

LGBTQ

Books & Resources

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Juvenile Collection

PRESCHOOL/ ELEMENTARY

Baldacchino, Christine	Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress (Morris loves to wear the tangerine dress from the dress up center in class.)	Juv.B1753m
Benjamin, Judith	And Baby Makes 4 (A little girl thought her family was perfect: with Mama, Mommy and her, but now she is going to be a big sister. Will 4 be the perfect family?)	Juv.306.87.B468a
Brannen, Sarah S.	Uncle Bobby's Wedding	Juv.B8217u
Bryan, Jennifer	Different dragon (One of Noah's moms tells him a story of a dragon who thought he could only be fierce and mean.)	Juv. B9153d
Bundo, Marlon and Twiss, Jill	A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo (The memoir of a Vice Presidential bunny who finds love on his special day.)	Juv. B9425d
Carlson, Nancy	Henry and the Bully (Sam the Bully eventually becomes Henry's friend. This book also challenges gender assumptions.)	Juv. C283h
Carr, Jennifer	Be who you are! (A young transgender child, Hope, formerly Nick becomes comfortable with his identity with the support and understanding of her parents and family.)	Juv.C31117b
Combs, Bobbie	ABC: A Family Alphabet Book	juv.423.C731a
deHaan, Linda	King and King (It's time for the Prince to marry, but while looking for the perfect princess, he finds the perfect prince.)	Juv.H111k
deHaan, Linda	King and King & family (The Princes have a family)	Juv.H111k
Elwin, Rosamund and Paulse, Michele	Asha's Mums (Asha has two Mums and this causes many questions from her teacher and friends at school. There are many different kinds of families though and Asha's Mums love Asha and her brother Mark, very much.)	Juv.E523a

Ewart, Marcus	10,000 Dresses (A young transgender boy dreams of beautiful dresses that everyone tells her she can't wear.)	Juv. E944t
Garden, Nancy	Molly's Family (A kindergarten classmate tells a little girl with two mommies that she doesn't have a real family)	Juv.G218m
Greenberg, Keith Elliot	Zack's story: growing up with same-sex parents	Juv. 920.8 .G799Z
Hall, Michael	Red: A Crayon's story (Red's factory applied label says that he is red, but everything he creates is blue. Then, a new friend offers another perspective!)	Juv.H1782r
Herthel, Jessica and Jennings, Jazz	I am Jazz (The true story of Jazz Jennings, a transgender girl)	Juv.306.76.H574i
Hoffman, Eric	Best Best Colors/Los Mejores Colores (Bilingual story of a little boy with two mothers, who likes all the colors and all his friends and can't choose just one. Includes notes for parents and teacher's on diversity. Text in English and Spanish.)	Juv.H699b
Hoffman, Sarah and Hoffman, Ian	Jacob's New Dress (Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants?)	Juv.H7117j
Howe, James	Pinky and Rex and the Bully (Pinky (William) has a nickname that causes a bully to torment him, and it doesn't help that his best friend Rex is a girl. Caution: Contains what could be considered dated perspectives.)	Juv.H855p
Kennedy, Joseph	Lucy Goes to the Country (This picture book promotes tolerance for gay people by putting them into the background of a caper starring a saucy cat named Lucy.)	Juv.K353L
Kilodavis, Cheryl	My Princess Boy (A little boy loves to dress up in frilly, princess clothes and twirl and is loved by his friends and family.)	Juv.306.76.K48m
Lindenbaum, Pija	Mini Mia and Her darling Uncle (Ella, whose nickname is "Mini Mia" because her favorite soccer player is Mia Hamm, loves spending time with her uncle Tommy, but finds herself a bit put out when she has to share him with his new boyfriend Fergus.)	Juv. L744m
Love, Jessica	Julian is a Mermaid (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)	Juv. L8976j

