LBGTQA Friendly Book List 2016

41 TRANSGENDER FRIENDLY BOOKS FOR YOUNG KIDS

Young adult novels with main and supporting characters who identify as transgender

Luna by Julie Anne Peters
Regan is an average sixteen-year-old who is keeping secret the fact that her brother Liam is really a Transgender girl named Luna.

Almost Perfect by Brian Katcher
When Logan meets Sage he is instantly attracted to her, but how will he react when he learns that Sage was born male?

I Am J by Cris Beam
J has always known that was a boy who happened to be born into a girl’s body by mistake. Now he just has to convince everyone else.

Parrotfish by Ellen Wittlinger
Just like the parrotfish that is born female but becomes male later in life, teenager Grady knows that even though he was born Angela, on the inside he is a boy. He is happy but not everyone else is, especially his family, and he must rely on the people in his life who support him to move forward.

Beauty Queens by Libba Bray
The story of a group of teen beauty queens marooned on a desert island, one of them is a former boy band member who has transitioned.

Being Emily by Rachel Gold
When Emily, who was born as Christopher, tells her parents about her desire to live a woman, they
send her into therapy, convinced she is ill. She is able to rely on her girlfriend and a few others in her life to help her through her family issues.

*A Circus Mirror* Day by Corin Ash (ebook)
When Emily (or Edward to everyone else) is assigned to write a paper about a day in her life, she writes about how hard it is to pretend to be a boy on the outside, when she knows that she is truly a girl.

*Jumpstart the World* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
Elle lives by herself because her mother’s boyfriend doesn’t want to deal with a teenage girl. She meets and slowly falls in love with Frank, her next door neighbor, but her world is forever changed when Frank reveals he is transgender and that he was born a woman.

*Happy Families* by Tanita S. Davis
Ysabel and Justin are twins who live a generally happy life. When their father reveals he is transgender and will live the rest of his life as a woman, they are upset at first, but slowly come to terms with their dad’s new identity.

*Circle of Change* by Laney Cairo (ebook)
The story of a romance between Kim, a teenager trans man, and Dash, a gay college student who initially rejects Kim, but ultimately falls in love with him.

*London Reign* by A.C. Britt
London is one of Boston’s toughest boys, who was actually born a girl. London must deal with his abusive stepfather, as well as a whole host of other issues that come with living in poverty.

*Beautiful Music for Ugly Children* by Kirstin Cronn-Mills
Gabe, who was born Elizabeth, hosts a popular weekly radio show called, “Beautiful music for ugly children.” He is not out at school and is still living as Elizabeth, but when someone discovers his secret he must figure out how to live an honest life and still stay safe.

*Nina Here nor There* by Nick Krieger
This is Nick Krieger’s memoir about his “journey beyond gender.”

*Refuse* by Elliot DeLine (eBook)
This is Dean’s story, of coming out as a Trans man in college and the subsequent reaction of his friends and family.

**Young adult novels with Genderqueer characters or characters who express gender ambiguity**

*The Sweet In-between* by Sheri Reynolds
The story of Kenny, a gender ambiguous girl who becomes with obsessed when a college student is murdered by accident by her neighbor.
The Tragedy of Miss Geneva Flowers by Joe Babcock
The coming of age story of a young, gay man, who is also an aspiring drag queen, and the community he becomes a part of.

Far from Xanadu by Julie Anne Peters
Mike lives a pretty routine life in her boring Kansas town. When Xanadu, a beautiful and different girl arrives, Mike is quickly infatuated. But can a romance ever blossom between them?

Brooklyn, Burning by Steve Brezenoff
A love story that takes place over the course of a summer between two semi-homeless Brooklyn teens, Scout and Kid, their genders are never revealed.

Picture Books and stories for younger readers (not exhaustive)

My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis
Based on the author’s son, this picture book tells of a princess boy, who loves running, wearing dresses, climbing trees, and being a princess, and his family loves him for exactly who he is.

