margarita "Madge" Diaz and her enemy Bridget Benson, queen bee and student-body president of Winter Park High School, make a bet to end their rivalry.

After openly gay seventeen-year-old Jonathan Parish drunkenly sleeps with his friend Alex--female friend Alex--at a party. Rich, popular Laura Schulberg makes him an offer he cannot refuse: pretend to be Laura's boyfriend in exchange for a trip to London to see Kylie Minogue in concert.


Before identity: the ancient world through the nineteenth century -- Sexology: constructing the modern homosexual -- Toward liberation -- Stonewall and beyond -- Nature, nurture, and identity -- Inclusion and equality -- Queer diversities -- Intersectionalities -- Homosexual art and literature -- Lesbian pulp novels and gay physique pictorials -- Queer transgressive aesthetics -- Censorship and moral panic -- Film and television -- Queers and the Internet -- The politics of location: alternative media and the search for queer space.


When a girl is found dead at her elite boarding school, soccer-star Kay Donovan follows a scavenger hunt which implicates suspects increasingly close to her, unraveling her group of popular friends and perfectly constructed life.


Asher Machnik is a teenage boy cursed with a beautiful androgynous face. Guys punch him, girls slag him and by high school he's developed an intense fear of being touched. Art remains his only escape from an otherwise emotionally empty life. Eulalie Mason is the lonely, tough-talking dyke from school who befriends Ash. The only one to see and accept all of his sides as a loner, a fellow artist and a best friend, she's starting to wonder if Ash is ever going to see all of her ... *A + E 4EVER* is a graphic novel set in that ambiguous crossroads where love and friendship, boy and girl, straight and gay meet. It goes where few books have ventured, into genderqueer life, where affections aren't black and white.
Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2012.


Through poetry, the author tells an ordinary story in an extraordinary way. It’s about waking up to who you really are and who you want to be. There is risk, there is joy, and there is heartbreak.


A bold, groundbreaking novel about coming out, coming into your own, and coming apart.

Hunter and Van become boyfriends before they’re even teenagers, and stay a couple even when adolescence intervenes. But in high school, conflict arises -- mostly because Hunter is much more comfortable with the sex part of sexual identity. As the two boys start to realize that loving someone doesn't guarantee they will always be with you, they find out more about their own identities -- with Hunter striking out on his own while Van begins to understand his own asexuality.

In poems that are romantic and poems that are heartbreaking, Vanilla explores all the flavors of the spectrum -- and how romance and love aren't always the same thing.


Senior Will Caynes must face unsettling feelings for his best friend Angus after they share a drunken kiss, while also embarking on his first real relationship with sophomore Brandy--all as the burden of home-life troubles weigh heavily.


Sex has always come without consequences for Evan. Until the night when all the consequences land at once, leaving him scarred inside and out.


The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies — humans with extraordinary abilities — who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they remain a symbol of hope and courage to everyone... except the villains they once overthrew.

Nova has a reason to hate the Renegades, and she is on a mission for vengeance. As she gets closer to her
target, she meets Adrian, a Renegade boy who believes in justice — and in Nova. But Nova's allegiance is to a villain who has the power to end them both.

LC Class PZ7.M571737 Re 2017


Describes babies and everything they do from the time they are born until their first birthday. Illustrations include gay and lesbian families.

LC Class PZ8.3.M5599 Ev 2001


After a double murder shakes a suburban town, a boy's life becomes the center of a chain-reaction of events that affects everyone around him. Luther McRae, an introverted family product of a busy mother, an overworked father and an autistic sister keeps the secrets of his preteen angst written down on scraps of paper and locked away in a box. That is, until a new girl arrives in town like a whirlwind to break down his walls and invade his guarded, emotional turf. Boy in Box is a story about growing up and finding identity amidst the chaos and confusion of puberty and the anxiety of entering into a stressful adult world while questioning whether everything happens for a reason.

LC Class PZ7.M5794 Boy 2013


When Mike, the new boy at school, meets Sean, the two become friends, and quickly, more than that. When they are outed by an odious classmate, Mike’s outraged father sends him to a camp for reparative therapy. While he is away, something unspeakable happens and Mike is left to cope with the heartbreak.

LC Class PZ7.1.M635 It 2016


Set in the nineteenth century, Isabel Miller’s classic lesbian novel traces the relationship between Patience White, a painter, and Sarah Dowling, a farmer, whose romantic bond does not sit well with the puritanical New England farming community in which they live. Ultimately, they are forced to make life-changing decisions that depend on their courage and their commitment to one another.

LC Class PS3563.I39 P53 2005


Gender fluid Sallot Lean is a thief who wants nothing more than to escape the drudgery of life as a highway robber and get closer to the upper-class, and the nobles who destroyed their home. Sal auditions to become a member of The Left Hand, the Queen's personal assassins, named after the rings she wears, in order to infiltrate the court and get revenge. But the audition is a fight to the death filled with clever circus acrobats, lethal apothecaries, and vicious ex-soldiers. A childhood as a common criminal hardly prepared Sal for the trials. And as Sal succeeds in the competition, and wins the heart of Elise, an intriguing scribe at court, they start to dream of a new life and a different future, but one that Sal can have only if they survive.

LC Class PZ7.1.M58 2017

Patroclus, an awkward young prince, follows Achilles into war, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they have learned, everything they hold dear. And that, before he is ready, he will be forced to surrender his friend to the hands of Fate. Set during the Trojan War.

LC Class PS3613.I5445 S65 2012


Matt's stomach stabs and twists, pleading for a meal, but Matt won't give in. The hunger clears his mind, keeps him sharp -- and the less he eats the more he seems to have the ability to see things he shouldn't be able to see. Maybe even the authority to bend time and space. And Matt needs to be as sharp as possible if he's going to find out just how Tariq and his band of high school bullies drove his sister, Maya, away. But Matt doesn't realize there are many kinds of hunger -- and he isn't in control of all of them.

Winner of the The Andre Norton Award for Outstanding Young Adult Science Fiction or Fantasy Book

YA, MC, GAY

LC Class PZ7.1.M5865 Art 2017


When Mike, the new boy at school, meets Sean, the two become friends, and quickly more than that. When they are outed by an odious classmate, Mike's outraged father sends him away to a camp for reparative therapy. While he's away, something unspeakable happens.

LC Class PZ7.1.M635 It 2016


In this anthology, sixty-three award-winning authors such as Michael Cunningham, Amy Bloom, Jacqueline Woodson, Gregory Maguire, David Levithan, and Armistead Maupin make imaginative journeys into their pasts, telling their younger selves what they would have liked to know then about their lives as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgendered people. Through stories, in pictures, with bracing honesty, these are words of love and understanding, reasons to hold on for the better future ahead. They will tell you things about your favorite authors that you never knew before. And they will tell you about yourself.

LC Class HQ76.25 .L495 2012


The author explores the budding of unexpected romance in the face of family tragedy, the forging of a new relationship between a daughter and her gifted, difficult parents, and an adolescent girl's confrontation with her own qualities of light and darkness.

LC Class PS3563.O624 Q29 2009


Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father, and it is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust.

Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2007.


The teenage lives and loves of Francine and Katchoo.


Fin and Betty's close friendship survived Fin's ninth-grade move from their coastal Maine town to Manhattan. Calls, letters, and summer visits continued to bind them together, and in the fall of their senior year, they both applied to NYU, planning to reunite for good as roommates. Then Betty disappears. Her ex-boyfriend Calder admits to drowning her, but his confession is thrown out, and soon the entire town believes he was coerced and Betty has simply run away. Fin knows the truth, and she returns to Williston for one final summer, determined to get justice for her friend, even if it means putting her loved ones and herself at risk.


The many-colored love was born when Maite’s mothers met, and Maite was born from multi-colored love. Now the many-colored love is going to bring a new baby. How will Maite find it?

Moreno Velo, Lucía. ¡Manu, no! / Manu pone la mesa. ilustraciones, Javier Termenón Delgado; traducción, Gwyneth Box / No, Manu!. Text, Lucía Moreno Velo; illustrations, Javier Termenón Delgado; translation, Gwyneth Box. Robledo de Chavela?: Topka, 2006.

Manu's mothers tell him not to climb on the chair, but Manu insists and his mothers ask him to take time to think that what he did is wrong.

It's bedtime for Manu, but he prefers to drink milk with his family before going to bed.

LC Class PZ7.M8158 Mas 2006


A simple explanation of families, how they function, how they are different, and how they are alike.

LC Class HQ744 .M67 2000


Two best friends and junior high students attempt to break into the high school prom so that one of them can confess is love for the adorable bass player of the prom band.

LC Class PZ7.M84947 Mar 2013


Gena: 18, difficult past, heading to her dream college, obsessed with the TV show Up Below. Finn: 22, living with her longtime boyfriend, struggling to find work, also obsessed with Up Below. Gena/Finn: it seems all they have got in common is a serious yen for the same TV program, but when they meet online, they develop a bond that transcends fandom. But the more they get to know each other, the more complicated their relationship gets.

LC Class PZ7.M84947 Ge 2016


Struggling with the aftermath of the September 11 attacks and sniper shootings throughout the Washington, D.C. area, Craig and Lio consider a romantic relationship that is complicated by Craig's ex-boyfriend, Lio's broken family, and the death of Lio's brother. Stonewall Honor Award.

LC Class PZ7.M84947 Go 2012


Rudy's life is flipped upside-down when his family moves to a remote, magical island in a last attempt to save his sick younger brother, Dylan. While Dylan recovers, Rudy sinks deeper and deeper into his loneliness.

LC Class PZ7.M84947 Te 2013

A story of a nineteen-year-old woman who disguised herself as a man to avoid an unwanted marriage and who distinguished herself as a male nurse during the Civil War, and later as a spy for the Union Army.

LC Class E608.E235 M67 2011


When 15-year-old Ahmed inadvertently outs himself to his parents, they take him to a residential treatment center in the Nevada desert, Serenity Ridge, where he's tortured, molested, and put through a "straight" rehabilitation program. After 11 months, Ahmed manages to escape to a safe house for runaway gay teens in San Francisco, where he meets a slew of other kids like himself, all with their own stories to tell, most just as traumatizing as his own or worse. But life inside the safe house is never entirely safe, as Ahmed, now known as Ben, learns to his sorrow just as he begins to let his guard down. Includes discussion questions.


Inner-city teenagers, one of whom is gay, find a suitcase full of cocaine and must decide whether to sell it and take the opportunities the money would provide or to destroy it to keep the drug from poisoning their community.

LC Class PZ7.M8655 Bab 1997


Eighteen-year-old Simon Peters wants to stand up for the truth about who he is. His love for Stephen is unwavering, but does he have the courage to defend it when his entire church community, including his eldest brother Paul, have ostracized him? Will Stephen’s feelings change now that he’s been banished to the Waverly Christian Center to learn how to be “normal” again?

LC Class PZ7.M86753 Wai 2013


Sixteen-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes after they kiss at a party and Lissa does not know what to do, until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.

LC Class PZ7.M9955 Ki 2003


When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.

LC Class PZ7.M9955 Sh 2011

Examines over 250 children’s picture books, informational books, and chapter books with LGBTQ content from around the world.

LC Class Z1037 .N24 2012


The story of a girl masquerading as a boy and the consequences. "This book has been printed in the original Japanese format in order to preserve the orientation of the original artwork"--Colophon.

LC Class PN6790.J33 N35


In New Orleans, a night on the town for Joe, 16, for whom making out has always gone pretty easily. "It was something he loved to do. Girls or boys, just lie down and kiss." On this night matters go beyond kissing and Joe becomes a full-fledged homosexual.

LC Class PS3564.E296 H49 1996


When the students in health class at George Wilson Middle School are assigned girl/boy partners to discuss gender issues, no one could imagine that two students would actually switch bodies.

LC Class PZ7.N4328 Gen 2006


Jude and her twin brother, Noah, are incredibly close. At thirteen, isolated Noah draws constantly and is falling in love with the charismatic boy next door, while daredevil Jude cliff-dives and wears red-red lipstick and does the talking for both of them. But three years later, at sixteen, Jude and Noah are barely speaking. Something has happened to wreck the twins in different and dramatic ways…until Jude meets a cocky, broken, beautiful boy, as well as someone else— an even more unpredictable new force in her life. The early years are Noah’s story to tell. The later years are Jude’s. What the twin don’t realize is that they each have only half the story, and if they could just find their way back to each other, they’d have a chance to remake their world.