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Meyano, Laurin	One of a kind. like me/Unico como yo (Danny knows exactly what he wants to be for tomorrow's parade, but will he find the princess costume of his dreams in time? Text in English and Spanish)	Juv.M4673o
Newman, Leslea	Felicia's favorite story	Juv.N5538f
Newman, Leslea	Sparkle Boy ("Three-year-old Casey wants what his older sister, Jessie, has--a shimmery skirt, glittery painted nails, and a sparkly bracelet--but Jessie does not approve. After two boys tease Casey about his appearance, Jessie evolves to a place of acceptance and celebration of her gender creative younger brother")	Juv.N553sb
Parr, Todd	It's Okay to be Different (general self-esteem)	Juv.P258i
Parr, Todd	We Belong Together: A book about adoption and families	Juv. P258w
Pendleton Jiminez, Karleen	Are You a Boy or a Girl? (gender identity)	Juv.649.1.P398a
Pitman, Gayle E.	This day in June (Gay Pride parade)	Juv.P6854t
Pitman, Gayle E	When you look out the window: How Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin built a community	Juv.979.4.P685w
Polacco, Patricia	In Our Mother's House	Juv.P762i
Schnoop, Janice	Boys don't Knit (gender roles)	Juv. S3727b
Schiffer, Miriam B.	Stella brings the family (Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do?)	Juv.S3336s
Settingington, Ken	Mom and Mum are getting married!	Juv.S495m
Wong, Liz	Quackers (Quackers knows he is a duck because he lives by the pond with the other ducks, even though he doesn't like water and says, "meow".	Juv.W8749q

SECONDARY

Middle School

Aretha, David	No Compromise: The Story of Harvey Milk	Juv.923.2.M644a
Basum, Ann	Stonewall: Breaking out the fight for gay rights	Juv.306.76.B351s
Blacker, Terence	Boy2Girl (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.)	Juv.B628f
Blake, Ashley Herring	Ivy Aberdeeb's Letter to the World (Twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed in a tornado, and in the aftermath of the storm, she begins to develop feelings for another girl at school.)	Juv. B6362i

Callender, Kheryn	Hurricane Child (Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl-- and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother.)	Juv.C1577h
Federle, Tim	Better Nate than ever (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.")	Juv. F2935b
Gilman, Melanie	As the Crow Flies (Charlie Lamonte is thirteen years old, queer, black, and questioning what was once a firm belief in God. So naturally, she's spending a week of her summer vacation stuck at an all-white Christian youth backpacking camp. As the journey wears on and the rhetoric wears thin, she can't help but poke holes in the pious obliviousness of this storied sanctuary with little regard for people like herself . . or her fellow camper, Sydney.)	Juv.G4824a
Gino, Alex	George (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. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all")	Juv.4932g
Howe, James	Misfits (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.)	Juv. H855m
Howe, James	Totally Joe (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.)	Juv.H855t
Jennings, Jazz	Being Jazz (Autobiography which covers life as a Transgender Teen)	Juv.923.6.J544b
Johnson, Varian	Parker Inheritance (When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. But the letter describes a young woman, an injustice that happened decades ago, a mystery enfolding its writer, and the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. So with the help of Brandon, the quiet boy across the street, Candice begins to decipher the clues.)	Juv.J697p
Kuklin, Susan	Beyond Magenta: Transdgender teens speak out	Juv.306.76K965b

Ruff, Shawn Stewart	Finlater (Two teen boys in 1970's Cincinnati, one Jewish, one Black discover their similarities and first love.)	Juv.813.6.R922f
Parent, Dan	Kevin Keller (Kevin Keller, new to Riverdale High School. "Kevin is the all-American teenager who just happens to be gay, loves journalism and is inspired to join the military. Graphic Novel.)	Juv. P2281k
Parent, Dan	Kevin Keller: Drive Me Crazy (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. Graphic Novel.)	Juv. P228ikd
Parent, Dan	Kevin Keller: Welcome to Riverdale (With some help from Archie, Jughead, Reggie, Betty & Veronica, Kevin prepares for his first date while trying to organize the entire prom himself! Later, Kevin and the gang head to the beach and then across the pond to London for an international adventure. Graphic Novel.)	Juv. P2281kw
Peters, Julie Anne	Between Mom and Jo (Fourteen year old Nick struggles when his mothers have marital problems.)	Juv. 4822b
O'Neil, Katie	Princess Princess Ever After (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. And will they be happy ever after?)	Juv.O587p
Sanchez, Alex	So Hard to Say (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.)	Juv.S211s
Settingington, Ken	Branded by the pink triangle (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 (mature) readers.)	Juv.940.53.S495
Shimura, Takako	Wandering Son, vols.1-2 (A fifth grade Japanese boy, who prefers to be a girl, meets a friend. Graphic novel.)	Juv.S5566w
Stevenson, Robin PRIDE: Telgemeier, Raina	Celebrating diversity and community Drama (There is more drama offstage than on during a middle school production for Callie, with relationships and affections not quite turning out how she hoped. Graphic novel.)	Juv.306.76.S848p Juv.T2714d

Yamanaka, Lois –Ann Name Me Nobody Juv. Y195n
(Emi-Lou struggles to come of age in her middle school years in Hawaii.)