10,000 Dresses by Marcus Ewert
Bailey dreams every night of beautiful dresses but her parents are not supportive. People tell Bailey that she shouldn't dream of dresses because Bailey was designated male at birth. But Bailey keeps on dreaming and one day she meets a girl who helps make all of her dreams come true!

The Princess Knight by Cornelia Funke
Princess Violet doesn't want to get married to a knight, she wants to BE a knight, so she trains in secret so she can win her own hand!

Be Who You Are by Jennifer Carr
Nick was born a boy but knows that she is really a girl. This story tells of Nick sharing this information with her family and ultimately transitioning with their support.

Goblinheart by Brett Axel
Jude has wings and is supposed to be a fairy, but Jude wants to be a goblin. This story tells of Jude’s desire to be accepted by all the other people in Jude’s fairy tale world.

Short story collections

How Beautiful the Ordinary ed. by Michael Cart
A collection of twelve LGBT themed short stories with three focused on transgender characters.

Girl Meets Boy ed. by Kelly Milner Halls
A book of short stories about relationships between boys and girls told from both perspectives and includes a story about a transgender teen.

Young adult novels that deal with gender in a nontraditional way
**Boy2girl** by Terence Blacker
When Matt’s cousin Sam comes from America to live with him and his family in London Matt and his friends decide Sam must pretend to be a girl as an initiation into their group. But their trick works too well and suddenly they are all in way over their heads.

**Debbie Harry Sings in French** by Meagan Brothers
Johnny uses his love of Goth music to deal with his terrible life. When he is introduced to Debbie Harry he realizes he doesn’t just love her music, he loves her, so much that he wants to be her.

**Cycler** by Lauren McLaughlin
Jill is a regular teenager girl, except for four days a month when she turns into Jack. Until now she and her family have managed to keep Jack under wraps. But Jack is done hiding and ready to be a real teenager.

**The Boy in the Dress** by David Walliams
Dennis deals with his parents divorce by reading Vogue magazine. When he meets Lisa, he falls in love with her, but also with her style, and realizes he wants to dress in women’s clothing.

**Every Day** by David Levithan
Every day A wakes up in a new body of a different 16 year old. Some days A is a boy, some days A is a girl, but to deal with this uncertain reality, A has certain rules, the main one being to never make a connection with someone because it won’t last. But all of this changes when A meets Rhiannon and falls in love. Now, A must track down Rhiannon every day so that A can be near her again, even if it means ruining the lives of the people A inhabits.

**If You Believe in Mermaids, Don’t Tell** by A.A. Phillips
Todd knows he can never tell his family the truth: that he wants to be a mermaid, that he loves to play dress up, and that he doesn’t want to follow in his dad’s footsteps as an athlete. But when he goes to a summer science camp, he meets a girl who might help him learn to love who he truly is.

**The End: Five Queer Kids Save the World** by Nora Olsen
Tells the story of five queer kids who must prevent the end of the world, including one character who goes on a gender journey of their own.

**Choir Boy** by Charlie Anders
12 year old Berry wants nothing more than to stay a soprano so he can continue as a choir boy. He decides to castrate himself so that his voice will stay the same. He meets Trans* adults after his parents put him in therapy.

**Manga/Graphic novels**

**Angel Diary** by YunHee Lee
A story about the princess of heaven who must hide on earth as a boy and those who watch over her.
Boy Princess by Seyoung Kim
A prince must take his sister’s place after she runs away from an arranged marriage. Will anyone find out who he truly is?

Wandering Son by Shimura Takako
The story of two fifth graders, a boy and a girl, who both prefer to live as a different gender.

Shadoweyes by Ross Campbell
Scout is an aspiring superhero who, after being hit in the head, begins to randomly turn into a male alien superhero named Shadoweyes.

Princess Princess by Mikiyo Tsuda
Toru is chosen as one of three boys at his all boys school to be dressed up as princesses to entertain the male students. This is his story.