LC Class PZ7.N433835 Ill 2014


A boy named Seth drowns, losing his life as the pounding sea claims him. But then he wakes. He is naked, thirsty, starving. But alive. How is that possible? He remembers dying. So how is he here? And where is this place? It looks like the suburban English town where he lived as a child, before an unthinkable tragedy happened and his family moved to America. But the neighborhood around his old house is overgrown, covered in dust, and completely abandoned. What’s going on? And why is it that whenever he closes his eyes, he falls prey to vivid, agonizing memories that seem more real than the world around him? Seth begins a search for answers, hoping that he might not be alone, trapped in a crumbling, abandoned world.

Seventeen-year-old Greg's interest in photography draws him to a ruined mansion whose history becomes more personally relevant as he slowly discovers the tragic events that led to the destruction of the house during World War I.


Ruthie’s Nana suggests playing tea party and fashion show during their visit, but Ruthie is much more interested in the vehicles that a neighbor boy is playing with as they pass his house each day.


A baby enjoys a number of fun activities with his two fathers. Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2010.


From the moment Donovan wakes in the morning, he painstakingly prepares for his special role in the wedding ceremony of his two mothers.


Felicia’s favorite story is how her two moms flew off in a big silver airplane to meet the baby girl who was waiting for them and how they loved her from the very first moment they saw her. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2002.


Gloria and her two mothers join a parade celebrating Gay Pride Day. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1991.


A little girl enjoys a number of activities with her two mothers.

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A baby enjoys a number of fun activities with her two mothers.
Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2010.

LC Class u PZ7.N47988 Mo 2009


Relates, from various points of view, events from the night of October 6, 1998, when twenty-one-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.

LC Class PZ7.5.N49 Oct 2012


Although Frankie is hurt and confused when his two mommies separate, he is comforted by knowing that Patty will still be part of his life.

LC Class PZ7.N47988 Sat 1993


Zoe’s favorite uncle Leonard takes her to a planetarium and explains that if he dies he will be like the stars, too far away to touch, close enough to see.

LC Class PZ7.N47988 To 1995


In this comics anthology, a variety of authors explore their experiences, perceptions of sexuality, gender, power, consent, and their own bodies as they relate experiences from their teenage years.

LC Class HQ35 .N68 2013


Meg and Linus are best friends bound by a shared love of school, a coffee obsession and being queer. It’s not always easy to be the nerdy lesbian or gay kid in a suburban town. But they have each other and a few *Star Trek* boxed sets. They are pretty happy. But then Sophia, Meg’s longtime girlfriend breaks up with Meg, Linus
starts tutoring the totally dreamy new kid, Danny and Meg thinks setting them up is the perfect project to
distract herself from her own heartbreak. But Linus isn’t so sure Danny even likes guys, and maybe Sophia
isn’t quite as out of the picture as Meg thought she was…

Across North America, people in four different homes prepare for a special trip to China, while four baby girls in China await their new adoptive parents. Includes lesbian partners.

LC Class PZ7.O415 Wf 2002

O’Leary, Sara. *A family is a family is a family*. illustrated by Qin Leng. Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2016.

When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, one child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One is full of stepsiblings, and another has a new baby. As one by one, her classmates describe who they live with and who loves them — family of every shape, size and every kind of relation — the child realizes that as long as her family is full of caring people, her family is special.

LC Class PZ7.O46259 Fam 2016


When the heroic princess, Amira, rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain. Yet as they adventure across the kingdom, they discover that they bring out the very best in the other person. They’ll need to join forces and use all the know-how, kindness, and bravery they have in order to defeat their greatest foe yet: a jealous sorceress with a dire grudge against Sadie. Join Sadie and Amira, two very different princesses with very different strengths, on their journey to figure out what happily ever after really means and how they can find it with each other. Graphic novel.

LC Class PZ7.7.O54 Pr 2016


In a future world where there are no males, sixteen-year old Rubric and her girlfriend Salmon Jo must fight to survive when everything they believed in turns out to be a lie.

LC Class PS3565.L7774 S93 2013


Homeschooler Stevie Hart meets Max, a strange boy who is obsessed with death, but what start off as fun together begins spiraling downward when Stevie’s diabetes sabotages her fumbling romance with Max, and her best friend, Sanger, announces she is moving out of state.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, POC, HEAL

LC Class PZ7.O637 Lu 2016


Frances Janvier, a high achieving but largely friendless British student, has been a fan of the podcast Universe City since its first episode, even creating fan art for the show under the online persona of Toulouse. Aled
Last, the boy next door, turns out to be Universe City’s creator, and soon after each realizes who the other is, the two collaborate on the podcast and develop a much needed friendship. Frances and Aled both identify as queer, and their intense friendship—as well as relationships with their mothers that couldn’t be more different—are central to the story.


Moss Jeffries is many things—considerate student, devoted son, loyal friend and affectionate boyfriend, enthusiastic nerd. But sometimes Moss still wishes he could be someone else—someone without panic attacks, someone whose father was still alive, someone who hadn’t become a rallying point for a community because of one horrible night. And most of all, he wishes he didn’t feel so stuck. Moss can’t even escape at school—he and his friends are subject to the lack of funds and crumbling infrastructure at West Oakland High, as well as constant intimidation by the resource officer stationed in their halls. That was even before the new regulations—it seems sometimes that the students are treated more like criminals. Something will have to change—but who will listen to a group of teens? When tensions hit a fever pitch and tragedy strikes again, Moss must face a difficult choice: give in to fear and hate or realize that anger can actually be a gift.


A biography of the mathematician, reveals the story of an eccentric genius, olympic-class runner, and groundbreaking theoretician whose work is still influencing the science and telecommunication systems of the modern world. Presents a factually detailed account of Turing’s life and groundbreaking research—as an unconventional genius who was arrested, tried, convicted, and punished for being openly gay, and whose innovative work still fuels the computing and communication systems that define our modern world. Computer science buffs, comic fans, and history aficionados will be captivated by this riveting and tragic story of one of the 20th century’s most unsung heroes.

Our stories: voices of the LGBT+ community. edited by Kaylia Metcalf and Neal Rupert. Fresno CA: California State University, Fresno, 2011.

Published by United Student Pride Anthology Committee, the anthology presents an array of poetry, essays, and illustrations from diverse viewpoints of the LGBT+ community.


An anthology of essays by the grown children of lesbian, gay, and transgender parents. Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2000.

Bringing together significant essays and introducing new work, this book is intended to serve both as a scholarly reference and as a textbook for students of children’s studies, gender queer studies and related disciplines such as English, history, sociology and education.

LC Class PS374.H63 O84 2011


A young girl describes her life with her two fathers.

LC Class PZ7.P1254 Tw 2009


What happens when your mum decides that her turning- 40 resolution is going to be the announcement that she loves your dad as much as ever, but is also in love with someone else? Maria’s mum has always been strong and funny and maybe a bit too cool for a mum.

LA Class PZ7.P1786 Lo 2008


Follows Riverdale’s newest resident Kevin Kendall as he meets Archie and his friends, falls in love with journalism, and is inspired to join the military.

LC Class PN6728.A72 P36 2012


Kevin has gone from the new kid in town to one of the most well-known and popular students at Riverdale High School! Struggling to stay on top of his new duties while trying to find time for a social life, Kevin deals with the mishaps and mayhem that have always been a staple of high school life in Riverdale. From his first car to first dates to a starring role in a school play (written by Veronica?) it’s bound to be an eventful year for Kevin. Not to mention a surprise appearance and introduction by none other than George Takei!

LC Class PN6728.A72 P362 2013

Parker, George. Bell’s Knock Knock Birthday. Illustrated by Sam Orchard. Toronto, Ont.: 2017

Bell is having a birthday, and all their friends and family are coming to celebrate! A simple counting book with lots of noises to make alone or together as the guests arrive with gifts and treats for the birthday Bell.

PB, FAM, POC, GF,

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Special attributes and fearlessness aside, Gaia simply wants a regular life, one with friends, and maybe even a boyfriend. And although the guy she really wants is still utterly unavailable, there are other options. Like the
new dark and mysterious boy who is definitely interested. Gaia might be ready to take a walk on the wild side, but her love life is nothing compared to the danger that’s closing in.

LC Class PZ7.P2678 Ff 2013


Making masculinity: adolescence, identity, and high school: Revenge of the nerds; What do we mean by masculinity?: Bringing in sexuality; Rethinking masculinity, sexuality, and bodies; Methodology -- Becoming Mr. Cougar: institutionalizing heterosexuality and masculinity at River High : River High's gender and sexuality curriculum ; Pedagogy: the unofficial gender and sexuality curriculum ; School rituals: performing and policing gender and sexuality ; Gender and sexuality regimes -- Dude, you're a fag: adolescent male homophobia : What is a fag?: Gendered meanings ; Becoming a fag: fag fluidity ; Embodying the fag: Ricky's story ; Racializing the fag ; Where the fag disappears: drama performances ; Reframing homophobia -- Compulsive heterosexuality: masculinity and dominance : A stud with the ladies ; Getting girls ; Touching ; Sex talk ; Girls respond ; I'm different from other guys ; Females are the puppets -- Look at my masculinity!: Girls who act like boys : Tomboy pasts ; Rebeca and the basketball girls ; The homecoming queen: Jessie Chau ; The gay/straight alliance girls ; Embodying masculinity -- Conclusion: Thinking about schooling, gender, and sexuality : Masculinity at River High ; Theoretical implications ; Practical steps -- Appendix : What if a guy hits on you?: Intersections of gender, sexuality, and age in fieldwork with adolescents.

LC Class HQ797 .P37 2012


One mixed-up girl, one dull boy, two hot distractions. How does one figure it all out? Life sucks when you're fifteen years old, confused about your sexuality, and the girl of your dreams doesn’t even know you exist. The sudden entrance of a hot new emo at school only adds to the confusion. Clemmie Atkins thinks she's in love with her school friend, the mysterious and alluring J. Devastated that J doesn’t even seem to know she exists, Clemmie tries to escape her feelings by dating the nice but dim Ben. Unfortunately for Clemmie—and Josh—J just won’t leave her head, or her heart. Until...In walks sexy new-girl, Hannah Harrison. Before long, dreams of Hannah begin to eclipse the impossible thoughts of J and the boredom of Ben. Clemmie has exactly 365 days to discover herself, and she's going to have a blast doing it!

LC Class PZ7.P2954 Aaf 2011


Sparks fly when twenty-year-old Holly Croft, star of the UK soap Portobello Road, meets Elise Manford, the actress who’s going to play her on-screen love interest in the soap’s first ever lesbian storyline. Enigmatic Elise’s super-confident attitude and unwelcome advice drives Holly to distraction at first, but as fans go wild over the storyline, and the pair start to spend more and more time together, Holly begins to see another side to her costar.

LC Class PZ7.P2954 Roa 2013


Sixteen-year-old Shelby finds it difficult to balance her mother's dying request to live a life without restraint with her father's plans for his "little princess," which include attending a traditional father-daughter dance that culminates with a ceremonial vow to live "whole, pure lives."

A celebration of how colors are for everyone depicts characters engaging in their favorite activities.

FIC, PB, GF

Peck, Dale. *Sprout: or, My salad days, when I was green in judgment*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2009.

Moving from Long Island to Kansas after his mother dies, a teenager nicknamed Sprout deals with his father's drinking, his own sexuality, and a teacher who is determined to turn him into a winning essay writer. Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2010. Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2009.


Opening with a flashback to a hilariously disastrous wedding when Archer Magill was in first grade, the book closes with a significantly more staid one that occurs when he is in sixth grade. Most of the story, though, takes place between these two events, during Archer's fifth grade year. A military-based student teacher both disrupts Archer's class and enriches it, as does a new student who uses a wheelchair and comes from a British aristocratic background. High jinks abound, but so does serious content; in response to antigay bullying, Mr. McLeod gives the students a lecture in which he publicly outs himself, a particularly poignant moment. Outside school, Archer also shares daily adventures with his car-loving father, his grandfather (an elderly architect whose work is all over town), and his uncle Paul, whose romantic interest in Mr. McLeod might just well lead to another wedding.


Dating in high school is hard enough, especially when you’re gay. Belinda is convinced there's no such thing as love, until she runs into her "summer fling," and thinks they may be able to rekindle their romance. But when she sees her mom walking arm in arm with a man who is not Belinda's father, her parents' marriage suddenly becomes the focus in her life. Obsessed with the affair that could break up her family, Belinda pushes away the people closest to her.


Often transitioning socially and emotionally alongside their children, parents have their own parallel process to work through, and few resources to depend on. Pepper has gathered voices of women from all walks of life, with children ranging from six to sixty, to share their experiences.

Budding costume designer Lola lives an extraordinary life in San Francisco with her two dads and beloved dog, dating a punk rocker, but when the Bell twins return to the house next door Lola recalls both the friendship-ending fight with Calliope, a figure skater, and the childhood crush she had on Cricket.

