

## LGBTQ-Related Titles

### Picture books: focused on LGBTQ identity as an issue

**Antonio's Card / La Tarjeta de Antonio** by Rigoberto Gonzales

ISBN: 978-0892392049 Age 6 and up Children's Book Press; Bilingual edition 2005 \$16.95 B&T

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.

**Daddy's Roommate** by Michael Willhoite

ISBN: 9781555831189 Ages 2-5 Alyson Books (1990) \$11.95; \$3.99 9781555831189 B&T

A young boy discusses his divorced father's new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share eating, doing chores, playing, loving, and living.

**The Different Dragon** by Jennifer Bryan

ISBN: 978-0967446868 Age: 3 & up Two Lives Publishing 2006 \$12.95 B&T

Shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from his two moms, can lead to magical places with a dragon who is tired of being tough.

**Heather Has Two Mommies** by Leslea Newman

ISBN: 9781555831806 Alyson Books (1989) OP/B&T

When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

**In Our Mothers' House** by Patricia Polacco

ISBN: 9780399250767 Ages 6-8 Philomel Books 2009 \$17.99 B&T

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

**Jacob's New Dress** by Sarah Hoffman

ISBN: 9780807563731 \$16.99 Albert Whitman 2014 B&T

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

**Molly's Family** by Nancy Garden

ISBN: 9780374350024 Age 4-8 Farrar, Straus and Giroux (2004) \$16.99 B&T

When Molly draws a picture of her family for Open School Night, one of her classmates makes her feel bad because he says she cannot have a mommy and a momma."

**My Princess Boy: A Mom's story about a young boy who loves to dress up** by Cheryl Kilodavis

ISBN: 9781442429888 \$15.99 Simon B&T

A four-year-old boy loves dressing up in princess clothing.

**Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress** by Christine Baldacchino

ISBN: 9781554983476 Ages 4-7. Groundwood Books 2014 \$16.95 B&T

Morris faces taunts and criticism when he wears an orange dress to school, but things begin to change for him after he uses his imagination to paint a fantastic picture that he shares with his classmates.

**Red: A Crayon's Story** by Michael Hall (ARC)

ISBN: 9780062252074 Ages 5-6. HarperCollins Pub date 2-3-15 \$17.99 B&T

The story of a blue crayon mislabeled as red.

**The Sissy Duckling** by Harvey Fierstein

ISBN: 9781416903130 \$7.99 pbk Simon & Schuster, 2002 B&T

Elmer the duck is teased because he is different, but he proves himself by not only surviving the winter, but also saving his Papa.

**A Tale of Two Daddies** by Vanita Oelschlager

ISBN: 978-0981971469 Ages Preschool- 3 Vanita Books 2010 \$8.95 pbk; 9780981971452 \$15.95 B&T

A young girl describes how her two daddies help her through her day, including her poppa cooking eggs and toast, her daddy fixing her knee when she is hurt, and both fathers being there for her when she needs love.

**A Tale of Two Mommies** by Vanita Oelschlager

ISBN: 0982636660: Preschool - 3 Vanita Books 2011 \$15.95; 0982636679 \$8.95 pbk B&T

A young boy describes how his two mothers take care of him, from fishing, to coaching t-ball, to comforting him when he is upset.

**Picture books depicting inclusivity:**

**All Families Are Special** by Norma Simon

ISBN: 9780807521755 Ages 5-8 Albert Whitman & Company 2003 \$16.99 B&T

Students in Mrs. Mack's class describe their families--big or small, living together or apart, with two moms or none--and learn why every family is special and important.

**And Tango Makes Three** by Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell

ISBN: 9780689878459 Grades K-2 Simon & Schuster 2005 \$17.95 B&T

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.

**Daddy, Papa, and Me** by Leslea Newman

ISBN: 978-1582462622 Ages 3-7 Tricycle Press 2009 \$7.99 B&T

Illustrations and rhyming text describe a toddler spending the day with his two daddies. My Family Tree series

**Dear Child** by John Farrell

ISBN: 978-1590784952 Ages 2-5 Boyds Mills Press 2008 \$16.95 B&T

Simple text and illustrations of diverse families show how children affect their loved ones for the better.