Cheeky Angel by Hiroyuki Nishimori
When Megumi was young he wished to be a manly man, but was instead turned into a girl, now a teenager, he must figure out a way to turn back while fighting off the advances of his male classmates.

a+e 4ever by Ilike Merey
a+e are both genderqueer teenagers who become friends and develop an intense, passionate relationship.

Books post by Sarah Mirk

Read more: Three Young Adult Novels with Trans Teens, A Q&A with Polkadot Author Talcott Broadhead, Books for Children of All Genders

PFLAG BOOK RECOMMENDATION LIST 2015

Over the years, our parents, family members, friends, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender members have found the books on this list to be very helpful when they a) found out that their loved one is LGBT, or b) need to find a way to tell their family members and friends that they were LGBT. We have listed books for parents, for youth, for young children and for general education.

There is also a free publication about gay issues that is available on the web. The book is called: What We Wish We Had Known - Breaking the Silence and Moving Toward Understanding: A Resource for Individuals and Families (Fifth Edition). The book is published by The Presbyterian Church – Mt. Kisco, New York. It is available online at: http://www.pcmk.org/bluebook.htm. This free publication is a most helpful compendium of all the questions people have about the LGBT community.

For Parents:
Always My Child by Kevin Jennings: Adult Reference Shelf book for parents and teachers. A guide to understanding your gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning son or daughter by the executive director of GLESEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network)

Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbians and Gays Talk About their Experiences by Carolyn Welch Griffin and Marian J. and Arthur G Wirth

Coming Out as Parents: You and Your Homosexual Child by David K Switzer

A Family and Friend’s Guide to Sexual Orientation: Bridge the Divide between Gay and Straight by Bob Powers and Alan Ellis

The Family Heart: A Memoir of When Our Son Came Out by Robb Forman Dew

Just a Mom by Betty DeGeneres

Now That You Know: What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward

Out of the Closet—Into Our Hearts by Laura Siegel and Nancy Lamkin Olson

Straight Forward by Ian Ayres and Jennifer Gerarda Brown

50 Ways to Support Lesbian and Gay Equality edited by Meredith Maran and Angela Watrous

Fortunate Families: Catholic Families with Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons by Mary Ellen Lopata with Casey Lopata. Fortunate Families tells the stories of parents who often believe they must choose between their gay children and their church.

My Child is Gay: How parents react when they hear the news, Edited by Bryce McDougall

Free Your Mind by Ellen Bass and Kate Kaufman

Mom, Dad I'm Gay: How Families Negotiate Coming Out. By Ritch C. Savin-Williams

How Homophobia Hurts Children: Nurturing Diversity at Home and at School, by Jean M. Baker

Straight Parents, Gay Children: Inspiring Families to Live Honestly and with Pride, by Robert Bernstein

Family Outing by Chaz Bono


Our Daughter Martha: A Family Struggles with Coming Out by Marcy Clements Henrickson

A Mother Looks At a Gay Child by Jesse Davis

Not Like Other Boys: Growing Up Gay—A Mother and Son Look Back by Marlese Fanta Shyer and
Christopher Shyer

*Coming Out, Coming Home* by Joan Golding and Peter Wood

*Out of the Twilight: Fathers of Gay Men Speak* by Andrew Gottlieb

*Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians* by Louise Rafkin

*Coming Out as Parents: You and your Homosexual Child* by David. K. Switzer

*Friends and Family: True Stories of Gay America’s Straight Allies* by Dan Woog

*Families Like Mine: Children of gay parents tell it like it is* by Abigail Garner

*Love Makes a Family: Portraits of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parents and their families* by Peggy Gilespie, Kath Veston

*Ready Or Not They’re Gay: Stories from a Midwestern family* by Paul and Hjordy Wagner Both their sons, Brad and Andrew, are gay. The Wagner’s share their journey.