LC Class PZ7.P4317 Lol 2011


*Who are you?* is an introduction to gender for ages 3+, with straightforward language for talking about how we experience gender: our body, our expression, and our gender identity. Ideal for use in the classroom or at home, it includes an interactive wheel and a guide for adults, explaining key concepts and identifying useful discussion points.

LC Class HQ1075 .P47 2017


Atlantis is besieged by violent storms, tremors, and a barbarian army. For sixteen-year-old Aerander, it's a calamitous backdrop to his Panegyris, where boys are feted for their passage to manhood.

LC Class PZ7.P4415467 Sev 2013


Fourteen-year-old Nick has a three-legged dog named Lucky 2, some pet fish, and two mothers, whose relationship complicates his entire life as they face prejudice, work problems, alcoholism, cancer, and finally separation. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2006.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Bet 2006


In a small Kansas town, sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo tries to come to terms with her father's suicide and her own homosexuality.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Far 2005


The complexities of love, romance, and dating for gay teenage girls are explored in this collection of short stories.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Gr 2007

Told in separate voices, Azure, who is a lesbian, and Luke, who is bisexual, help plan an inclusive senior prom while Luke is writing and producing a musical about his life, both are working through the crush they have on their friend Radhika, and all three are dealing with problems at home.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 It 2012


As she begins a very tough last semester of high school, Holland finds herself puzzled about her future and intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a Lesbigay club at school.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2003.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Ke 2003


When her girlfriend dies suddenly at age seventeen, Colorado teenager Alix struggles with grief as painful secrets are revealed.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Li 2014


Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2004.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Lu 2004


At the end of high school, Johanna finally begins dating the girl she has loved from afar, but Reeve is as much trouble as she claims to be as she and her twin brother damage Johanna's self-esteem, friendships, and already precarious relationship with her sister.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Rag 2009

Peters, Julie Anne. She loves you, she loves you not-. New York: Little, Brown, 2011.

When seventeen-year-old Alyssa is disowned by her father for being a lesbian, she is sent off to a small town in Colorado to live with the mother she has never known, where she is forced to come to terms with herself and her family.

LC Class PZ7.P44158 Sh 2011


Eleven-year-old Evie is heartbroken when her strict Catholic parents send her pregnant sister away to stay with a distant great-aunt. All Evie wants is for her older sister to come back. But when her parents forbid her to even speak to Cilla, she starts sending letters. Evie writes letters about her family, torn apart and hurting. She writes about her life, empty without Cilla. And she writes about the new girl in school, June, who
becomes her friend, and then maybe more than a friend.

As she becomes better friends with June, Evie begins to question her sexual orientation. She can only imagine what might happen if her parents found out who she really is. She could really use some advice from Cilla. But Cilla isn't writing back.

**Petrow, Steven.** *Steven Petrow's complete gay & lesbian manners: the definitive guide to LGBT life. New York: Workman Pub., 2011.*

Presents information and etiquette advice on questions including coming out, dating, tying the knot, and starting a family.

**LC Class HQ76.96.P48 2011**


*Sing You Home* is about identity, love, marriage, and parenthood. It’s about people wanting to do the right thing for the greater good, even as they work to fulfill their own personal desires and dreams. In the aftermath of a series of personal tragedies, Zoe throws herself in to her career as a music therapist.

**LC Class PS3566.I372 S56 2011**

**Pitman, Gayle E.** *This day in June. Washington D.C.: Magination Press, 2014*

This Day in June welcomes young readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united.

**LC Class PZ8.3.P5586836 Th 2014**


This is a picture book about Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, one of San Francisco’s most well-known and politically active lesbian couples. In this story, Phyllis and Del point out landmarks through the city that can be seen out their window. The “Reader’s Note” describes how Phyllis and Del left their mark on each of these sites. This is a unique way to introduce children to untold stories in history while also being a clever tribute to two notable women.

**PB, LES**


This up-to-date history includes the landmark Supreme Court decision making marriage equality the law of the land. Twenty-one activities enliven the history and demonstrate the spirited ways the LGBT community has pushed for positive social change.

**LC Class HQ76.8.U5 P64 2015**

When a fisherman's daughter inherits a map and joins the crew of a courageous female captain, a bond between them soon forms into love. Pursuing them on their high seas adventure is a fierce band of pirates, bewitched by a wicked Queen who is determined to keep her dark secret from surfacing.

FIC, PB, MC, L, POC
LC Class PZ7.1.P6417 Mai 2018


Three young children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by two mothers.

LC Class PZ7.P75186 Mv 2009


This story is filled with biting wit and pitch-perfect observations, this novel is about lust and love, about friendships that define and sometimes confine us, a coming of age story.

LC Class PS3616.O5676 B36 2008


Grayson Sender has been holding on to a secret for what seems like forever: “he” is a girl on the inside, born into the wrong gender's body. The weight of this secret is crushing, but sharing it would mean facing ridicule, scorn, rejection, or worse. Despite the risks, Grayson’s true self itches to break free. Will new strength and support from unexpected places be enough to help Grayson step into the spotlight she was born to inhabit?

LC Class PZ7.P7687 Gr 2014


A boy's magical triumph over alienation and shag carpeting.

LC Class CT275.P6812 A3 2010


Six high school seniors deal with the drama that goes along with attending the senior prom, including Allison, who plans to make a move on her crush, despite the presence of his girlfriend. Rachel is there to shake things up…but there’s more to her than meets the eye.

LC Class PZ7.P7752 Pr 2008


World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals -- and you’ve never heard of many of them. Queer author and activist Sarah Prager delves deep into the lives of 23 people who fought, created, and loved on their own terms. From high-profile figures like Abraham Lincoln
and Eleanor Roosevelt to the trailblazing gender-ambiguous Queen of Sweden and a bisexual blues singer who didn't make it into your history books, these true stories uncover a rich queer heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era.

LC Class HQ73 .P73 2017


In a society where "perpendiculars," opposite-sex couples, are forbidden, persecuted, freakish... Chris Bryant, a preacher's son, finds himself in love... with a girl. Chris has always been faithful to his Anglican religion -- even though he's never felt like everyone else.

LC Class PZ7.P9052 Out 2012


Eschewing female stereotypes throughout her early years and failing to gain acceptance on the boys’ baseball team, Liz learns to embrace her own views on gender as she comes of age, in an anecdotal graphic novel memoir.

LC Class HQ1075 .P75 2014


Ethan Keller a seventeen year old boy in a rural Texas town has lived a sheltered life. He is charmed into signing on to a cattle drive by an enigmatic cowboy passing through town. While on the drive, Ethan finds his feelings for this cowboy run deeper than just friendship. Now the two of them want to make a life together despite the insurmountable odds if they are to survive in the untamed West.

LC Class PS3616.R62 F55 2007


A crush on a girl at school, bouts of depression, suicide attempts, and fear of life beyond high school are enough to push her to the edge.

LC Class PZ7.P9423 Su 2008


Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1994.

LC Class PZ7.Q4194 Ti 1994


This anthology of short stories gives voice to the rising generation as they define what it means to grow up queer in the twenty-first century. What is it like to grow up in a society that embraces you in certain ways but discriminates against you in others? How do you choose a label from the alphabet soup, and should you even
have to? By turns heartwarming and heartbreaking, comical and caustic, these stories, imagined and told by youth across America, provide a snapshot of queerness at the dawn of the new millennium.

**LC Class PS648.H57 O48 2012**

Fifteen – year – old Becca has the habit of revealing too much personal information about herself and her friends, but when her boyfriend breaks up with her and she vows to stop “oversharing,” she does not realize that her blog postings are not nearly as anonymous as she thought.
YA, FIC, MC, SC,
**LC Class PZ7. Q3191 Tm 2009**

**Quintero, Isabel. *Gabi, a girl in pieces*. El Paso, Texas: Cinco Puntos Press, 2014.**
Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy’s pregnancy, friend Sebastian’s coming out, her father’s meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.

**LC Class PZ7.Q438 Gab 2014**

A girl who thinks the rapid-fire, hyperkinetic culture of the country is counter-productive, is recruited into a resistance movement where the mode of survival is taking things ... slow. Herein lies a dark, breath-taking new vision of an all-too-possible future for America.

**LC Class PN6727. R36 D43 2017**

"Punkzilla" is on a mission to see his older brother "P", before "P" dies of cancer. Still buzzing from his last hit of meth, he embarks on a days-long trip from Portland, Ore. to Memphis, Tenn., writing letters to his family and friends. Along the way, he sees a sketchier side of America and worries if he will make it to see his brother in time.

**LC Class PZ7.R18133 Pun 2009**

A hilarious and delightfully candid memoir about grown up gay in the Reagan-era south.

**LC Class HQ75.8.R4 A3 2003**

In the tradition of Bart Yates and K.M. Soehnlein comes a sexy, sensitive, coming-of-age novel from a major new talent.

**LC Class PS3618.E2256 S43 2007**


A chance encounter tangles the lives of seven high school students, each resisting the allure of one of the seven deadly sins, and each telling their story from their seven distinct points of view.

LC Class PZ7.1.R427 Se 2016


Ragged, starving refugees want to settle in Lindsay Crossing. In a world waking up from a devastating plague, control of resources—and people—is the key to survival. Marissa Loomis has grown used to fighting for herself and her family. The newcomers are a threat, but they can't be left to die. As the fragile society plans to grow by scavenging the deserted cities, newcomer Gwen finds herself torn between the man who saved her from starvation and the compelling woman who represents reason and power in what's left of her world.

LC Class PS3618.E4275 O77 2013


A novel about two girls on the run from their problems, their pasts, and themselves. Max and Sadie are escaping to Nebraska, but they'll soon learn they can't escape the truth.

LC Class PZ7.R2462 Ov 2013


Seventeen-year-old Tim must confront his homosexual inclinations when he is stranded with three friends during a cross-country hike.


Growing up gay beginning as a teenager to realize what you are—that's when you start to suffer. Just when everybody else is becoming involved with the opposite sex, you are alone to hide your feelings.

LC Class PR6068.E368 I5 1985


School is just like a film set: there's The Crew that make things happen, The Extras who fill the empty desks, and The Movie Stars, whom everyone wants tagged in their Facebook photos. But Jude doesn't fit in. He's not part of The Crew because he isn't about to do anything unless it's court-appointed; he's not an Extra because nothing about him is anonymous; and he's not a Movie Star because even though everyone knows his name like an A-lister, he isn't invited to the cool parties. As the director calls action, Jude is the flamer that lights the set on fire. Before everything turns to ashes from the resulting inferno, Jude drags his best friend Angela off the casting couch and into enough melodrama to incite the paparazzi, all while trying to fend off the haters and win the heart of his favourite co-star Luke Morris. It's a total train wreck! But train wrecks always make the front page.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2015.

LC Class PZ7.R27327 Whe 2015

A young prince and a farm boy meet in the forest and their newfound friendship blossoms into love. However, when the Queen re-marries, her sinister new husband seeks control of the enchanted forest and the land the farm boy's family are responsible for protecting.

FIC, PB, MC, G, POC
LC Class PZ7.1.R4875 Pro 2017


Seventeen-year-old Lynn experiences surprise, discomfort, and a new awareness of prejudices and stereotyping when her best friend Kit comes out as a lesbian.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2001.

LC Class PZ7.R3373 Lo 2001


A celebration of the future of queer society from a new generation of queer people from ages 14 to 26.
Features works in the form of prose, poetry, artwork, and performance pieces.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2000.

LC Class HQ76.25 .R48 2000


Nancy Takahiro, a star basketball player in her last year of high school, meets a fellow basketball player named Raina, and develops a complicated relationship with her as she prepares to leave her inner city neighborhood for college.

LC Class PS3568.E7964 N4 1998


Set against a vibrant South Bronx neighborhood and the youth culture of Manhattan, Chulito is a coming-of-age, coming out love story of a sexy Latino man and the colorful characters that populate his block.

LC Class PS3618.I3326 C48 2011

Rickards, Lynne. Pink!. illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain. New York: Chicken House/Scholastic, 2009

Teased in school for being pink, Patrick the penguin leaves the South Pole to live with the flamingos in Africa.

LC Class PZ7.R416118 Pi 2009


At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2005.

When Ace and John find a lion cub for sale at Harrods department store, they buy him, name him Christian, and the three live happily for a year in a London apartment, but eventually Christian grows too big and they must let him go to live the life of a wild cat. Based on a true story. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2010.


The only son of a traveling merchant, Katjin finds Mikael, a lost young man, who must be kept safe from the fury of the Empire.


After a daring rescue and the realization that Katjin and Mikael's empathic and physical bond isn't going to go away on its own, the two boys are exiled from the Clan Lands to the mythic lands of the Shahi for training, accompanied by Katjin's sometimes-rival, sometimes-friendly cousin, Soren.