**Donovan's Big Day** by Lesléa Newman

ISBN: 978-1582463322 Ages 3-7 Tricycle Press 2011 \$15.99 B&T

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

**Families** by Susan Kuklin

ISBN: 978-0786808229 Ages 4-8 Hyperion Book CH 2006 \$15.99 B&T/PS

Children from diverse families share thoughts about their families and photographs

**The Family Book** by Todd Parr

ISBN: 0316738964 Little Brown 2003 Age 3-6 \$17.00 B&T

Represents a variety of families, some big and some small, some with only one parent and some with two moms or dads, some quiet and some noisy, but all alike in some ways and special no matter what.

**The Great Big Book of Families** by Mary Hoffman

ISBN: 978-0803735163 Ages 5-8 Dial 2011 \$16.99 B&T

An illustrated overview of families, examining various aspects of families from houses to holidays to schools and pets, and discussing feelings and family trees.

**King and King** by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland

ISBN: 978-1582460611 Ages 6 and up Tricycle Press 2003 \$15.99 B&T

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.

**Mom and Mum Are Getting Married!** by Ken Setterington.

ISBN: 1896764843 Ages 5-8 Second Story Press 2004 \$15.95 B&T

"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?"

**Mommy, Mama, and Me** by Leslea Newman

ISBN: 978-1582462639 Ages 3-7 Tricycle Press 2009 \$7.99 B&T

Illustrations and rhyming text describe a toddler spending the day with his two mommies. My Family Tree series

**Uncle Bobby's Wedding** by Sarah S. Brannen

ISBN: 978-0399247125 Ages 4 & up Putnam Juvenile 2008 \$15.99 B&T/OS

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.

**The White Swan Express: A Story about Adoption** by Jean Davies Okimoto @ Elaine M. Auki

Houghton Mifflin, 2002 OP B&T

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.

**Who's in a Family?** by Robert Skutch

ISBN: 978-1883672669 Ages 3-7 Tricycle Press 1997 \$7.99 B&T

A picture book showing multicultural contemporary family units, including those with single parents, two moms or two dads, mixed-race couples, grandparents and divorced parents.

**Elementary book: focused on LGBTQ identity as an issue**

**Be Who You Are** by Jennifer Carr

ISBN: 978-1452087252 Ages 7-12 AuthorHouse 2010 \$18.89/Amazon

Nick's family supports him when he says he no longer wants to be called a boy or dress like a boy. Based on the author's experiences with her children.

**Elementary books depicting minor characters who are LGBTQ:**

**Accidental Adventures of India McAllister** by Cynthia Agell

ISBN:9780805089028 Ages 8-11 Henry Holt 2010 \$16.99 B&T

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.

**Luv Ya Bunches** by Lauren Myracle

ISBN: 0810942119 Ages 9-12 Amulet Books 2009 \$16.99 B&T

Four friends--each named after a flower--navigate the ups and downs of fifth grade. Told through text messages, blog posts, screenplay, and straight narrative.

**Misadventures of the Family Fletcher** by Dana Alison Levy

ISBN: 9780385376525 \$15.99 Ages 9-11 2014 B&T

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.

**Penny Dreadful** by Laurel Snyder

ISBN: 978-0375861697 Age 8-12 Yearling Reprint 2011 \$7.99 pbk. 9780375861994 \$16.99 B&T

When her father suddenly quits his job, the almost-ten-year-old, friendless Penny and her neglectful parents leave their privileged life in the city for a ramshackle property in the eccentric town of Thrush Junction, Tennessee.

**Raisin Rodriguez and the Big-Time Smooch** by Judy Goldschmidt

ISBN: 1595140573 Ages 10-14 Razorbill, 2005 OP

Still corresponding through her blog with her friends who live across the country, thirteen-year-old Raisin records her hopes and worries as she tries to obtain her first kiss from the long-lashed and cinnamon-scented CJ Mullen.

**The Trouble with Babies** by Martha Freeman

ISBN: 978-0823416981 Ages 7 and up Holiday House 2002 OP

Nine-year-old Holly tries to adjust to a new home with a neighbor who has just invented a de-yukkification device.

**Tween books depicting main characters who are LGBTQ:**

**Better Nate Than Ever** by Tim Federle

ISBN: 9781442446892 Age 12-14 Simon & Schuster 2013 \$17.99 B&T

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."