*Love Ellen, a Mother/ Daughter Journey* by Betty DeGeneres

*Coming Out, Coming Home: Helping families adjust to a gay or lesbian child* by M.C. LaSala

*Something to Tell You: The Road families travel when a child is gay* by Gilbert Herdt and Bruce.

*God Believes In Love* by Gene Robinson, From the Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire in the Episcopal Church, the first openly gay person elected (in 2003) to the historic episcopate and the world's leading religious spokesperson for gay rights and gay marriage—a groundbreaking book that lovingly and persuasively makes the case for same-sex marriage.

*This Is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids — A Question and Answer Guide to Everyday Life* by Dannielle Owens-Reid and Kristin Russo

**FOR PARENTS OF TRANSGENDER CHILDREN:**

*Trans Forming Families* by Mary Boenke

*He’s My Daughter: A Mother’s Journey to Acceptance* by Eve Langley

*Transgender Emergence: Therapeutic Guidelines for Working with Gender Variant Youth and Their Families* by Arlene Istar Lev

This comprehensive book provides you with a clinical and theoretical overview of the issues facing transgendered/transsexual people and their families. Transgender Emergence: Therapeutic Guidelines for Working with Gender-Variant People and Their Families views assessment and treatment through a non-pathologizing lens that honors human diversity and acknowledges the role
of oppression in the developmental process of gender identity formation.

*Helping Your Transgender Teen: A guide for parents* by Irwin Krieger

*True Selves: Understanding Transsexualism for Families, Friends, Coworkers, and Helping Professionals* by Mildred L. Brown and Chloe Ann Rounsley

*The Transgender Child a Handbook for Families and Professionals* by Stephanie Brill and Rachel Pepper

*Raising My Rainbow* by Lori Duron

**GENERAL EDUCATION FOR TRANSGENDER ISSUES:**

*Gender Situations, Gender Selves* by Judith Howard Jocelyn

*Transgender Explained for Those Who Are Not* by Joanne Herman

*Transgender 101: A simple guide for a Complex Issue* by Nicholas Teich

*Transgender Warriors* by Leslie Feinberg

*Transgender Emergence: Therapeutic Guidelines for Working with Gender Variant People and their Families* by Arlene Lev

*Becoming a Visible Man* by Jamison Green

*FTM- Female –to-Male Transsexuals in Society* by Holly Dover

*Trans Liberation: Beyond Pink or Blue* by Leslie Feinberg

*Finding the Real Me* by Tracie O'Keefe and Katrina Fox

*The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You* by S. Bear Bergman

*Gender Outlaws-The Next Generation* by Kate Bornstein and S. Bear Bergman

*Sex Changes: Transgender Politics* by Patrick Califia

*Transforming Families: Real Stories about Transgendered Loved Ones* edited by Mary Boenke

*She's not There-A Life in Two Genders* by Jennifer Finney Boylan

*The Transgender Guidebook: Keys to a Successful Transition* by Anne L. Boedecjer, PhD

**Movies**

“Becoming Chaz”
“Boys Don’t Cry”: The True Story of Brandon Teena who was murdered by his buddies when they discovered he was a female to male transgender man.

“XXY” (2007): This is the dramatic story of intersexed 15-year-old. She lives with her parents, who have to cope with the challenges of her medical condition.

“She’s a Boy I knew “ (2007): Using interviews, animation, old family footage, and voice mail, Vancouver filmmaker Gwen Haworth documents her male-to–female gender transition partially through the voices of her anxious but loving family, best friend, and wife.

"Soldiers Girl” (2003)

“Transamerica” (2007) A pre-operative Male to female transsexual takes an unexpected journey when she learns she fathered a son, now a teenage runaway in New York.

“Tomboy” 2011 A 10 year old settling into her new neighborhood outside of Paris is mistaken for a boy and has to live up to this new identity.

“Southern Comfort” (2001)


“Normal” (2003) A Midwestern husband and father announce his plan to have a sex change operation.