Partnered with Aidan, the Shahi firepower, and Aya, lost twin of an Empire “path,” Soren finally has to put the great plan to topple the Empire's hold on the Clanfolk in motion.


When, despite her father's disapproval, sixteen-year-old Brie begins to date the handsome and considerate Josh, she hopes that their relationship will go beyond friendship until he reveals to her that he is homosexual.


After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. He must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor.

Thor has a terrible habit of misplacing his hammer but this time it is not lost, it has fallen into enemy hands. If Magnus Chase and his friends can't retrieve the hammer quickly, the mortal worlds will be defenseless against an onslaught of giants. Ragnarok will begin. The Nine Worlds will burn. Unfortunately, the only person who can broker a deal for the hammer's return is the gods' worst enemy, Loki--and the price he wants is very high.

Stonewall Book Award Winner, 2016

R.C Class PZ7.R4829 Ham 2016


Juliet Milagros Palante is leaving the Bronx and headed to Portland, Oregon. She just came out to her family and isn't sure if her mom will ever speak to her again. But Juliet has a plan, sort of, one that's going to help her figure out this whole "Puerto Rican lesbian" thing. She's interning with the author of her favorite book: Harlowe Brisbane, the ultimate authority on feminism, women's bodies, and other gay-sounding stuff. Will Juliet be able to figure out her life over the course of one magical summer? Is that even possible? Or is she running away from all the problems that seem too big to handle? With more questions than answers, Juliet takes on Portland, Harlowe, and most importantly, herself.

R.C Class PS3618.I8457 J85 2016


This story takes place 30 years after a nuclear apocalypse. Each chapter is from the point of view of a present-day, unnamed narrator and also of Zara, an elder who knew the world before the disaster. Desperate for water, a group sets out to the North to find the Great Lakes, a place where there is rumored to be an abundance of water. They endure storms, hostile camps, quicksand, and illness as they search for a place that they do not even know exists.

R.C Class PZ7.R5999 Wa 2008


After Ellie dies of a drug overdose, her brother, her best friend, and her best friend's sister face painful secrets of their own when they try to uncover the truth about Ellie’s death.

R.C Class PZ7.R61875 Aam 2012
R.C Class PZ7.R61875 Aam 2013


Flynn's girlfriend, January, is missing. The cops are asking question he can't answer, and her friends are telling stories that don't add up. All eyes are on Flynn—as January's boyfriend, he must know something. But Flynn has a secret of his own. And as he struggles to uncover the truth about January's disappearance, he must also face the truth about himself.

R.C Class PZ7.1.R6397 Las 2016

Growing up isn't easy, and no one knows that better than Roberto. Raw & Gritty, Afuera follows Roberto, a young Latino man who comes into his own by being everything his tradition & culture tells him not to be. He struggles to understand & attempts to hide, that which is in his heart. From the outside, he seems to have the perfect life, but in fact, it's all a lie. In a dramatic turn of events, it eventually all comes apart, but through sheer guts & determination, & his willingness to succeed, he triumphs over this darkness & starts a new life for himself.

LC Class PZ7.R71388 Afu 2013


Jack has a lot of sex--and he's not ashamed of it. While he's sometimes ostracized, and gossip constantly rages about his sex life, Jack always believes that "it could be worse." But then, the worse unexpectedly strikes: When Jack starts writing a teen sex advice column for an online site, he begins to receive creepy and threatening love letters that attempt to force Jack to curb his sexuality and personality. Now it's up to Jack and his best friends to uncover the stalker--before their love becomes dangerous.

FIC, YA, GAY, CL


While recovering from an accident that most definitely kill Gideon Blake, he finds himself with new powers and a bizarre cuff.

LC Class PZ7.R7216 Ri 2016


Follow Andy on this enjoyable journey as he talks about his Uncle Mike’s wedding to his partner Steve.

LC Class HQ1033 .R677 2011


"All I Want To Be Is Me" is a beautifully illustrated children's book reflecting the diverse ways that young children experience and express their gender. The book gives voice to the feelings of children who don't fit into narrow gender stereotypes, and who just want to be free to be themselves. This book is a celebration of all children being who they are, and is a positive reflection of children, wherever they experience themselves on the gender spectrum. "All I Want To Be Is Me" offers a wonderful way for all children to learn about gender diversity, embracing different ways to be, and being a true friend. Visit www.alliwanttobememe.com to learn more about how this book can be used by parents and teachers, and to hear the original song, "All I Want To Be Is Me", that goes along with the book.

FIC, PB, GAY


The only Jewish family in a luxury Fifth Avenue building of WASPs, the senior Rothschilds took over the responsibility of raising their grandson, Matt, after his mother left him for Italy and a fourth husband.

LC Class F128.9.J5 R68 2008

After years of abuse from his mother and neglect from his father, ninth-grader Sean Parker is headed for trouble until he is sent to do community service at a farm owned by an old man who teaches Sean that he can take control of his own life.

LC Class PZ7.R7534 Ho 1997


Kyle is a basketball star, but his interest in theater causes problems on and off the court.

LC Class PZ7.R848 Cr 2008


Chubby, Jewish, and gay high school sophomore Justin Goldblatt plans to become popular by the end of the year, but instead of dating the star quarterback, he catches the eye of Becky, the quarterback's girlfriend, while his best friend, Spencer, stops speaking to him.

LC Class PZ7.R85513 My 2012


It's time for the Fall One-Act Festival, and Hope gets the honored privilege of debuting her very first original play! With Bryan directing and Jason and Sam as leads, it seems as if nothing could go wrong. But, where's the fun in that?

LC Class PZ7.R8763 En 2008


The students at the Orion Academy put on a musical based on the Wizard of Oz. Due to their egotism, four of them have the part of Dorothy, but as opening night approaches, the Dorothys drop out of the show one-by-one. Bryan Stark must find out why in order to keep the musical from being cancelled.

LC Class PZ7.R85 Fou 2007


Rainbow parties. Are they real? Who's going? Gin and Sandy-one's been with all the guys, one's terrified of them. It's Gin's party; she invited everyone. Alison-President of the celibacy club. What's she thinkin? Hunter and Perry-friends...with benefits. Jade-hanging on to it for the right guy. Skye and Rod-totally doing it, totally curious. Vi-Skye's best friend who has it for Rod. The party could change everything. Rusty and Brick-one thinks he's a playah. One's built like it. Neither's getting any. Ash and Rose-the class couple, not ready yet. So why are they going?

LC Class PS3618.U345 R35 2005

The Renaissance Faire has come to town! Okay, so the exclamation point doesn't make it any cooler, but Sam is overjoyed to reunite with her former faire folk. Bryan, on the other hand, can do without all the "thees," "thous," and, oh yes man tights. But he'd best take part in the festivities lest he lose his head with Sam doing the chopping.

LC Class PZ7.R8763 Sho 2008


When eighteen-year-old Becky Randle's mother dies, she is whisked away from a trailer park to New York City, where fashion designer Tom Kelly offers to transform her into a glamorous Rebecca, a girl fit for a prince--but soon she begins to fear that she will lose touch with her real self.

LC Class PZ7.R8763 Sho 2008


"Workin' It!" will provide helpful and provocative tips on fashion, beauty, style and confidence for girls and boys, straight and gay - and everyone in between! No one knows more about life, self-expression and style than RuPaul! With photos by Mathu Andersen from the new season of RuPaul's Drag Race and a fresh look at style and inner beauty, "Workin' It!" will pick up where the show leaves off. The book will be as colourful, fun, and intriguing as RuPaul, with insights into makeup, clothing choices and the illusion of drag. Fans of RuPaul will get piece of Ru's philosophy on style and attitude - and how it's more than the clothes that make the man, or woman! With four colour photos throughout and a fresh, funky design "Workin' It!" will be the perfect guide to RuPaul - part style guide, part confidence manifesto, and entirely fabulous!

LC Class RA778 .R93 2010

Russo, Meredith. *If I was your girl*. New York: Flatiron Books, 2016.

Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew. Stonewall Book Award Winner, 2017

LC Class PZ7.1.R874 If 2016


The first handbook on the care, counseling, and support needs of lesbian and gay youth for providers, advocates, parents, and interested readers. Included are guidelines for assessment, treatment, prevention, and referral along with the latest research, knowledge, and practice wisdom on lesbian and gay youth by leading experts in lesbian and gay health, mental health, HIV/AIDS, and adolescents.

LC Class RJ101.3 .R9 1998


When their parents announce they are taking in a fellow student for a month, 16-year-old twins Kyle and Judy sit up and take notice. Kyle has just come out of the closet to his family and fears he'll never know what it is
like to date a guy. Judy is pretending to be born-again to attract a boy who heads a Bible study group. And Garret Johnson is new in town—a mysterious loner who claims to be a vampire. Both twins are intrigued.

LC Class PZ7.R9555 Ge 2011

As fifteen-year-old Garth is wrestling with the promise he made his mother to wait a while before coming out, his somewhat secretive uncle shows up unexpectedly for an extended visit.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2009.

LC Class PZ7.R9555 In 2009

In St. Augustine, Florida, former best friends Charlie Perrin and Sam Findley, now both sixteen, come to realize that their friendship is the only thing that will keep them afloat when each of their worlds is turned upside down through death, divorce, and the seemingly out-of-control direction of their lives.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2007.

LC Class PZ7.R9555 Sai 2007

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2001.

LC Class PZ7.R957 Em 2001

Battle Hall Davies' brother Nick ran away from home when she was in high school. Now he has found her and she is going to stay with him for the summer before starting college. Battle discovers that neither she nor her brother is the person she thought they were.

LC Class PZ7.R957 Ru 2007

Danny is pretty sure he's gay, but he spends his summer trying to prove otherwise.

LC Class PZ7.R9577 Way 2012

**Sáenz, Benjamin Alire. Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2012.**
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.
Stonewall Book Award.
Pura Belpre Award Winner.

A story set on the American border with Mexico, about family and friendship, life and death, and one teen struggling to understand what his adoption does and doesn't mean about who he is.


Amelia's mother helps her run away from her father who has custody and establish a new home and identity in San Francisco with her mother's girlfriend.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1993.


Diego keeps getting into trouble because of his explosive temper until he finally finds a probation officer who helps him get to the root of his anger so that he can stop running from his past.


Sergio is bisexual, Lance is gay, Allie is questioning, Kimiko is lesbian. Four teens trying to find their places in the world and with one another.


Hoping to impress a sexy female classmate, fifteen-year-old Carlos secretly hires gay student Sal to give him an image makeover, in exchange for Carlos's help in forming a Gay-Straight Alliance at their Texas high school.


When openly gay Manuel transfers to Paul's high school, Paul, a born-again Christian, begins to question his own sexuality.

Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2001.

LC Class PZ7.S19475 Rai 2001


Follows three gay high school seniors as they struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love, and college choices. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2003.

LC Class PZ7.S19475 Rak 2003


While driving across the United States during the summer after high school graduation, three young gay men encounter various bisexual and homosexual people and make some decisions about their own relationships and lives. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2005.

LC Class PZ7.S19475 Ram 2005


Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends, but when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay. When Xio decides she wants to be more than friends, Frederick isn't so sure. He loves hanging out with Xio and her crew, but he doesn't like her that way. Instead he finds himself thinking more and more about Victor, the captain of the soccer team. But does that mean Frederick's gay? He hopes not -- he sees how everyone makes fun of Iggy, a boy all the other kids think is gay. Even though he is curious about Iggy, he's just started fitting in at his new school, and he doesn't want to lose Xio, his best friend. Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2004.

LC Class PZ7.S19475 Fr 2004
LC Class PZ7.S19475 So 2006


Satyal's lovely coming-of-age debut charts an Indian-American boy's transformation from mere mortal to Krishnaji, the blue-skinned Hindu deity. Twelve-year-old Kiran Sharma's a bit of an outcast: he likes ballet and playing with his mother's makeup. He also reveres his Indian heritage and convinces himself that the reason he's having trouble fitting in is because he's actually the 10th reincarnation of Krishnaji. He plans to come out to the world at the 1992 Martin Van Buren Elementary School talent show, and much of the book reveals in his comical preparations as he creates his costume, plays the flute and practices his dance moves to a Whitney Houston song. But as the performance approaches, something strange happens: Kiran's skin begins to turn blue. Satyal writes with a graceful ease, finding new humor in common awkward pre-teen moments and giving readers a delightful and lively young protagonist.

This brightly illustrated book will open a dialogue with children aged 3+ about gender diversity in a fun and creative way. Featuring a gender neutral protagonist, the book imparts an important message about identity and being who you want to be. Tiny's story will assist parents, family and teachers in giving children the space to express themselves fully, explore different identities and have fun at the same time.