**Five, Six, Seven Nate** by Tim Federle

ISBN: 978-1442446939 Age 10-14 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2014 \$16.99 B&T

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.

**Kevin Keller** series

Ex: **Archie's Pal Kevin Keller** by Dan Parent

ISBN: 978-1879794931 Age 12 & up Archie Comics 2012 \$19.99 B&T

Kevin Keller is popular, patriotic, good-looking, friendly, smart, and has lived all over the place (his father was a Colonel in the Army). He's also gay.

**The Manny Files** by Christian Burch

ISBN: 9781416955344 Age 9-13 Aladdin 2008 \$14.99 B&T

A shy young boy learns how to be more outgoing and self-confident from his male nanny.

**Marco Impossible** by Hannah Moskowitz

ISBN: 978-1596437210 Age 10-14 Roaring Brook Press 2013 \$16.99 B&T

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

**The Misfits** by James Howe

ISBN: 978-0689839566 Age 10-14 Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2003 \$6.99 pbk. B&T

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.

**See You at Harry's** by Jo Knowles

ISBN: 978-0763664558 Ages 10 & up Candlewick; Reprint edition 2013 \$7.99 pbk B&T

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.

**Totally Joe** by James Howe

ISBN: 9780689839580 Ages 10 and up Atheneum Books for Young Readers Reprint 2007 \$6.99 pbk; 9780689839573 \$17.99 B&T

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.

**Tween books depicting minor characters who are LGBTQ:**

**Addie on the Inside** by James Howe

ISBN: 978-1416913856 Age 10-14 Atheneum Books for Young Readers Reprint 2012 \$6.99 pbk. B&T

Outspoken thirteen-year-old Addie Carle learns about love, loss, and staying true to herself as she navigates seventh grade, enjoys a visit from her grandmother, fights with her boyfriend, and endures gossip and meanness from her former best friend.

**Drama** by Raina Telgemeier

ISBN: 978-0545326995 Ages 10-14 GRAPHIX, 2012 \$10.99 pbk.; 9780545326988, \$23.99 B&T

Graphic novel through drama – a play – and drama between characters explores middle school feelings with boyfriends and girlfriends, and boyfriends and boyfriends.

**Keeper** by Kathi Appelt

ISBN: 9781416950615 Ages 8-12 Atheneum Books for Young Readers Reprint 2012 \$7.99 pbk. B&T

On the night of the blue moon when mermaids are said to gather on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico, ten-year-old Keeper sets out in a small boat, with her dog BD and a seagull named Captain, determined to find her mother, a mermaid, as Keeper has always believed, who left long ago to return to the sea.

**The Name of This Book is Secret** by Pseudonymous Bosch

ISBN: 9780316113694 Little Brown 2007 . \$8.00 pbk B&T

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

**The Popularity Papers** by Amy Ignatow

ISBN: 9780810997233 Ages 9-13 Amulet Books 2010 \$8.95 pbk. B&T

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. Novel appears in the form of a scrapbook.

**Skull of Truth** by Bruce Coville

ISBN: 9780152060848 Age 9-12 HMH Books for Young Readers; 2007 \$6.99 pbk. B&T

Charlie, a sixth-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power.

**Waiting for Normal** by Leslie Connor

ISBN: 9780060890902 Age 8-12 Katherine Tegen Books reprint ed. 2010 \$6.99 pbk. B&T

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

**Teen books depicting main characters who are LGBTQ:**

**Absolutely, Positively Not** by David LaRochelle

ISBN: 0439591090 Grades 7 & up Arthur A. Levine Books 2005 PS, B&T

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.

**Adaptation** by Malinda Lo

ISBN: 9780316197984 Grade 8 and up Little, Brown Books for Young Readers 2012 \$10.00 pbk. B&T

In the aftermath of a series of plane crashes caused by birds, seventeen-year-old Reese and her debate-team partner, David, receive medical treatment at a secret government facility and become tangled in a conspiracy that is, according to Reese's friend Julian, connected with aliens and UFOs.

**Almost Perfect** by Brian Katcher

ISBN: 9780385736657 Grades 8 & up Delacorte Books for Young Readers 2010 \$5.99 pbk.; 0385736649, \$17.99 B&T

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.

**Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe** by Benjamin Alire Saenz

ISBN: 9781442408920 Age 12 & up Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2012 \$18.99 B&T

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.

**Ash** by Malinda Lo

ISBN: 9780316040105 Grade 8 and up Little Brown 2009 \$10.00 pbk. B&T

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.

**Ask the Passengers** by A. S. King

ISBN: 9780316194686 :\$17.99 9780316194679 pbk. \$10.00 Little Brown, 2012 B&T

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. Maybe they'll know what to do with it. Maybe it'll make them

happy. Maybe they'll need it. 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.

**Beautiful Music for Ugly Children** by Kirstin Cronn-Mills

ISBN: 9780738732510 Ages 12 & up Flux, 2012 \$9.99 pbk. B&T

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.

**The Bermudez Triangle** by Maureen Johnson

ISBN: 978-1595141552 Grade 9 and up Razorbill 2007 \$7.99 pbk. B&T

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.

**Boy Meets Boy** by David Levithan

ISBN: 9780375832994 Age 12 & up Alfred A. Knopf; Reprint, 2005 \$8.99 pbk. B&T

Paul's simple high-school life is confused by his desire for another boy who seems unattainable, until Paul's friends help him find the courage to pursue him.

**Boyfriends with Girlfriends** by Alex Sanchez

ISBN: 9781416937753 Age 12 & up Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2012 \$8.99 pbk. B&T

When Lance begins to date Sergio, who is bisexual, he is not sure that it will work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand.

**Coda** by Emma Trevayne

ISBN: 9780762447282 Ages 8 & up Running Press Kids 2013 \$9.99 pbk. B&T

Anthem, playing with an illegal underground rock band, is sought after by the Corporation, who plan to turn his songs into addictive, mind-altering music tracks, and soon Anthem learns defying them comes at a deadly price.

**The Culling** by Steven dos Santos

ISBN: 9780738735375 Ages 12 & up Flux 2013 \$9.99 pbk. B&T

In a futuristic world ruled by a totalitarian government called the Establishment, Lucian "Lucky" Spark and four other teenagers are recruited for the Trials. They must compete not only for survival but to save the lives of their Incentives, family members whose lives depend on how well they play the game.

**Difference between you and me** by Madeleine George

ISBN: 9780670011285 Ages 12 and up Viking Juvenile 2012 \$16.99 B&T

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.

**Empress of the World** by Sara Ryan

ISBN: reprint-9780142500590 Ages 12 & up Viking 2001 \$8.99 pbk. B&T

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.

**Every day** by David Levithan

ISBN: 9780307931894 Ages 12 and up Ember 2013 \$9.99 pbk. B&T

Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, a different person's life. There's never any warning about where it will be or who it will be. It's all fine until the morning that A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment, the rules by which A has been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone he wants to be with day in and day out, day after day.

**FreakBoy** by Kristin Clark

ISBN: 9780374324728 Ages 12 -18 Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2013 \$18.99 B&T

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.

**Geography club** by Brent Hartinger

ISBN: 9780060012236 Grades 7 and up Harper Teen 2014 \$9.99 pbk B&T

A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.

**Hero** by Perry Moore

ISBN: 9781423101963 AGe 11-13 Disney-Hyperion 2009 \$8.99 pbk. B&T

Thom is a basketball star and the son of one of the greatest superheroes of all time Hal Creed. Thom keeps his own special powers a secret, until he decides to join the League, an organization of superheroes that has its own secrets.

**Huntress** by Malinda Lo

ISBN: 9780316039994 Grades 8 and up Little, Brown Books for Young Readers 2012 \$8.99 pbk. B&T

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.

**I am J** by Cris Beam

ISBN: 97816053600 Grades 9 and up Little, Brown Books for Young Readers 2011 \$10.00 pbk. B&T

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.

**If You Could Be Mine** by Sara Farizan

ISBN: 9781616202514 Grade 9 & up Algonquin Young Readers 2013 \$16.95 B&T

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.

**Keeping You a Secret** by Julie Anne Peters

ISBN: 9780316009850 Grade 9 and up Little Brown 2005 \$9.00 pbk. B&T

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 Lesbian club at school.

**Lies by Girlfriend Told Me** by Julie Ann Peters

ISBN: 9780316234979 \$18.00 2014 Little Brown B&T

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

**Luna** by Julie Anne Peters

ISBN: 9780316011273 Grades 9 & up Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Reprint 2006 \$10.00 pbk. B&T

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.