“Middle Sexes: Redefining He and She” (2005) Examines the diversity of human sexual and gender variance around the globe.

“Red without Blue” (2007) the intimate bond between two identical twin bothers is challenged when one decides to transition from male to female.

FOR LGBTQ YOUTH:

Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence by Marion Dane Bauer

Free Your Mind: The Book for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth and Their Allies by Ellen Bass and Kate Kaufman

My Heartbeat by Garret Freymann-Weyr, Ellen’s older brother Link loves his best friend James.

The Bermudez Triangle by Maureen Johnson, Three young women have a memorable summer before their senior year.

Boy Girl Boy by Ronald Koertge, Seniors Elliot, Teresa and Larry want to get out of Illinois after high school graduation.
Rainbow Boys by Alex Sanchez

The God Box by Alex Sanchez

Coming Out to Parents by Mary Borhek

GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens by Kelly Huegel

Misfits by James Howe, ages 10-14, Best friends, who were targets of cruel name calling are now in 7th grade and not going to take it anymore. The students run against popular peers in the upcoming student council election.

Totally Joe by James Howe ages 10-14

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan, Paul is a normal boy who has an innocent crush on another boy.

Not the Only One: Lesbian and Gay Fiction for Teens by Jane Summer, Stories with coming-of-age themes, leaving home, confronting secrets.

The Arizona Kid by Ron Koertege, A straight teenage boy spends the summer living with his gay uncle in Arizona while working at a horse ranch. The uncle’s story is a back drop to the boy’s story

Keeping You a Secret by Julie Anne Peters, A gay love story that deals with self-knowledge, acceptance and pride.

Getting It by Alex Sanchez, Fifteen year old Carlos crazy for gorgeous Roxy decides he needs a makeover and turns to gay senior Sal for advice.

So Hard to Say by Alex Sanchez, The cute new boy in school should be thrilled with all the attention from Xio and her friends. So why can’t he stop thinking about Victor the captain of the soccer team?

Bait by Alex Sanchez, 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.

Baby Be-Bop by Francesca Lia Block

Geography Club by Brent Hartinger grades 7-12, Knowing that any wrong action could reveal their true identities, students’ band together for support forming the one club NOBODY would be interested in.

The Letter Q Queer writers’ notes to their younger selves edited by Sarah Moon

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan (young adult fiction) Paul is a normal boy who has a sweet, innocent high school crush on a boy.

Top 250 LGBTQ Books For Teens, Michael Cart and Christine A Jenkins ALA American Library
Association (2015)

*The Journey Out: A guide for and about lesbian, gay and bisexual teens* by Rachel Pollack

*The Year of Ice* by Brian Malloy (young adult fiction)

*Sunday You Learn to Box* by Bill Wright - A Black boy commits the unforgivable social crime of sissyness.

*Freak Show* by James St. James (young adult fiction) Billy Bloom is gay, but it’s mostly theoretical, as he hasn’t had much experience. When he has to move to Florida, he can’t believe his bad luck. His new school is a mix of Bible Belles, Aberzombies, and Football Heroes, none of which are exactly his type. Billy’s efforts to fit in and stand out at the same time are both hilarious and heartrending.

*Split Screen: Attack of the Soul-Sucking Brain Zombies; Split Screen: Bride of the Soul-Sucking Brain Zombies*

*Kissing Kate* by Lauren Myracle (young adult fiction)

*The Last Exit to Normal* by Michael B. Harmon (young adult fiction)

*My Most Excellent Year: A novel of love, Mary Poppins, and Fenway Park* by Rachel Cohn (young adult fiction)

*Naomi and Ely’s No Kiss List* by Rachel Cohn (young adult fiction)

*One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies* by Sonya Sones (young adult fiction)

*Out Of Pocket* by Bill Koningsberg (young adult fiction)

*Empress of the World* by Sara Ryan (young adult fiction)

*Rainbow Road* by Alex Sanchez (young adult fiction)

*What they always tell us* by Martin Wilson (young adult fiction)

*Two Parties, One Tux and a Very Short Film about the Grapes of Wrath* by Steven Goldman (young adult fiction)

**For Children – age appropriate material to begin conversations about GLBT issues:**

*The Sissy Duckling* by Harvey Fierstein, Ages 5-8: Elmer is not like the other boy ducklings. While they like to build forts, he loves to bake cakes. While they like to play baseball he wants to put on a halftime show. Elmer is a great big sissy. Buy when his father is wounded by a hunters shot, Elmer proves the biggest sissy can also be the greatest hero.