FIC, PB, MC, FAM, GF


Twelve-year-old Davis is about to start high school as the husky kid, while his best friend, Sophie, does very little to help with his self-confidence, so he hides behind his obsession with opera.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY


At Saint Francis Prep school in Mountain View, New Jersey, Mira, Jeremy, and Sebby come together as they struggle with romance, bullying, foster home and family problems, and mental health issues.


Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

FIC, PB, FAM, GAY


When Maxie's best friend from elementary school returns years later after a horrible act of violence against him, Maxie feels guilty about how she treated him and conflicted over whether or not she wants to befriend him again.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2008.

When Adam Freedman—a skinny, awkward, inexperienced teenager from Piedmont, California—goes to stay with his older sister Casey in New York City, he is hopeful that his life is about to change. And it sure does.

**LC Class PS3619.C4616 A67 2014**

**Schrag, Ariel. Awkward. San Jose, CA: Slave Labor, 1999.**

Summing up her first year of high school in one word, "awkward," Ariel Schrag draws and writes about coming of age Berkeley, California, and being an L7 and Juliette Lewis fan and drug user in 1995. She has friends and crushes, does graffiti, and goes to punk shows.

**LC Class PN6727.S287 A84 1999**


This autobiography captures the American high school experience in all its awkward, questioning glory.

**LC Class PN6727.S287 A85 2008**

**Schrag, Ariel. Definition. San Jose, CA: Slave Labor Graphics, 1997.**

The tale of one girl’s struggle in the 10th grade through the metaphor of her high school Physics class, and featuring all the fervent obsessions of life from glitter-laden girls to ionic charges and the constant pursuit of the Number One score.

**LC Class PN6727.S287 D44 1997**

**Schrag, Ariel. Likewise. New York: Touchstone, 2009.**

Ariel Schrag’s comic book-style autobiography concludes with her final year of high school and such experiences as coping with her family after her parents’ divorce, longing for an ex-girlfriend, and uncertainty over her own future.

**LC Class PN6727.S287 L55 2009**


The second book of Ariel Schrag’s autobiographical graphic novels, recounting her first real relationship and first-time love with a girl, her quest to lose her virginity to a boy, and her parents’ divorce.

**LC Class PN6727.S287 P68 2008**


Kate Harker isn’t afraid of monsters. She hunts them. And she’s good at it. August Flynn once yearned to be human. But no longer. He has a part to play. And he will play it, no matter the cost. The war has begun. The monsters are winning. Kate will have to return to Verity. August will have to let her back in. And a new monster is waiting—one that feeds on chaos and brings out its victims’ inner demons. Which will be harder to conquer: the monsters they face, or the monsters within?

**FIC, YA, GAY, GF**

**LC Class PZ7.S39875 Ou 2017**

*Oddly Normal* is Schwartz’s very personal attempt to address his family’s own struggles within a culture that is changing fast, but not fast enough to help gay kids like Joe. Schwartz follows Joe through childhood to the present day, interweaving his narrative with common questions, including: Is there a relationship between being gay and suicide or mental illness?

LC Class HQ76.27.Y68 S393 2012


Small town prejudices emerge when a love affair between two teenage girls is revealed.

LC Class PZ7.S4136 Hap 1978


A discussion of issues pertinent to LGBT youth.

LC Class HQ76.45.U5 S43 2013


The Secret Loves of Geek Girls is a non-fiction anthology mixing prose, comics, and illustrated stories on the lives and loves of an amazing cast of female creators. Featuring work by Margaret Atwood (The Heart Goes Last), Mariko Tamaki (This One Summer), Trina Robbins (Wonder Woman), Marguerite Bennett (Marvel's A-Force), Noelle Stevenson (Nimona), Marjorie Liu (Monstress), Carla Speed McNeil (Finder), and over fifty more creators. It's a compilation of tales told from both sides of the tables: from the fans who love video games, comics, and sci-fi to those that work behind the scenes: creators and industry insiders.

LC Class HQ801 .S44195 2016


Jeffery Self competes in a drag teen competition for a college scholarship.

LC Class PZ7.1.S443 Dr 2016


Although life for Amrith in 1980 Sri Lanka seems rather uneventful and orderly, things change in a hurry when his male cousin arrives from Canada and Amrith finds himself completely enamored with his new visitor.

Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2005.

LC Class PR9440.9.S42 S95 2005

Megan is no stranger to the macabre; as a “black-diaper baby,” she’s very familiar with her mother’s funeral home. She spends her spare time writing Disney-villain fan fiction and texting with her long-distance online girlfriend. Megan is thrilled when her old babysitter, Cynthia, offers her a job with a ghost tour company, but things start to feel a little off—for starters, Cyn actually seems to be euthanizing the elderly to create more ghosts. Also weird, Megan has been told she resembles a flapper who disappeared in the 1920s, and the head of a rival tour company is giving her strange warnings. Sure, there’s a lot going on, but no one’s actually planning on murdering Megan, right?


In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900—and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his Uncle Albert in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2015.


Before the rise of the Nazi party, Germany, especially Berlin, was one of the most tolerant places for homosexuals in the world. But that all changed when the Nazis came to power. The pink triangle sewn onto prison uniforms became the symbol of the persecution of homosexuals, a persecution that would continue for many years after the war. A mix of historical research, first-person accounts and individual stories brings this time to life for young readers.


When Rosie finds out that her two mothers are planning to get married, she has only one worry --- will she get to be a flower girl.


At his grandmother's death, eighteen-year-old Willie finds a box of old letters which explain many family secrets.


After Sophie Winters survives a brutal attack in which her best friend, Mina, is murdered, she sets out to find the killer. At the same time she must prove she is free of her past Oxy addiction and in no way to blame for Mina’s death.
Saul Hornsby is the last magician living in Verusa. Thanks to a plot to destroy the plant where his father was killed, Saul is a wanted man. He has enough problems just hiding from police, and that's before Edward Audel, the most powerful man in Verusa, starts blackmailing him. Forced into working for Audel, Saul begins searching for a lost family heirloom. The trail takes him under the city, into a dirty subterranean lair where Audel's runaway son, Toven, lives in hiding. Soon Saul will discover his past, no matter how deeply buried, isn't dead, and that love can be found in the strangest of places. His love for Toven grows, even as he strives to find the truth behind his father's death, and soon Saul, Toven and a shadowy figure known as the Tenth Man join forces to break free of Audel's influence and reclaim their lives.

She's shameless: women write about growing up, rocking out, and fighting back. edited by Stacey May Fowles and Megan Griffith-Greene Toronto: Tightrope Books, 2009.

From the team behind Shameless, the most award-winning feminist magazine for teen girls, comes a new anthology for and about young women growing up, rocking out, and fighting back.


Lizzy McMann, A Feisty twelve-year-old, lives with her immature mother and Manny, her father (she thinks) in a fleabag Phoenix hotel. One night, Manny's sudden announcement that he wants a divorce forces mother and daughter to move to upstate New York to live with Lizzy's grandmother and grandfather--a mixed blessing. At school, Lizzy befriends, then falls in love with, Eva Singer, who is dyslexic, looks like Natalie Wood and lives right down the street. Like all girls her age, Lizzy has to deal with her first period, her first bra and her first boyfriend. But what scares her most is her love for Eva. She is also concerned with getting a new husband for Mama--especially after reading Mama's letters that she has found in the attic. Then Eva gets a boyfriend and Mama's life enters what seems to be a new crisis. ... How Lizzy comes to grips with life's strange twists and turns makes fascinating reading for adults and young readers alike. Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2002.

The fifth grade. The threshold to puberty, and the beginning of the end of childhood innocence. Shuichi Nitori and his new friend Yoshino Takatsuki have happy homes, loving families, and are well-liked by their classmates. But they share a secret that further complicates a time of life that is awkward for anyone: Shuichi is a boy who wants to be a girl, and Yoshino is a girl who wants to be a boy.


When seventeen-year-old high school newspaper editor Jake Powell, fresh from Alabama, lands in New York City to attend Columbia University’s prestigious summer journalism program, it’s a dream come true. But his father, a fundamentalist Christian preacher, smells trouble. And his father is rarely wrong. Jake navigates new and unfamiliar ways “up North,” starting with his feelings for a handsome Jewish classmate named Sam. What Jake could keep hidden back home is now pushed to the surface in the Big Apple.


A five-year-old boy becomes fascinated with his mother's bindi, the red dot commonly worn by South Asian women to indicate the point at which creation begins, and wishes to have one of his own. Rather than chastise her son, she agrees to it, and teaches him about its cultural significance, allowing the boy to discover the magic of the bindi, which in turn gives him permission to be more fully himself.


Second installation in the *Across Time* series, Jessie finds herself transported to Elizabethan England as a sea captain who is seeking something beyond riches, --- the soul he aches to find. In this adventure, Jessie learns even more about herself and responsibility.


Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident. Even though Theo had moved to California for college and started seeing Jackson, Griffin never doubted Theo would come back to him when the time was right. But when Theo dies in a drowning accident, the future he's been imagining for himself is gone. To make things worse, the only person who truly understands his heartache is Jackson. As Griffin loses himself in his obsessive compulsions and destructive choices, the secrets he's been keeping are tearing him apart.


As Aaron tries to forget his father's suicide with the aid of the Leteo Institute’s memory relief program, he meets and quickly befriends Thomas, and begins questioning who he is as his feelings for Thomas start to grow.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2015.

Explains conception and reproduction in a picture book format.


40th anniversary edition
Multicultural and multigenerational people demonstrate what being in a family means.


One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.

Stonewall Honor Award
NFIC, MC, AW
LC HV6618 .S56 2017


Gay high school senior Cameron Hayes endures a disastrous prom night when forced to take a girl as his date, and after fleeing the dance in disguise, he finds himself involved in a surprising on-stage performance, a high-speed police chase, and unexpected revelations.


Even though Hal is gay and Chuck is straight, the two fifteen-year-olds are best friends and set up a blog where Hal records his budding romance with a young Frenchman and Chuck falls for a summer theater camp diva.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2006.


Austin Szerba narrates the end of humanity as he and his best friend Robby accidentally unleash an army of giant, unstoppable bugs and uncover the secrets of a decades-old experiment gone terribly wrong. Bisexuality.

Thirteen-year-old Stark "Stick" McClellan's brother has always defended him against those who tease him for his thinness and facial deformity, so when Bosten, having admitted he is gay, must leave home and their abusive parents, Stick sets out to find him. Banned in Beaverton School District, OR.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, OUT, TWA, BOC


Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.


In their own words, children of different ages talk about how and when they learned of their gay or lesbian parent's sexual orientation and the effect it has had on them.


This collection of short stories explores both meanings of the word fairy, using the age-old themes of folklore to tell stories relevant to gay and lesbian life today.


Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.


Examines verbal bullying, describing specific steps targets can take to avoid this type of bullying, and provides examples of specific verbal bullying tactics, how people become verbal bullies and victims, proactive methods for handling and overcoming problem situations, including those for bystanders, and more.

This landmark collection strives to reflect the complexity of identities within Native Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Two-Spirit (GLBTQ2) communities. Gathering together the work of established writers and talented new voices, the anthology spans genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and essay) and themes (memory, history, sexuality, indigeneity, friendship, family, love, and loss) and represents a watershed moment in Native American and Indigenous literatures, Queer studies, and the intersections between the two. Collaboratively, the pieces in Sovereign Erotics demonstrate not only the radical diversity among the voices of today’s Indigenous GLBTQ2 writers but also the beauty, strength, and resilience of Indigenous GLBTQ2 people in the twenty-first century.


Seventeen, fashion-obsessed, and gay, Abby Ives has always been content playing the sidekick in other people’s lives. While her friends and sister have plunged headfirst into the world of dating and romances, Abby’s been happy to focus on her plus-size style blog and her dreams of taking the fashion industry by storm. When she lands a great internship at her favorite boutique, she’s thrilled to take the first step toward her dream career. Then she falls for her fellow intern, Jordi Perez. Hard. And now she’s competing against the girl she’s kissing to win the coveted paid job at the end of the internship.


After falling off the roof, fifteen-year-old misfit Dylan must attend a therapy group for self-harmers where he meets Jamie, a beautiful and amazing person he does not know is transgender.


Stories of overcoming adversity and experiencing life after coming out.


A senior and wrestler, Derek Thompson develops a relationship with a new guy at school, which is threatened by unexpected circumstances.


Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to
become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2007. FIC, YA, MC, GAY, GF, HEAL, TWH, TWA LC Class PZ7.S14238 Fre 2007


As he works through his often difficult relationships with his single mother, distant twin sister, his first boyfriend, and an odd assortment of friends, a teenage boy learns about the wounds and healing brought by love. FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, BI, TWA LC Class PZ7.S82635 Mi 2005


At high school beginning in 1989, shy, intelligent Triinu comes to realize that she is a lesbian--and in love--just as her home state of Oregon is debating Measure 9, which would allow discrimination against gay people. Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2015. FIC, YA, MC, FAM, LES, QUEST, OUT, TWH LC Class PZ7.S8426 For 2014


Derek thinks he might be falling in love. The problem is, he hasn't been entirely honest with his on-line boyfriend. Derek sent Ethan a photo taken before he got depressed and gained eighty pounds. Derek hasn't been honest with his employer either. When he lied about his age and experience to get a job with disabled adults, the last thing he expected was to meet a woman like Aaliyah. Smart, prickly and often difficult, Aaliyah challenges Derek's ideas about honesty and trust. Derek has to choose whether to risk telling the truth, or to give up the most important relationship in his life. FIC, YA, GAY, HEAL, TWH LC Class PZ7.S84823 Bi 2008


Dante hates the suburbs and her new school. Alone and alienated from teachers and parents, she connects with a new “friend” who she thinks is a soul mate but her concept of how to create change is not the only one. FIC, YA, LES, QUEST, CI LC Class PZ7.S84823 In 2009


This work of nonfiction for middle readers examines what -- and why -- gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their supporters celebrate on Pride Day every June. Stonewall Honor Book, 2017 NFIC, MG, FAM, GAY, LES, BI, TRANS, POC, OUT LC Class HQ76.5 .S74 2016

Franny is close to her parents, adores her horse and is head over heels in love with her girlfriend, Leah. But Franny's parents are abortion providers at the local hospital, and an anonymous stranger is prepared to do whatever it takes to stop them. A stranger who phones at all hours. Who knows where they live. Who knows Franny's name. When Leah's older brother, Jake, refers to her parents as baby killers, Franny starts to wonder if perhaps the threats aren't coming from a stranger at all. If she tells the police about her suspicions, she could lose her girlfriend. But if she doesn't--and if she's right--she could lose her parents.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, HEAL, TWH
LC Class PZ7.S84823 Un 2016


Move beyond the insecurities fostered by mainstream media to a place where a strong sense of self and direction takes center stage. Through fun quizzes, insightful exercise, and thought-provoking statistics, author Sarah Stillman helps you understand the true nature of who you are while cultivating a harmonious inner and outer space.
NFIC, SELF, YA
LC Class BJ1651 .S85 2012


Seventeen-year-old Cary seems to have it all--gorgeous body, cool boyfriend, wealthy family, and a great sense of style, but she also has a serious problem.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, QUEST
LC Class PZ7.S8695 To 1998


Henry Page has never been in love. He fancies himself a hopeless romantic, but the slo-mo, heart palpitating, can’t-eat-can’t-sleep kind of love that he’s been hoping for just hasn’t been in the cards for him at least not yet. Instead, he’s been happy to focus on his grades, on getting into a semi-decent college and finally becoming editor of his school newspaper. Then Grace Town walks into his first period class on the third Tuesday of senior year and he knows everything’s about to change.
FIC, YA, SC, LES, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.1.S883 Ou 2016

Sutherland, Suzanne. When we were good. Toronto: Sumach Press, 2013.

The year 2000 isn’t starting out too well for Toronto high school senior Katherine Boatman. Not only has her oldest friend ditched her for yet another boyfriend, her beloved grandmother died on New Year's Eve leaving a void of goodness in her life that Katherine's not sure how to fill. While overwhelmed with sadness and self-doubt, Katherine unexpectedly finds new love, both for Toronto's underground music scene and for her would-be savior: a straight edge, loud mouth misfit named Marie.
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, HEAL, TWS
LC Class PZ7.S966935 Whe 2013

This is a book for many people. It is for the gay teen who needs to believe there is something to look forward to. It is for the straight brother, friend, daughter, or neighbor because it inspires compassion and insight and helps the straight world better understand that gay people are “just like me.” But that they also have a culture and community all their own. Perhaps most important, the voices in this book help everyone more clearly see the gay and lesbian community as a proud and diverse group of people with their own history, stories and future.

NFIC, BIO, YA, MC, FAM, GAY, LES, OUT, CL, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HQ76.3.U5 S88 1994


Maria Lyon and Lily Bolten are their school’s ultimate power couple—but one thing stands between them and their perfect future: campus superstar, Delilah Dufrey. Golden child Delilah is a legend at exclusive Acheron Academy, and the presumptive winner of the distinguished Cawdor Kingsley Prize. But Delilah doesn’t know that Lily and Maria are willing to do anything—absolutely anything—to unseat Delilah for the scholarship. After all, it would lock in Maria’s attendance at Stanford—and assure her and Lily four more years in a shared dorm room.

Together, Maria and Lily harness the dark power long rumored to be present on the former plantation that houses their school. But when feuds turn to fatalities, and madness begins to blur the distinction between what’s real and what’s imagined, the girls must attempt to put a stop to the chilling series of events they’ve accidentally set in motion.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, POC, OUT, CL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.T1566 As 2016


In 1959 Virginia, Sarah, a black student who is one of the first to attend a newly integrated school, forces Linda, a white integration opponent’s daughter, to confront harsh truths when they work together on a school project.

Lambda Literary Finalist, 2015
Carnegie Medal Nominee, 2016
FIC, YA, MC, LES, QUEST, CL, TWA
LC Class PZ7.T1547 Li 2014


Fifteen-year-old Aki Simon has a theory. And it's mostly about sex. No, it isn't that kind of theory. Aki already knows she's bisexual, even if, until now, it's mostly been in the hypothetical sense. Aki has dated only guys so far, and her best friend, Lori, is the only person who knows she likes girls, too. Actually, Aki's theory is that she's got only one shot at living an interesting life-- and that means she's got to stop sitting around and thinking so much. It's time for her to actually do something. Or at least try. So when Aki and Lori set off on a church youth-group trip to a small Mexican town for the summer and Aki meets Christa-- slightly older, far more experienced-- it seems her theory is prime for the testing. But it's not going to be easy. For one thing, how exactly do two girls have sex, anyway? And more important, how can you tell if you're in love? It's going to be a summer of testing theories, and the result may just be love.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, BI, POC, OUT
LC Class PZ7.T1566 Ou 2017

Genderqueer Toni and their girlfriend Gretchen are the couple everyone envied in high school. They've been together forever. They never fight. They're deeply, hopelessly in love. When they separate for their first year at college--Toni to Harvard and Gretchen to NYU--they're sure they'll be fine. But when Toni meets a group of older transgender students and finds a sense of belonging that has always been missing, Gretchen struggles to remember who she is outside of the relationship. Have they grown apart for good or is love enough to keep them together?

FIC, YA, MC, SC, LES, QUEST, TRANS, GF, NBIN, TWH, TWT
LC Class PZ7.T1566 Wh 2015


The Walkers are hiding something, you see, Max is special. Maxi is different. Max is intersex. When an enigmatic childhood friend named Hunter steps out of his past and abuses his trust in the worst possible way, Max is forced to consider the nature of his well-kept secret. Why won’t his parents talk about it? What else are they hiding from Max about his condition and from each other? The deeper Max goes, the more questions emerge about where it all leaves him and what his future holds, especially now that he’s starting to fall head over heels for someone for the first time in his life. Will his friends accept him if he is no longer the Golden Boy? Will anyone ever want him-desire him-once they know? And the biggest one of all, the question he has to look inside himself to answer: Who is Max Waler, really?

Lambda Literary Award Nominee for LGBT debut fiction, 2014
FIC, YA, MC, INTER, TWR
LC Class PR6120.A487 G65 2013


Thirteen-year-old Cissy must discover what family means to her as she is caught in a struggle between her aunt and mother in Depression-era Colorado. She must come to understand her relationship with her mother and her aunt, and her aunt’s relationship with her friend Maxine.

FIC, MG, SC, LES, Cl, TWA
LC Class PZ7.T214815 Ci 2001


Follows three teens in a small town whose lives intersect in ways they never expected, teaching them that there are no one-size-fits-all definitions of depression, friendship, and love.

FIC, YA, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.1.T395 De 2017


As they try to cope with the suicide of a close friend, two teenagers discover new aspects of themselves, their friendship, and their relationships with other people.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, LES, TWH, TWS
LC Class PZ7.T21875 Je 1999


Montgomery Sole buys the Eye of the Know, the possibly powerful crystal amulet to help her predict the future and fight back the jerks who make fun of her for having lesbian moms.

"Skim" (Kimberly Keiko Cameron) is a not-slim would-be Wiccan goth who goes to a private girls' school.


Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.


A young runaway is welcomed into the arms of an affluent family after he takes on the identity of the family's missing son Daniel, only to slowly realize that the family knows more about Daniel's disappearance than they are letting on.


Gender identity -- Gender expression -- Family -- School and work -- Friends and other peers -- Dating and sex -- Balancing multiple identities -- Dealing with the hard stuff


In the magical time between night and day, when both the sun and the moon are in the sky, a child is born in a little blue house on a hill. And Miu Lan is not just any child, but one who can change into any shape they can imagine. The only problem is they can’t decide what to be: A boy or a girl? A bird or a fish? A flower or a shooting star? At school, though, they must endure inquisitive looks and difficult questions from the other children, and they have trouble finding friends who will accept them for who they are. But they find comfort in the loving arms of their mother, who always offers them the same loving refrain: “whatever you dream of / i believe you can be / from the stars in the sky to the fish in the sea.” In this captivating, beautifully imagined picture book about gender, identity, and the acceptance of the differences between us, Miu Lan faces many questions about who they are and who they may be. But one thing’s for sure: no matter what this child becomes, their mother will love them just the same.

She's never been the girl that gets the guy, let alone the girl that gets a hit song named after her. But when last summer's crush, smoking-hot musician Sebastian Delacroix—who has recently hit the mainstream big-time—returns home to play a local show, that's just what she gets.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, LES
LC Class PZ7.1 T479 Wh 2017


Haunted by a faceless woman, who seems to appear when he’s at his weakest, Natty struggles with his own nature and with his family’s increasing difficulties. Caught in a web of deceit and desperation, he must decide whether he will let his life be ruled by others, or if he can make his way on his own, or if the family banshee will bring about his ruin.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, CL
LC Class PZ7.T3926 Ba 2008


From very different backgrounds, James and Daniel meet each other at a Victorian boarding school and form a tumultuous lifelong relationship. As they grow older they discover that life is not what they thought it would be when they first met, even as they make their own way. Despite everything they always come back together. Can they find a way to make things work?
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL
LC Class PZ7.T3926 Ic 2007


In the second book of the Mask trilogy, Eric begins to feel the effects of being the odd man out. Can Eric handle the stress?
FIC, YA, MC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.T3926 Mam 2008


The struggle between super villain Devil’s Trill and superhero Magnifiman is making life difficult for Vintage City and high school goth boy Eric. Eric’s life is difficult enough without this distraction as he becomes a target for Devil’s Trill. Eric has growing feelings regarding his friend Peter who might be a super hero himself. In the meantime, Eric’s friends, family and Magnifiman rally to save Eric from the evil villain.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY
LC Class PZ7.T3926 Mas 2007


Among the nine short stories in this collection, you’ll find familiar and original fairy tales, myths, and legends which explore the complexities of a gay teen’s coming-of-age through the use of allegory and metaphor.
FIC, ANTH, YA, MC, GAY, LES, HEAL
LC Class PS3620.H7665 A6 2012

When her best friend comes out as a lesbian, Daisy leads the charge to end their school's ban on same-sex dates for the homecoming dance, but a local story goes viral and now everyone--including a cute college journalist--believes Daisy is gay, too.

**FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, BI, ASEX, POC, OUT, TWH**

LC Class PZ7.1.T48 Ins 2016


Maggie Thrash has spent basically every summer of her fifteen-year-old life at the one-hundred-year-old Camp Bellflower for Girls, set deep in the heart of Appalachia. She's from Atlanta, she's never kissed a guy, she's into Backstreet Boys in a really deep way, and her long summer days are full of a pleasant, peaceful nothing... until one confounding moment. A split-second of innocent physical contact pulls Maggie into a gut-twisting love for an older, wiser, and most surprising of all (at least to Maggie), female counselor named Erin. But Camp Bellflower is an impossible place for a girl to fall in love with another girl, and Maggie's savant-like proficiency at the camp's rifle range is the only thing keeping her heart from exploding. When it seems as if Erin maybe feels the same way about Maggie, it's too much for both Maggie and Camp Bellflower to handle, let alone to understand.