**The Miseducation of Cameron Post** by Emily M. Danforth

ISBN: 9780062020567 \$17.99 2012 Harper Collins 9782262020574 \$9.99 pbk. B&T

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.

**My most excellent year : a novel of love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park** by Steve Kluger

ISBN: 9780142413432 Age 12 & up Speak 2009 \$8.99 pbk. B&T

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.

**One Man Guy** by Michael Barakiva

ISBN 9780374356453 :\$17.99Farrar Straus B&T

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.

**Openly Straight** by Bill Konigsburg

ISBN: 9780545509893 Scholastic 2013 \$17.99 B&T

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.

**Parrotfish** by Ellen Wittlinger

ISBN: 978-1442406216 Ages 12 and up Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2011 \$9.99 pbk.; 1416916229, \$17.99 B&T  
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.

**Pink** by Lili Wilkinson

ISBN: 9780061926549 Grade 8-11 Harper Teen 2012 \$9.99 pbk. B&T  
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.

**Proxy** by Alex London

ISBN: 9780147511331 Age 12 & up Speak 2014 \$9.99 pbk. B&T  
Privileged Syd and his proxy, Knox, are thrown together to overthrow the system.

**Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda** by Becky Albertalli

ISBN: 9780062438678 Harper Collins/ARC, April 2015  
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.

**The Summer Prince** by Alaya Dawn Johnson

ISBN: 9780545417808 Grades 9-12 Arthur A. Levine Books, 2014 \$9.99 pbk.; 9780545417792 \$17.99 B&T  
This is a YA-dystopia-love-triangle story, but how unusual to see the heroine become the third wheel to a sensitively depicted gay relationship. 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.

**Two boys kissing** by David Levithan

ISBN: 978-0307931900 Grades 7 & up Knopf Books for Young Readers 2013 \$16.99 B&T  
A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-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.

**Weetzie Bat** by Francesca Lia Block

ISBN: 9780060736255 Grades 10 and up Harper Teen 2004 \$8.99 pbk.; 9780307931887, \$17.99 B&T  
Follows the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles punk friends, Dirk, Duck-Man, and Secret-Agent-Lover-Man.

**Will Grayson, Will Grayson** by John Green and David Levithan

ISBN: 9780142418475 Grade 9 and up Penguin, reprint 2011 \$9.99 pbk.; 9780525421580 \$17.99 B&T  
It's not that far from Evanston to Naperville, but Chicago suburbanites Will Grayson and Will Grayson might as well live on different planets. When fate delivers them both to the same surprising crossroads, the Will Graysons find their lives overlapping and hurtling in new and unexpected directions.

**Teen books depicting minor characters who are LGBTQ:**

**Drama Queens in the House** by Julie Williams

ISBN: 9781596437357 \$17.99 Henry Holt 2014 B&T  
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.

**Noggin** by John Corey Whaley

ISBN: 9781442458727 Ages 14 and up Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2014 \$17.99 B&T  
After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.

## **Tween/teen Nonfiction**

**Beyond Magenta** by Susan Kuklin

ISBN 978-0-7636-5611-9 Candlewick Press, \$22.99 B&T

Shares insights into the teen transgender experience, tracing six individual's emotional and physical journey as it was shaped by family dynamics, living situations, and the transition each teen made during the personal journey.

**Branded by the Pink Triangle** by Ken Setterington

ISBN 978-1-926920-96-2 Orca Book Pub., \$15.95 B&T

Examines the persecution of homosexuals by the Nazis, citing raids, arrests, prison sentences, expulsions, and concentration camp incarceration.

**Letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to Their Younger Selves** edited by Sarah Moon

ISBN 9780545399326 :\$17.99 9780545399333\$10.99 pbk. Scholastic B&T

Collects letters from such famous contributors as Brian Selznick, Michael Cunningham, and Amy Bloom to offer hope and support in the face of prejudice.

**What if?: answers to questions about what it means to be gay and lesbian** by Eric Marcus.

ISBN: 1442482982 :\$17.99 Simon 2013

Offers answers to questions young readers might ask about gay people, whether those questions concern a friend, a family member, or themselves.

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