*And Tango makes three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, Ages 4-8: In the zoo there are all kinds of animal families. But Tango’s family is not like any of the others. “A little miracle for children. Funny, tender and true. The story of Tango will delight young readers and open their minds.” John
Lithgow

Pinky and Rex by James Howe, A level 3 Ready to Read book: Pinky’s favorite color is pink, and his best friend Rex is a girl. Kevin, the third-grade bully, says that makes Pinky a sissy. Deep down, Pinky thinks Kevin is wrong, but he is still worried. Does Pinky have to give up his favorite things? Does he have to give up his best friend?

Just Kidding by Trudy Ludwig, Grades 1-5: Just Kidding, that’s what D. J. Friend, Vince says when he does something to hurt D. J’s feelings. “Trudy Ludwig has not only captured the heart of boy taunting, but also the best solutions.” Susan Wellman, Founder, the Ophelia Project.

Heather Has Two Mommies 10th Anniversary edition By Leslea Newman and Diana Sauza, Ages 2-6: A preschooler has two Moms and discovers some of her friends also have very different sorts of families.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes, Ages 4-8: On the first day of school, Chrysanthemum begins to suspect that her name is far less than perfect, especially when her class dissolves into giggles upon hearing her name read aloud. Pretty soon the girls are making playground threats to "pluck" Chrysanthemum and "smell her." A story that has great compassion for the victims of childhood teasing and cruelties,

It’s OK to Be Different by Todd Parr, ages 4-8

The Family Book by Todd Parr, ages 4-8

If You Believe In Mermaids…Don’t Tell by A. A. Philips, ages 9-12 A portrayal of a preteen boy trying to keep secret his love of dolls, mermaids and dressing in girl’s clothes.

Zero by Kathryn Otoshi- She wanted to count too! How could a number worth nothing become something? Zero felt empty inside.

One by Kathryn Otoshi –When no one takes a stand, things get out of hand. Until One comes along and shows all the colors how to stand up and count!

In Our Mothers’ House by Patricia Polacco- Marmee, Meema and the kids are just like any other family on the block. But one family does not accept them. Maybe because they think they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad?

Uncle Bobby’s Wedding by Sarah S Brannen

Who’s In My Family-All about Our Families by Robie H. Harris

Molly’s Family by Nancy Garden

The Different Dragon by Jennifer Bryan This bedtime story about bedtime stories shows how the wonderful care and curiosity of a little boy, with some help from his willing moms, can lead to magical and unexpected places. Join Noah and his cat, Diva, on this nighttime adventure and you
too will leave with an unforgettable new dragon friend!

*Be Who You Are* by Jennifer Carr

*My Princess Boy* by Cheryl Kilodavis

*I am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel

*Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino

**GENERAL EDUCATION ABOUT LGBTQ ISSUES:**

*Becoming Visible: A reader in Gay and Lesbian History for High School and College Students* by Kevin Jennings

*One Teacher in 10: Gay and Lesbian Educators Tell Their Stories* by Kevin Jennings

*Understanding Homosexuality, Changing Schools: A Text for Teachers, Counselors and Administrators* by Arthur Lipkin

*When the Drama Club is not Enough: Lessons from the Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students* by Jeff Perrotti and Kim Westheimer

*True Selves: Understanding Transsexualism, For Families, Friends, Coworkers and helping professionals* by Mildred L Brown and Chloe Ann Rounsley

*Transgender Child A Handbook for Families and Professionals* by Stephanie Brill and Rachel Pepper

*Crisis: Forty stories revealing the personal, social and religious trauma of growing up gay in America*, edited by Mitchell Gold

*What Is Marriage for? The strange social history of our most intimate institution* by E. J. Graff “Essential reading on same-sex marriage.”