Judy Grahn Award Nominee, 2016

**NFIC, GN, BIO, YA, LES, QUEST, OUT**

LC Class HQ75.4.T495 A3 2015


When a secret government agency trying to enslave you isn't the biggest problem you're facing, you're in trouble. Erik, a former teen star living in San Francisco, thought his life was complicated; having his ex-boyfriend in jail because of the scandal that destroyed his career seemed overwhelming. Then Erik learned he was Blooded: descended from the Gods. Struggling with a power he doesn't understand and can barely control, Erik discovers that a secret government agency is selling off Blooded like lab rats to a rival branch of preternatural beings in 'Zebub--San Francisco's mirror city in an alternate dimension. Lil, a timid apprentice in 'Zebub, is searching for answers to her parents' sudden and mysterious deaths. Surrounded by those who wish her harm and view her as a lesser being, Lil delves into a forgotten history that those in power will go to dangerous lengths to keep buried. What neither Erik nor Lil realize is that a darkness is coming, something none have faced in living memory. It eats. It hunts. And it knows them. In The Root, the dark and surging urban fantasy debut from Na'amén Tilahun, two worlds must come together if even a remnant of one is to survive.

**FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY**

LC Class PS3620.I496 R66 2016

**Tomas, J. Rebellion (the colony #1). Glen Allen, VA: Queerteen Press, 2013.**

Sixteen year old Aine lives in the Colony, where his whole life was decided before he was born. In two years he will marry the girl next door, Brin, who was assigned as his Other at birth. Then he will be given a position in the Colony's workforce that best suits his talents. Every night he takes four pills, like everyone else in the Colony, and he knows the pills keep their world safe and in order. Everything is fine. Perfect, in fact. Until Aine accidentally drops one of his pills.

**FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST**

LC Class PZ7.T5836 Col 2013

**Tomas, J. Without sin. illustrations by Rose Lenoir. Round Rock, TX: Prizm, 2008.**
Expelled from public school due to an uncontrollable temper, Jacob is enrolled in a Catholic school where he meets Avery. The young men become close friends during the school year until rumors about their relationship challenges Jacob’s new-found patience.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, TWH
LC Class PZ7.T5836 Wi 2008

Tompkins, Crystal. *Oh, the things mommies do! what could be better than having two?.* illustrations by Lindsey Evans. Crystal Tompkins, 2009.

Illustrated story of what mothers do.
POET, PB, FAM, LES
LC Class PZ7.T599 Oh 2009


In the aftermath of her mother’s death, sixteen-year-old Amy finds solace in the company of her best friend Sara, but then she is shocked to discover that Sara is romantically involved with another girl and has kept it a secret from her.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, OUT
LC Class PZ7.T64565 No 1999


Some “boys” will only wear dresses; some “girls” refuse to wear dresses; in both cases, as Ann Travers shows in this fascinating account of the lives of transgender kids, these are often more than just wardrobe choices. Travers shows that from very early ages, some at two and three years old, these kids find themselves to be different from the sex category that was assigned to them at birth. How they make their voices heard—to their parents and friends, in schools, in public spaces, and through the courts—is the focus of this remarkable and groundbreaking book.

YA, FAM, TRANS, GF


Varsity baseball player Scott Latimer struggles with his own prejudices and those of others when his best friend reveals that he is gay.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, HEAL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PZ7.T7813 Ag 2007


Some people spend their whole lives looking for the right partner. Nate Schaper found his in high school. In the eight months since their cautious flirting became a real, heart-pounding, tell-the-parents relationship, Nate and Adam have been inseparable. Even when local kids take their homophobia to brutal levels, Nate is undaunted.

Lambda Literary Award Nominee, 2013
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, POC, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWA, TWR
LC Class PS3620.R8584 D66 2012

Seventeen-year-old Luke Chesser is trying to forget his spectacular failure of a love life. He deals with his disapproving father. Since testing positive for HIV, Curtis has careened between numbness and fear. Too ashamed to tell anyone, Curtis can't possibly act on his feelings. And Luke--impulsive, funny, and more tempting than he realizes--won't take a hint. Even when Curtis distances himself it backfires, leaving him with no idea how to protect Luke from the truth.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, HEAL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PS3620.R8584 J87 2013


When Jory transfers to an all-boys private high school, he's taken in by the only ones who don't treat him like a new kid, the lowly stage crew known as the Backstagers. Not only does he gain great, lifetime friends, Jory is also introduced to an entire magical world that lives beyond the curtain. With the unpredictable twists and turns of the underground world, the Backstagers venture into the unknown, determined to put together the best play their high school has ever seen. James Tynion IV (Detective Comics, The Woods) teams up with artist Rian Sygh (Munchkin, Stolen Forest) for an incredibly earnest story that explores what it means to find a place to fit in when you're kinda an outcast.

LC Class PN6728.B253 T95 2018


When his charming but irresponsible uncle comes to visit his small Kansas hometown, fourteen-year-old Les Ekhardt hopes to get tips from him about succeeding with girls, but he learns much more important lessons from his stodgy, predictable parents and friendships with a lesbian classmate and one of Uncle Ray's former girlfriends.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.U32578 Bo 2008


When Mike discovers that his rough-and-tumble new puppy is a female, he tries to make her into a dainty dog.

FIC, PB, GF
LC Class PZ7.U66 Pu 2001


With a touch and a sure hand John Updike traces the shape of a year in this eloquent collection of poems—one for every month.

Caldecott Honor, 2000
POET, PB, MG, POC
LC Class PZ8.3.U67 Ch 1965
LC Class PS3571.P4 C49 1999


For Ruby Pepperdine, the center of everything is on the rooftop of Pepperdine Motors, stargazing from the circle of her grandmother Gigi's hug. That's how everything is supposed to be—until it goes spinning out of control. Now Ruby's best friend, Lucy, is mad at her. Her new friendship with Nero is pretty bumpy too.
Worst of all, Ruby regrets what happened with Gigi. How Ruby didn't listen. And now it's too late to make things right. But Ruby has one last hope. It all depends on what happens on Bunning Day, when the entire town will hear her read her winning essay. And it all depends on her twelfth birthday wish—unless she messes that up too. The LGBTQ characters in the story are Lucy’s fathers.

FIC, MG, SC, FAM, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.U637 Ce 2013


Five original and vibrantly illustrative fairy tales give new life to a favorite form of entertainment. Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1992.

FIC, ANTH, PB, SC, FAM, GAY, LES
LC Class PZ8.V2343 Du 1991


Two children – one with blue dads, one from a more traditional family – compare notes in this lighthearted, easy-to-read book about parents who are different. In the end, of course, they discover that blue dads aren’t really that different from other dads. Except for one thing…

FIC, PB, SC, FAM, GAY
LC Class PZ8.3.V325 On 1994
LC Class PZ8.3.V325 On 2004


Fifteen-year-old Treasa Prescott thinks she’s an alien. She doesn’t fit in with the preppy South African private school crowd and feels claustrophobic in her own skin. Treasa is worried she might spend life as a social pariah when she meets Gabriel du Preez. Gabriel plays the piano better than Beethoven, has a black belt in karate, and would look good wearing a garbage bag. Treasa thinks he’s perfect. It might even be love, as long as Gabriel doesn’t find out she’s a freak.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, TRANS
LC Class PZ7.V349 Orh 2014


Three years after the disappearance of her older sister, fourteen-year-old Sibyl and her family struggle to continue their lives, separately and together.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class PZ7.V2773 Al 2001


Ever since her mom found out she was in love with a girl, seventeen-year-old Lexi’s afraid that what’s left of her family is going to fall apart for good. New Horizons summer camp promises a new life for Lexi--she swears she can change. She can learn to like boys. But denying her feelings is harder than she thinks.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, TWH, TW, TWR
LC Class PZ7.V584 Su 2014


Toby is about to graduate from high school and his life is a mess. In Toby’s world, everyone has a secret to hide, a trust to betray, and a lie to tell. Told with witty humor and candid honesty, this is a poetic coming-of-age story for our time.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1996.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, POC, CL, HEAL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PS3572.I39 T63 1996


High school senior Adonis struggles to do the right thing when his fellow football players escalate their bullying of a new classmate, Alan, who is transgendered.
FIC, YA, SC, GAY, TRANS, GF, TWH, TWT, TWA
LC Class PZ7.V8877 Cr 2011


An advocate and son of same-gender parents recounts his famed address to the Iowa House of Representatives on civil unions, and describes his positive experiences of growing up in an alternative family in spite of prejudice.
NFIC, BIO, YA, SC, FAM, LES, HEAL, TWH
LC Class HQ777.8 .W34 2012


Ignatz Award winner Tillie Walden's powerful graphic memoir captures what it's like to come of age, come out, and come to terms with leaving behind everything you used to know. It was the same every morning. Wake up, grab the ice skates, and head to the rink while the world was still dark. Weekends were spent in glitter and tights at competitions. Perform. Smile. And do it again. She was good. She won. And she hated it. For ten years, figure skating was Tillie Walden's life. She woke before dawn for morning lessons, went straight to group practice after school, and spent weekends competing at ice rinks across the state. Skating was a central piece of her identity, her safe haven from the stress of school, bullies, and family. But as she switched schools, got into art, and fell in love with her first girlfriend, she began to question how the close-minded world of figure skating fit in with the rest of her life, and whether all the work was worth it given the reality: that she, and her friends on the team, were nowhere close to Olympic hopefuls. The more Tillie thought about it, the more Tillie realized she'd outgrown her passion—and she finally needed to find her own voice.
GV850.W25 A3 2017
NFIC, YA, GN, LES, MC, BIO


An ordinary fifteen-year-old Australian kid, who enjoys riding his dirt bike and wants to be a photographer, becomes confused about his sexuality when he finds he is attracted to a gay friend of his older brother.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, QUEST, OUT, TWH
LC Class PZ7.W15298 Pe 1993

Queer Greer is a coming of age story about high school junior Greer MacManus. Greer is uprooted from her childhood home in South Carolina when her father is determined to fulfill his strange but pressing dream to become a border-crossing coyote. Her parents take her and her younger sister to Prescott, Arizona to start a new life closer to the border.

FIC, YA, MC, BI, QUEST, OUT, TWH, TWSH
LC Class PS3623.A35962 Q4 2009


After waking in a shallow grave, Breezy, a high school senior, crosses the country seeking answers about her death and resurrection, discovering along the way a host of supernatural creature, as well as a human cult determined to “free” them at any cost.

FIC, YA, MC, BI, POC
LC Class PZ7.1.W353 Sh 2016

Wallace Skelton, J. *The Last Place You Look*, illustrated by Justin Alves. Toronto, Ont.: Flamingo Rampant, 2017

At Passover, Bubbie Rose and Bubbie Ida Flora’s tiny apartment overflows with children, grandchildren, and beloved friends. When it’s time for the afikoman, they look and look, but no one can find it. Everybody searches, and they find a great many other things, but where has it gone?

PB, FAM, GF, POC,
LC Class


When Anthony Bartholomew hears his dads grumble that Newspaper Pirates must be stealing their paper, he decides to solve the problem himself. Watching carefully, hunting for clues and laying traps, Anthony Bartholomew keeps at it until the mystery is solved and the newspaper secured.

PB, FAM, GAY, GF, POC,
LC Class


Dennis' life is boring and lonely. His mother left two years ago, his truck driver father is depressed, his brother is a bully and, worst of all, "no hugging" is one of their household rules. But one thing Dennis does have is soccer—he's the leading scorer on his team. Oh, and did we mention his secret passion for fashion?

Stonewall Honor Book in Children's and Young Adult Literature, 2011.

FIC, MG, MC, GF, TWA
LC Class PZ7.W159335 Bo 2008


Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. Whether it's riding a bike, playing in the tree house, having a tea party, or all of the above, everyday holds something fun to do.

One sunny day, Errol finds that Thomas is sad, even when they are playing in their favorite ways. Errol can't figure out why, until Thomas finally tells Errol what the teddy has been afraid to say: “In my heart, I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. I wish my name was Tilly, not Thomas.” And Errol says, “I don't care if you're a girl teddy or a boy teddy! What matters is that you are my friend.”

Tretch lives in a very small town where everybody's in everybody else's business. Which makes it hard for him to be in love with his straight best friend. For his part, Matt is completely oblivious to the way Tretch feels -- and Tretch can't tell whether that makes it better or worse. The problem with living a lie is that the lie can slowly become your life. For Tretch, the problem isn't just with Matt. His family has no idea who he really is and what he's really thinking. The girl at the local bookstore has no clue how off-base her crush on him is. And the guy at school who's a thorn in Tretch's side doesn't realize how close to the truth he's hitting. Tretch has spent a lot of time dancing alone in his room, but now he's got to step outside his comfort zone and into the wider world. Because like love, a true self can rarely be contained.

Lambda Literary Award Finalist, 2016.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, OUT
LC Class PZ7.1.W364 An 2015

Ware, Marcus Syrus. *Love is in the Hair.* Toronto, Ont.: Flamingo Rampant, 2017.

Carter's up in the middle of the night, too excited to sleep: her baby sister is being born! She asks her Uncle Marcus to tell her some soothing stories about the beautiful things in his dreadlocks so she can relax and rest.