High School

Albertali, Becky Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda Juv.A3334s
(Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight.)

Atkins, Catherine Am I Blue?:Coming out from the silence Juv. .A479
(short stories)
Alt Ed Juv.A873a
(Participating in a special after-school counseling class with other troubled students, including a sensitive gay classmate, helps Susan, an overweight tenth grader, develop a better sense of herself.)

Basum, Ann Stonewall: Breaking out the fight for gay rights Juv.306.76.B351s

Batwoman: Elegy Juv.B3368
(In this graphic novel, tattooed, Jewish, Lesbian , Kate Kane transforms herself into Batwoman and battles a madwoman who calls herself Alice, after the character Alice in Wonderland.)

Barzak, Christopher Wonders of the invisible world Juv. B2966w
(Aidan Lockwood lives in a sleepy farming town, day after unremarkable day. But when Jarrod, his former best friend, suddenly moves back home, Aidan begins to see clearly for the first time--not only to feelings that go beyond mere friendship, but to a world that is haunted by the stories of his past.)

Boock, Paula Dare, truth or promise Juv.B724d
(Luisa "Louie" Angelo is rarely at a loss for words. Actress, extrovert, comedienne, she is well suited for the legal career she is planning. When she meets strong-minded Willa, her worldview and sense of self are forever altered with the realization that she is in love with her.)

Burchill, Julie Sugar Rush Juv. B9477s
(After fifteen-year-old Kim transfers to a new school, she finds herself falling in love with the glamorous Maria "Sugar" Sweet.)

Cantorna, Amber Unashamed: A coming-out guide bv4596.G38.C36 2019
for LGBTQ Christians

Cart, Michael My Father's Scar Juv. C322m
(A gay youth's coming-of-age. A college freshman in 1969 or '70, Andy Logan has a crush on his high-profile literature professor; meanwhile, the professor's teaching assistant seems to have a crush on Andy. As relationships advance (primarily through the trading of literary quips), Andy flashes back to pivotal moments in his adolescence. He sees himself as a fat and bookish 12-year-old, bullied by classmates.)

Charlton-Trujillo, E.E. Fat Angie Juv.C4817f

(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?)

Colbert, Brandy	Little & Lion (Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her stepbrother Lionel fall in love with the same girl.)	Juv.C6843L
Cronn-Mills, Kristen	Beautiful music for ugly children (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 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.)	Juv.C9475b
Davis, Tanita S.	Happy families (Teenage twins come to terms with their transgender father.)	Juv. D2648h
Dawson, James	This Book is Gay (There's a long-running joke that, after "coming out," a lesbian, gay guy, bisexual, or trans person should receive a membership card and instruction manual. THIS IS THAT INSTRUCTION MANUAL.)	Juv.306.76.D272
Dole, Mayra Lazara	Down to the Bone (A Cuban-American Lesbian teen is expelled from Catholic school when her sexual identity is discovered.)	Juv.D6636d
Donley, Jan	Side Door (When Mel becomes obsessed with Alex Weber's death, she finds trouble with her peers and confronts a world of adult secrecy and deception. Mel also contends with a peer group who greet Mel's assertion of her identity--her buzz cut and the pants she wears--by scrawling DYKE across her locker.)	Juv.D6857s
Downham, Jenny	Unbecoming (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 cannot reveal.)	Juv.D7494u
Farizan, Sara	Tell me again how a crush should feel (Leila's Persian heritage already makes her different from her classmates at Armstead Academy, and if word got out that she liked 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.)	Juv.F2288t
Ferris, Jean	Eight seconds (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.)	Juv.F394e
Ford, Michael Thomas	Suicide Notes	Juv.F7115s

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

Full spectrum: A new generation of writing about Juv. 306.76.F965
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning
and Other Identities