*Becoming Visible: A reader in Gay and Lesbian for High School and College Students* by Kevin Jennings

*Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling* Handbook on the care counseling and support needs of gay youth providers, advocates, parents and interested readers.

*Straightforward* by Ian Ayres and Jennifer Gerarda Brown

*Is It A Choice? Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Gay and Lesbian People* by Eric Marcus

*The Right to Be Parents-LGBT Families and the Transformation of Parenthood* by Carlos A. Ball In 1975, California courts stripped a lesbian mother of her custody rights because she was living openly with another women. Twenty years later, the Virginia Supreme Court did the same thing to another
lesbian mother. These courts ruled that it was not possible for a woman to be both a good parent and a lesbian.

*From the Closet to the Courtroom* by Carlos A. Ball

*The Morality of Gay Rights* by Carlos A. Ball

*A Queer History of the United States (ReVisioning American History)* by Michael Bronski - More than a “who’s who” of queer history it is a book that radically challenges how we understand American History.

*Queer America: A People’s GLBT History of the United States* by Vicki L. Eaklor

*The L Life: Extraordinary Lesbians Making a Difference* by Erin McHugh and Jennifer May

*Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals around the World* by Robyn Ochs and Sarah Rowley -Getting Bi collects 220 essays from around the world that explore bisexual identity

*Irresistible Revolution: Confronting Race, Class and the Assumptions of LGBT Politics* by Urvashi Vaid - The LGBT movement is one of the most active, contested, and engaging social movements in the world. This optimistic book challenges advocates to LGBT rights in the U.S. to aspire beyond the narrow framework of equality.

**GLBT Memoir**

*Unbearable Lightness - A story of Loss and Gain* by Portia De Rossi

*Like Me: Confessions Of A Heartland Country Singer* by Chely Wright – Country music star writes in this moving memoir about her life and career; about growing up in America’s heartland and about barely remembering a time when she didn’t know she was different.

*The Commitment: Love, Sex, Marriage, and My Family* by Dan Savage – Dan’s mother wants him to get married. His boyfriend, Terry says “no thanks” he does not want to act like a straight person. This rollicking family memoir will have everyone- gay, straight, right or left married or single- howling with laughter and rethinking their notions of marriage and all it entails.

*Mama’s Boy, Preacher’s Son: A memoir of Growing Up, Coming Out and Changing America* by Kevin Jennings-Poor son of a preacher gets a scholarship to Harvard and becomes a teacher

**Pamphlets**

“What Does Gay Mean?” How to Talk with Kids about Sexual Orientation and Prejudice by Lynn Ponton, M.D. from Mental Health America [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net) 800-969-6642

*The Agony of Nurturing the Spirit a mother’s recount of raising a transgender child* 10 most asked questions A Publication of PFLAG Philadelphia [pflagphila@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagphila@yahoo.com) 215 572 1833 or write PFLAG Philadelphia PO Box 15711 Philadelphia, PA 19103
The PFLAG Store free downloadable booklets [www.PFLAG.org](http://www.PFLAG.org)
Safe Schools, Be Yourself, Faith in Our Families, Our Daughters and Sons and more.