PC, FAM, GAY, POC
LC Class


Sixteen-year-old Heavenly Faith (H.F.) discovers she has a crush on a local college professor's daughter, and embarks on a search for her missing mother.
Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 2001.
FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, OUT, CL, TWH
LC Class PS3573.A868 F56 2011


Ruby Pickett didn't have any say about the family move to Tennessee. Her daddy's new job will help the war effort, though no one has told her exactly how. Brand new, government-built Oak Ridge quickly proves a curious and intriguing place for the sixteen-year-old's rampant curiosity.
Lambda Literary Award -- Children/Young Adult (Finalist), 2014
FIC, YA, MC, LES, CL, TWH
LC Class PS3573.A868 S43 2013


Before Verity...there was Julie.

When fifteen-year-old Julia Beaufort-Stuart wakes up in the hospital, she knows the lazy summer break she'd imagined won't be exactly like she anticipated. And once she returns to her grandfather's estate, a bit banged up but alive, she begins to realize that her injury might not have been an accident. One of her family's employees is missing, and he disappeared on the very same day she landed in the hospital.

Desperate to figure out what happened, she befriends Euan McEwen, the Scottish Traveller boy who found
her when she was injured, and his standoffish sister, Ellen. As Julie grows closer to this family, she experiences some of the prejudices they've grown used to firsthand, a stark contrast to her own upbringing, and finds herself exploring thrilling new experiences that have nothing to do with a missing-person investigation.

Her memory of that day returns to her in pieces, and when a body is discovered, her new friends are caught in the crosshairs of long-held biases about Travellers. Julie must get to the bottom of the mystery in order to keep them from being framed for the crime.

**LC Class W4358 Pe 2017**


A sensitive, lonely fourteen-year-old boy and a strong, uniquely individual fifteen-year-old girl become friends unexpectedly when they discover they share both a love of animals and the ambition to become wildlife photographers.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL, TWH, TWA

**LC Class PZ7.W473 Cp 1986**


Seventeen-year-old Noli feels as if she has found her soul mate when handsome, sensitive TJ moves to Sag Harbor, but even as their feelings deepen, individual secrets threaten their relationship.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, OUT, TWH

**LC Class PZ7.W473 Wh 1997**


In alternating chapters, eighteen-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the “Afterworld” to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges and both fall in love.

FIC, YA, MC, LES, POC

**LC Class PZ7.W5197 Aft 2014**

**Whaley, John Corey. *Highly illogical behavior.* New York: Dial, 2016.**

Lisa desperately wants to get into the second-best psychology program for college but how can she prove that she deserves the spot? Sixteen-year-old Solomon, an agoraphobic who hasn’t left the house in three years, is the answer.

FIC, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL

**LC Class PZ7.W5458 Hi 2016**


The day fourteen-year-old Asher receives a Minolta camera from his aunt Sharon, he buys the last roll of black-and-white film and takes his first photograph—a picture of a twisted pine tree. He’s so preoccupied with his new hobby he fails to notice his dad’s plan to move out, his increasing alienation from his testosterone-ridden best friend, Levi, and his own budding sexuality. When his little brother drowns at the same moment Asher experiences his first same-sex kiss, he can no longer hide behind the lens of his camera. Asher thinks it’s his fault, but after his brother dies, his father resurfaces along with clues challenging Asher's black-and-white view of the world.

A.J. Brandiosa becomes the bad boy of the Cyclone hockey team, and learns that his best friend is gay, as he tries to cope with his own sexuality during his senior year in high school.


Australian friends Charlie, Taylor and Jamie are in San Diego for their first ever "SupaCon." Charlie likes to stand out. She's a vlogger/actress promoting her first movie, and this is her chance to show fans she's over her public breakup with co-star Reese Ryan. When internet-famous cool-girl actress Alyssa Huntington arrives as a surprise guest, it seems Charlie's long-time crush on her isn't as one-sided as she thought. Taylor's brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best guy friend Jamie. When she hears about a fan contest for her favorite fandom, she starts to rethink her rules on playing it safe.


Grishka has grown up in the closed world of a puppet theater in Russia, but now that world seems to be falling apart—his best friend needs an operation, financial difficulties are forcing people out, his homosexual friend Sam, the jester, is leaving for Holland and Grishka no longer knows what role he himself is playing.


Sixteen-year-old Ava does not know who she is or where she belongs, but when she tries out a new personality—and sexual orientation—at a different school, her edgy girlfriend, potential boyfriend, and others are hurt by her lack of honesty.


This story's narrator begins with his parent's divorce and continues with the arrival of "someone new at Daddy's house." The new arrival is male. This new concept is explained to the child as "just one more kind of love." The text is suitably straightforward, and the format—single lines of copy beneath full-page illustrations—easily accessible to the intended audience.
Graduating at age fifteen from her parents’ theater school, academically gifted Jessie Jasper Lewis tries to thwart her unconventional family’s demise when her father's boyfriend moves in.
FIC, YA, SC, FAM, GAY, BI, GF, POC, OUT, CL
LC Class PZ7.W6654 Dr 2014

Batwoman (aka. Kate Kane) faces deadly new challenges in her war against Gotham City's underworld, and new trials in her personal life.
FIC, GN, YA, MC, LES, TWH
LC Class PN6728.B38 W55 2012

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FIC, GN, YA, MC, LES, TWH
LC Class PN6728.B38 W55 2012

After Lester is adopted from his foster home by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he can't fall asleep in his new bed. What will it take to make Lester feel home at last?
FIC, PB, SC, FAM, GAY
LC Class PZ7.W6685 Ho 2016

David Piper, always an outsider, forms an unlikely friendship with Leo Denton who, from the first day at his new school wants only to be invisible, but when David's deepest secret gets out, that he wants to be a girl, things get very messy for both of them.
FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, TWH, TWT
LC Class PZ7.1.W56 Art 2016

Sylvie and Carl have been friends for as long as they can remember and though Sylvie always believed they’d end up getting married, Carl's feelings aren’t the same as hers and is now distracted by his new friend, Paul.
FIC, YA, MC, GAY, CL
LC Class PZ7.W6957 Ki 2008
LC Class PZ7.W6957 Ki 2010

Sixteen-year-old Alex feels so disconnected from his friends that he starts his junior year at a Tuscaloosa, Alabama, high school by attempting suicide, but soon, a friend of his older brother draws him into cross-country running and a new understanding of himself.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2008.

FIC, YA, MC, GAY, HEAL, TWS
LC Class PZ7.W6972 Wha 2008


In graphic art format, describes the friendship between two roommates on the MTV show "Real World," one of whom died of AIDS.

ALA Notable Books for Children, 2001
ALA Best Books for Young Adults, 2001
NFIC, GN, BIO, YA, SC, GAY, HEAL
LC Class RC607.A26 W5726 2000


In a story inspired by the modern and groundbreaking writing of Gertrude Stein herself, not a lot makes sense. Enter the whimsical world of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas.

NFIC, BIO, PB, MG, MC, LES
LC Class PS3537.T323 Z97 2009


Tyson Rua has more than his fair share of problems growing up in South Auckland. Working a night job to support his mother and helping bring up his two younger brothers is just the half of it. His best friend Rawiri is falling afoul of a broken home, and now Tyson's fallen in love at first sight. Only thing is, it's another guy.

Living life on the sidelines of the local hip-hop scene, Tyson finds that to succeed in becoming a local graffiti artist or in getting the man of his dreams, he's going to have to get a whole lot more involved. And that means more problems.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, QUEST, POC, OUT, HEAL, TWH, TWA
LC Class PR9639.4.W58 S87 2012


After starting to publish a zine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets Marisol, a self-proclaimed “Puerto Rican Cuban Yankee Lesbian”. Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 1999.

FIC, YA, SC, LES, POC
LC Class PZ7.W78436 Har 1999


When Marisol, a self-confident eighteen-year-old lesbian, moves to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work and try to write a novel, she falls under the spell of her beautiful but deceitful writing teacher, while also befriendng a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana.

Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2008.

FIC, YA, MC, SC, GAY, LES, POC, TWH


Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male. Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2007.

FIC, YA, MC, TRANS, POC, OUT, TWT

LC Class PZ7.W78436 Par 2007


Analysis of many of the most challenging questions for those concerned with full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. Inside are essays on the roots of LGBT oppression, the construction of sexual and gender identities, the history of the gay movement, and how to unite the oppressed and exploited to win sexual liberation for all. Sherry Wolf analyzes different theories about oppression – including those of Marxism, postmodernism, identity politics, and queer theory – and challenges myths about genes, gender, sexuality.

NFIC, RB, YA, FAM, GAY, LES, BI TRANS, INTER, TWH, TWT

LC Class HQ76.5 .W65 2009


Fifteen-year-old LaVaughn lives in the inner city amidst guns and poverty. Among the many challenges facing her as she grows into a young woman is a relationship with a boy who acts just as if he’s in love with her, but isn’t.

Carnegie Medal -- Children's (Nominee), 2001

FIC, POET, YA, SC, GAY, CL

LC Class PZ7.W8185545 Tr 2001


Vietnamese-Australian teenager Vân Uoc Phan, the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants, who considers herself as “a lesbian-in-waiting” doesn’t believe in magic until the day an absent-minded wish actually comes true and she attracts the attention of her longtime crush.

FIC, YA, POC, HEAL

LC Class PZ7.W84925 Cl 2016


In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Newbery Medal- Children’s (Honor Book), 2009

FIC, MG, SC, GAY, POC, TWH

LC Class PZ7.W868 Af 2008


Twelve-year-old Feni has to adjust when the pregnant young daughter of an old friend of her mother's comes to stay with them.

Fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.

Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 1995.


When thirteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self. 

Thirteen-year-old Staggerlee used to be called Evangeline, but she took on a fiercer name. She's always been different--set apart by the tragic deaths of her grandparents in an anti-civil rights bombing, by her parents' interracial marriage, and by her family's retreat from the world. This summer she has a new reason to feel set apart--her confused longing for her friend Hazel. When cousin Trout comes to stay, she gives Staggerlee a first glimpse of her possible future selves and the world beyond childhood.

Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Children's/Young Adult, 1997.


Sean Jackson is sixteen and his choice is either to take a landscaping job in Georgia with his father, or to stay in his small New Hampshire hometown and take a job at the local ice cream shop. He stays home and deals with the pressures of a young man who struggles with trying to tell his father that he is gay.


Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate.

Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award, 2012.


In a New Zealand reformatory, Hamish Graham, an extremely intelligent fourteen-year-old who believes in the compulsory study of violence, learns that it is not always the answer.

While reciting her poetry at a club in Queens, New York, seventeen-year-old Orphea recounts her childhood in Pennsylvania, leaving after her parents and the girl she loves die, and learning about her family and herself while living with her great-aunts on a Virginia mountaintop.
Lambda Literary Award finalist for LGBT Children’s/Young Adult, 2004.


Meet 17-year-old Noah York, the hilariously profane, searingly honest narrator of Yates's debut novel. Noah's widowed mother has relocated them from Chicago to rural New England. As he and his mother renovate their old Victorian house, within the walls they find scraps of writing, old photographs--disturbing clues to the existence of a woman who disappeared decades before. While his mother grows more obsessed by the discovery of these reliquaries, Noah fights his own troubling obsession with the boy next door, the enigmatic J.D. It is J.D. who begins to quietly anchor Noah to his new life--J.D., who is hides terrible pain behind an easy smile and a carefree attitude. Soon, the boys' tentative attraction to each other blossoms into a love that will shatter the manicured façade of small-town civility and reveal the cruelties and betrayals hiding behind the emotional walls carefully constructed by husbands and wives, mothers and sons, friends and neighbors.--From publisher description.


Young immigrant Ray Liu is struggling to adjust to North American life. When his father discovers Ray has been cruising gay websites, the teen is kicked out of the family home. He heads to downtown Toronto, where the harsh reality of street life hits him.
Stonewall Honor Book in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, 2012.

Yoshinaga, Fumi. Antique bakery. Gardena, Calif.: Digital Manga, 2005 4 volumes
This creative comic teases the palate with humor, fun, flirtation, and a host of sweet and sour moments. No matter what you crave, this is one shop you can’t pass up.

Young, Samantha. The Impossible Vastness of US. Don Mills, ON: Harlequin Teen, 2017.

India has been hiding the secrets of her past after moving into the Boston home of her wealthy blended family. She discovers that her new stepsister Eloise is struggling with private realities that contrast with the veneer of her high-profile romance with Finn.


A contemporary retelling of "The Canterbury Tales" follows the experiences of a group of teens on a bus trip to Washington, DC, who exchange fantastical, realistic, and scandalous stories in the hopes of achieving a top grade in their class.