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| Gantos, Jack | Desire Lines
(Betrayal leads to tragedy when sixteen-year-old loner Walker reveals two female classmates' lesbian relationship to an anti-homosexual group and feels responsible for the terror that ensues.) | Juv. G211d |
| Garden, Nancy | Annie on My Mind
(Classic young adult novel about two teenage girls who fall in love with each other) | Juv.G218a |
| George, Madeline | Difference between you and me
(School outsider Jesse, a lesbian, is having secret trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president, but when they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue and Jesse becomes more involved with a student activist, they are forced to make a difficult decision.) | Juv.G2485d |
| Gilbert, Kelly Loy | Picture us in the Light
(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.) | Juv. G4653p |
| Goodman, Gabriel | Alliance
(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.) | Juv.G6533a |
| Gray, Mary L. | In Your Face: Stories from the Lives of Queer Youth
(15 gay, lesbian, and bisexual teens who share their experiences awakening to their sexual identity, coming out to family and community, clarifying their religious beliefs, searching for love, and sharing their take on what constitutes a gay community and what the future holds for them.) | Juv.305.235.G7812i |
| Green, John & Levithan, David | will grayson, will grayson
(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.) | Juv.G7955w |
| Halpin, Brendan | Donorboy
(After her two mothers die, teenage Rosalind's biological father, a sperm donor takes over her custody. Told in the form of journal entries, e-mails, and instant messages.) | Juv. H195d |
| Harmon, Michael | Last Exit to Normal | Juv. H2886l |

	(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.)	
Hartinger, Brent	Geography Club (A group of GLBT teens find mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" in their high school.)	Juv. H329g
Hartinger, Brent	Order of the Poison Oak (sequel to the Geography Club.)	Juv. H329o
Hartinger, Brent	Split Screen: attack of the soul-sucking brain zombies (Two books in one tell of sixteen-year-old friends Russel, who is gay, and Min, who is bisexual, as they face separate romantic troubles while working as extras on the set of a horror movie.)	Juv. H329s
	Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia	Juv.306.76.H435
Huegel, Kelly	GLBTQ: the survival guide for queer & questioning teens	Juv. 301.424 .H887g 2003
Hurwin, Davida Willis	Freaks and Revelations (The intertwining paths of a punk teen and a gay teen before and after a hate crime.)	Juv.H9677
Jennings, Jazz	Being Jazz (Autobiography which covers life as a Transgender teen)	Juv.923.6.J544b
Johnson, Kathleen Jeffrie	Target (A high school boy tries to recover from his abduction and rape by going to a new school. Caution: mature readers)	Juv.J678t
Karre, Elizabeth	Fight (Bella doesn't know if Dominic was gay or not, but she knows he was bullied. And she knows the adults who could have helped didn't because of some stupid policy. Now Dominic's dead. And he's not the only one in the district. Somebody should do something, right?)	Juv.K187f
Kaycher, Brian	Almost Perfect (Sage Hendricks befriends Logan at a time when he no longer trusts or believes in people. Sage has been homeschooled for a number of years and her parents have forbidden her to date anyone, but she won't tell Logan why. One day, Logan acts on his growing feelings for Sage. Moments later, he wishes he never had. Sage finally discloses her big secret: she's actually a boy.)	Juv.K1945a
Kerr, M.E.	Night Kites (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.)	Juv. K41n

	Kicked Out (stories of LGBTQ teens who were kicked out of their homes when they came out to their families, and how they survived.)	Juv. 306.76.K465
Klise, James	Love Drugged (Fifteen-year-old Jamie Bates has a simple strategy for surviving high school: fit in, keep a low profile, find a girlfriend and above all, protect his biggest secret--he's gay. But when a classmate discovers the truth, a terrified Jamie does all he can to change who he is.)	Juv.K658L
Koertge, Ron	Boy Girl Boy (Three friends plan to leave Illinois for California after high school graduation to "find themselves".)	Juv. K785b
Koja, Kathe	Talk (Kit Webster, a high school student, accepts the lead in a controversial play so that he will not have to come to terms with his sexual orientation.)	Juv.K795t
Konigsberg, Bill	Porcupine of Truth (17-year-old Carson Smit's therapist mother has dragged him from New York City to Billings, Mont., where his alcoholic father is dying. After Carson meets Aisha, whose conservative Christian father threw her out of the house when he discovered she is a lesbian, the teens embark on a multistate road trip, chasing down fragmentary clues that might lead them to find Carson's long-absent grandfather.)	Juv.K821p
Kuklin, Susan	Beyond Magenta: Transgender teens speak out	Juv.306.76K965b
LaCour, Nina	We are okay (Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. Not even her best friend, Mabel, who is now coming to visit Marin for the winter holiday.)	Juv. L1456w
Larochelle, David	Absolutely, Positively Not... (Steven could not be gay)	Juv.L3285a
Lee, Mackenzi	Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue (Monty, an 18 th century young bisexual British lord embarks on an unforgettable Grand Tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush. But when one of Monty's reckless decisions turns their trip abroad into a harrowing manhunt, it calls into question everything he knows, including his relationship with the boy he adores.)	Juv.L4792g
Lescene, James	Absolute Brightness (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.)	Juv.L4574a
Levithan, David and Merrell, Billy	Full Spectrum: A New generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Other identities	Juv.306.76.F965
Levithan, Davis	Hold me closer: The Tiny Cooper story (Sequel to will grayson, will grayson (Juv. Juv.G7955w) in which 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.)	Juv. L6662h

Levithan, David	Love is the higher law (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.)	Juv.L6662L
Levithan, David	Realm of Possibility (Interconnected stories of high school students told in free verse.)	Juv.L666r
Levithan, David	Two boys kissing (tells the based-on-true-events story of Harry and Craig, two 17-year-olds who are about to take part in a 32-hour marathon of kissing to set a new Guinness World Record--all of which is narrated by a Greek Chorus of the generation of gay men lost to AIDS)	Juv.L6662t
	Love and Sex: Ten Stories of Truth	Juv. L879l
Lo, Malinda	Ash (A Cinderella story, in which the heroine has to choose between a handsome fairy cursed to love her and her true love, the King's Huntress.)	Juv.L7954a
Magoon, Kekla	37 Things I Love (in no particular order) (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 attraction to her best friend..)	Juv. M2114t
Maroh, Julie	Blue is the warmest color (French creator Maroh's Audience Award-winning graphic novel is a sincere love story told through the journal entries of Clementine, spanning her years in high school to adulthood. Despite Clementine's unhappy attempts at having a "normal" relationship with a boy, there is love at first sight when she sees the confident blue-haired Emma. Caution: Mature readers, nudity, sexual situations. See also Skim Juv. T1533s.Graphic Novel.)	Juv.M3543b
McLemore, Anna-Marie	When the moon was ours (As their deep friendship turns to love, Latina teenager Miel, who grows roses from her wrist, and Italian-Pakistani Samir, a transgender boy, fear their secrets will be exposed by the beautiful Bonner girls, four sisters rumored to be witches.)	Juv.M1647w
Merey, I.	a+e 4Ever (Graphic novel about Asher Machnik is a teenage boy cursed with a beautiful androgynous face, who befriends Eulalie Mason a lonely, tough-talking lesbian.Caution: graphic language and sexual situations.)	Juv. M5597a
Myracle,Lauren	Kissing Kate (Lissa thought that she and Kate, her beautiful and charismatic best friend, would always be close. Then one summer night Kate kissed Lissa-and Lissa kissed her back. Now Kate acts as if nothing happened and as if Lissa doesn't exist.)	Juv.M9975k
	Not the Only One: Lesbian and	Juv.S955

Gay Fiction for Teens

Nelson, Jandy	I'll Give You the Sun (Twins Jade and Noah , once so close are now divided by family and personal secrets as they grow from thirteen (Jade , confident, beautiful and athletic and Noah artistic, clumsy, shy and insecure) to their almost polar opposites at sixteen. Caution: Mature readers: graphic language and sexual situations.)	Juv.N4272i
Oshiro, Mark	Anger is a Gift (Rooted in the working-class neighborhoods of Oakland, California, this is a tale of youth of color, diverse in sexuality and gender, organizing to challenge state-sanctioned violence. Black teenager Moss Jeffries is still grieving from the loss six years earlier of his father by the trigger finger of a police officer. Moss struggles with self-doubt and anxiety-induced panic attacks, finding comfort in his emerging relationship with Javier, a Latinx boy who's just as tender as he is bold. As the school year begins, the school resource officer assaults Moss' friend Shawna, claiming to suspect drugs but the young people know that it's really about her decision to fully embrace her black trans identity.)	Juv.O824a
Ottaviani, Jim	The Imitation Game: Alan Turing Decoded (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. Graphic Novel.)	Juv. 925.11.T938o
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Peters, Julie Anne	It's Our Prom (So Deal With It). (Azure has gone public with her objections to her school's senior prom: too expensive, too exclusive, too heterosexual. When the principal challenges Azure and her friends to take charge of the planning committee, they jump into the task—and the accompanying headaches—of planning an inclusive prom)	Juv. P481i
Peters, Julie Ann	Keeping You a Secret (A high school girl discovers that she loves a lesbian classmate)	Juv.P481k
Peters, Julie Ann	Luna , a novel ((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	Juv. P481l

the process of transitioning by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.)

Peters, Julie Anne	Rage: A Love Story (Johanna is dating Reeve, a girl with a violent background.)	Juv.P481r
Peters, Julie Anne	She Loves You, She Loves You Not (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.)	Juv.P481s
Plum-Ucci, Carol	What Happened to Lani Garver (An enigmatic teen without an explicit gender identity moves to a small community.)	Juv. P736w
Revoyr, Nina	Necessary hunger : a novel (Japanese American Nancy Takahiro recounts her days as a high school basketball star in South Central Los Angeles. Soon, African American Raina Webber, a star at a rival school, and her mother move into Nancy's home. Both young women are gay, and Nancy must come to grips with feelings for her new housemate that go beyond the scope of athletics.)	Juv. .R4545n
Riordan, Rick	Hammer of Thor: Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgaard Book II (Thor's hammer is missing again. The thunder god has a disturbing habit of misplacing his weapon--the mightiest force in the Nine Worlds. But this time the hammer isn't just 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. Includes a gender fluid character)	
Russo, Meredith	If I was your girl (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.)	Juv.R9698i
Ryan, Sara	Empress of the World (Nicola Lancaster meets the perfect guy at summer camp but also falls in love with the perfect girl)	Juv.R9898e
Sanchez, Alex	Bait (Diego has to confront his past, his explosive temper, and his homophobia before he can come to terms with his life and his identity. Caution: graphic descriptions of abuse.)	Juv.S211b
Sanchez, Alex	Getting It (Carlos thinks he needs a fashion makeover so that he can attract gorgeous Roxy, the girl of his dreams. He enlists Sal, a gay classmate to do the makeover, but Sal will only agree if Carlos helps him start a Gay-Straight Alliance in the school.)	Juv.S211g
	<i>Rainbow High Series</i>	
Sanchez, Alex	Rainbow Boys	Juv.S211r
Sanchez, Alex	Rainbow High	Juv.S211ra

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Sanchez, Alex	Rainbow Road	Juv.S211rr
Setterington, Ken	Branded by the pink triangle (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.)	Juv.940.53.S495
Shaw, Tucker	Hookup Artist (As a good-natured gay teenager, Lucas happily serves as his high school's matchmaker, but finding true love for himself is proving to be much more difficult.)	Juv.S5363h
Slater, Dashka	The 57 bus (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.)	Juv.364.15.S631f
Sloan, Brian	Tale of Two Summers (Two best friends, keep in touch during the summer through their blogs, even though their different sexual orientations may cause them to drift apart.)	Juv.6341t
Sugiura, Misa	It's Not Like It's a Secret (Sixteen-year-old Sana Kiyohara has too many secrets. Some are small, like how it bothers her when her friends don't invite her to parties.. And then there's the one that she can barely even admit to herself--the one about how she might have a crush on her best friend.)	Juv.S9477i
Sutton, Roger	Hearing Us Out: Voices from the Gay and Lesbian Community	Juv. 305.9.S967h
Tamaki, Mariko and Tamaki, Jillian	Skim (Skim is Kimberly Keiko Cameron, a not-slim, would-be Wiccan goth stuck in a private girls' school in Toronto. When a classmate's boyfriend kills himself because he was rumored to be gay, the school goes into mourning overdrive, each clique trying to find something to hold on to and something to believe in. It's a weird time to fall in love, but that's high school, and that's what happens to Skim when she starts to meet in secret with her neo-hippie English teacher, Ms. Archer. CAUTION: The author started to write the book as a Lolita story from a teenager's perspective. The reviewers called the teacher-student relationship, "disconcerting".)	Juv.T1533s
Velásquez, Gloria	Tommy stands alone (A young man's struggle with his sexual orientation—a conflict made more difficult by his family's traditional Hispanic expectations)	Juv.V4344t
Walker, Kate	Peter (A 15-year old Australian boy finds that he is attracted to a gay friend of his older brother.)	Juv. W1815p
Watts, Julia	Finding H.F. (16- year old H.F, [Heavenly Faith Simms], leaves her girlfriend in her small Kentucky town to search for her biological mother.)	Juv.W351f

Wilkinson, Lili	Pink (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.)	Juv. W6866p
Wittlinger, Ellen	Parrotfish (Angela Katz McNair decides to adopt the sexual identity with which she feels comfortable, that of a guy named Grady.)	Juv.W831p
Wittlinger, Ellen	Razzle (When his retired parents buy a group of tourist cabins on Cape Cod, fifteen-year-old Kenyon Baker's days are filled with repair work until he becomes friends with an eccentric girl and makes her the subject of a series of photographs.)	Juv.W831r
Wright, Bil	Putting makeup on the fat boy (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.)	Juv. W9478p
Wyeth, Sharon Dennis	Orpheus Proud (While reciting her poetry at a club in Queens, New York, seventeen-year-old Orpheus 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.)	Juv.W979op

Curriculum Collection

CMC HQ76.25.C42 2000	Challenging Homophobia in Schools
CMC HQ75.15 .F74 1997	Guide to the 400 best children's and adult's multicultural books about lesbian and gay people
CMC HQ77.9 .B49 2004	Beyond the binary : a tool kit for gender identity activism in schools
CMC HQ77.95 .U6 T73 2005	Peeing in peace: a resource guide for transgender activists and allies
CMC LC 192.6.P74 2001	Preventing Prejudice: Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Lesson Plan Guide for Elementary Schools
CMC LC192.6.T33 2004	Tackling LGBT Issues in School: A Resource module
CMC LC 212.8.S73 1996	Sex-Role Stereotyping and Sexual Harassment Elementary School Resources
CMC Z1037.D24 2000	Lesbian and gay voices: an annotated bibliography and guide to literature for children and young adults
CMC Z1037.N24 2012	Rainbow Family Collection: Selecting and Using Children's Books with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Content

VIDEO

Elementary

V2062

It's elementary: talking about gay issues in school

(An exploration of what happens when experienced teachers talk to their students about lesbians and gay men. Students are asked to consider issues related to homosexuality at six elementary and

middle schools. Presents footage of classroom activities and discussions with students exploring questions and issues presented to them by teachers and guest lecturers who come into their classes. Discusses school-wide presentations, activity-days, and how these events affect faculty, parents and teachers.)

- V2598 **Apples and oranges**
(This program is designed to raise children's awareness of the harmful effects of homophobia and gender-related name calling, intolerance, stereotyping and bullying. During an in-class discussion among elementary students and an equity educator, children's paintings magically dissolve into two short animated stories. These stories will help students of all elementary grades explore name calling and bullying.)

- V2845 **That's a family!**
(Children describe their own families and explain concepts like "birth mom," "mixed race," "gay and lesbian," and "stepdad.")

Middle School

I am Jazz: A Family in Transition

<https://youtu.be/Mnd7wpEh9ME?list=PLE9E95D3F2496B1EA>

(In this documentary special an extraordinary family and their transgendered daughter. 11-year-old Jazz and her family face a life-altering decision as the ebullient tween approaches puberty. Through extensive archival family footage and first-person interviews, Jazz and her family share their powerful personal story as they grapple with the possibility of hormone blocking therapy and issues related to fertility, discrimination and identity.)

Secondary

- V2511 **Speak up! : improving the lives of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender youth**

(Explores what these students have done to transform their schools into safer and more welcoming environments. Interviews with students, parents, teachers, administrators and national activists highlight not only the need for transformation, but offer resources and advice for those actively working for change.)

- V2599 **In other words**
(Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered teenagers discuss their responses to homophobic language. Additionally, slang, music media images and dictionary definitions are woven together to demonstrate how language shapes attitude.)

- V2707 **Gay youth**
(Explores the emotional strain placed on gay youth by intense feelings of isolation. Isolation frequently leads them to drug and alcohol abuse, violence, homelessness and even suicide. Designed to break the silence surrounding adolescent homosexuality, it shows that information, acceptance, and support can make differences in the lives of these young people. Includes study guide)

- V2840 **Ugly Ducklings**
(The DVD is about a project which is based around production of Carolyn Gage's play "Ugly ducklings," which focuses on homophobic harassment and its devastating effects at a girls' summer camp. The film explores the connection between teen suicide and homophobia.)

- V3036 **Dreams deferred: the Sakia Gunn Project**
(This documentary tells the story of Sakia Gunn, a 15-year old African American lesbian who was fatally stabbed in a gay hate crime in Newark, New Jersey)

V3678

Toilet Training

("Addresses the persistent discrimination, harassment, and violence that people who transgress gender norms face in gender segregated bathrooms. Using the stories of people who have been harassed, arrested or beaten for trying to use bathrooms, this groundbreaking film focuses on bathroom access in public space, in schools, and at work")

As If It Matters

<http://66.160.205.104/freezone/aiim/AsIfItMatters.mp4>

<https://gsanetwork.org/files/resources/AIIMCurriculumGuide09.pdf>

(Nine youth wrote, directed, produced, and edited "As If It Matters: Six stories beneath the surface," a 25 min. video that voices the actual stories we see in our everyday lives. It deals with issues of homophobia, cultural acceptance, body image, relationships, and labels through the stories of six students at one high school over 24 hours. Is intended to spark dialogue, increase the visibility of LGBT youth experiences, and inspire people to take action against discrimination and harassment in their communities and schools. The site includes a downloadable video/link to YouTube and a Curriculum Guide))

Other Resources

<http://www.glsen.org/>

(GLSEN, or the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for ALL students.)

<http://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day>

(National Coming Out Day-Human Rights Council- Resources for Living Openly, history, videos.)

<http://www.lgbt-education.info/en/home>

(The primary focus of GALE BC is to advocate for change in the educational system which will result in a positive environment for lesbians, gays and bisexuals in education, whether they are students, parents, teachers, or administrators)

<https://lgbthistorymonth.com/>

(LGBT History Month- Facts about LGBT icons)

<http://www.leewind.org/>

(Book review blog for GLBT teens called "I'm Here. I'm Queer. What the Hell do I read?")

<http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/scholarship-database>

LGBT Student Scholarship Database

<http://queercomicsdatabase.com/>

Queer Comics Database

(Database of comics that contain queer representation. This includes: comics published in print and on the web, comics from major publishers, independent publishers, and self-published comics, comics for children, teens, and adults, as well as all-ages comics, representation from across the LGBTQIA spectrum, as well as intersectional representation.)

https://www.nea.org/assets/docs/Schools_in_Transition_2015.pdf

Schools In Transition: A Guide for Supporting Transgender Students in K-12 Schools
(A publication by American Civil Liberties Union, Gender Spectrum, Human Rights Campaign, National Center for Lesbian Rights and National Education Association that highlights best

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practices while offering strategies for building upon and aligning them with each school's culture.)

<http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/rainbow-books-lists>

Rainbow Book List GLBTQ Books for Children and Teens (published annually)
(The bibliography features recommended fiction and nonfiction titles for young readers, from birth through age 18 noted for their significant and authentic GLBTQ content.)

<http://www.nj.gov/dcf/adolescent/lgbtqi/Northern%20Region%20Pride%20Guide.pdf>

TRIANGLE: Teen Resources Intended to Aid & Nurture Gays, Lesbians & Everyone,
published by New Jersey Department of Children and Families.)

<http://www.transactiveonline.org>

TransActive is a center based in Oregon, the website contains useful resources for home and school

<http://www.transkidspurplerainbow.org/>

TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation

(TKPR is committed to enhancing the future lives of TransKids by educating schools, peers, places of worship, the medical community, government bodies, and society in general, in an effort to seek fair and equal treatment and of all transyouth)