**CHILDREN’S BOOKS:**

*10,000 Dresses* by Marcus Ewert, illustrated by Rex Ray (Triangle Square, 2008)

*A is for Activist* by Innosanto Nagara, illustrated by the author (Triangle Square, 2013)

*ABC: A Family Alphabet Book* by Bobbie Combs, illustrated by Brian and Desiree Rappa (Two Lives, 2001)

*The Adventures of Tulip, Birthday Wish Fairy* by S. Bear Bergman, illustrated by Suzy Malik (Flamingo Rampant, 2012)

*And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, illustrated by Henry Cole (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005)

*Backwards Day* by S. Bear Bergman, illustrated by KD Diamond (Flamingo Rampant, 2012)

*Be Who You Are* by Jennifer Carr, illustrated by Ben Ruhback (AuthorHouse, 2010)

*Best Colors / Los Mejores Colores* by Eric Hoffman, illustrated by Celeste Henriquez (Red Leaf, 1999)

*The Big Orange Splot* by D. Manus Pinkwater (Scholastic, 1993) Ages 4-8

*The Boy Who Cried Fabulous* by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Peter Ferguson (Tricycle, 2007) Young children

*Caleb’s Friend* by Eric Jon Nones (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1993) Ages 5-8

*The Different Dragon* by Jennifer Bryan, illustrated by Danamarle Hosler (Two Lives, 2006)

*Dumpy La Rue* by Elizabeth Winthrop and Betsy Lewin (Henry Holt, 2004) Ages 4-8

*Falcon Quinn and the Black Mirror* by Jennifer Finney Boylan, illustrated by Brandon Dorman (Katherine Tegen Books, 2010)

*Fancy Nancy* by Jane O’Connor, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser (Harper Collins, 2005) Ages 4-8

*Girls Will Be Boys Will Be Girls* by J. T. Bunnell and Irit Reinheimer (Soft Skull, 2004) Young children

*Goblinheart: A Fairy Tale* by Brett Axel, illustrated by Terra Bidlespacher (East Waterfront, 2012)

*Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores* by James Howe and Amy Walrod (Aladdin, 2003) Young children

*I’m Gonna Like Me: Letting off a Little Self-esteem* by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell (Harper Collins, 2002) Young children
It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009) Young children

Jack and Jim by Kitty Crowther (Hyperion Books for Children, 2000) Young children

Jacob’s New Dress Written by Sarah and Ian Hoffman, illustrated by Chris Case (Albert Whitman, 2014)

King and King by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland (Tricycle, 2003)

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle, illustrated by the author (Philomel, 2004)

My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis, illustrated by Suzanne DeSimone (Aladdin, 2010)

Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tommie dePaola (Harcourt Children's Books, 1979) Ages 4-8

The Princess Knight by Cornelia Funke, illustrated by Kerstin Meyer (Chicken House, 2004)

Princesses Are Not Quitters by Kate Lum, illustrated by Sue Hellard (Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books, 2005) Ages 9-12

Rough, Tough Charley by Verla Kay, illustrated by Adam Gustavson (Tricycle, 2007)

The Sissy Duckling by Harvey Fierstein and Henry Cole (Simon & Schuster, 2002) Ages 4-8

The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson (Puffin Storytime, 2007) Ages 4-8

The Straight Line Wonder by Mem Fox, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (Mondo, 1997) Ages 4-8

When Kayla Was Kyle by Amy Fabrikant, illustrated by Jennifer Levine (Avid Readers, 2013)

William’s Doll by Charlotte Zolotow and William Pene (HarperTrophy, 1985) Young children

The Worst Princess by Anna Kemp, illustrated by Sara Ogilvie (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2014)

Zinnia and Dot by Lisa Campbell Ernst (Viking Juvenile, 1992) Age 3 and up

TEEN FICTION:

If You Believe in Mermaids...Don’t Tell by A. A. Philips (Dog Ear, 2007) Ages 11 & up

Luna by Julie Anne Peters (Little, Brown, 2006) Ages 14 and up

The Misfits by James Howe (Aladdin, 2003) Ages 10 to 14

Parrotfish by Ellen Wittlinger (Simon & Schuster Children’s, 2007) Ages 14 and up

The Secret Fruit of Peter Paddington by Brian Francis (Harper Perennial, 2005) Ages 12 and up

So Hard to Say by Alex Sanchez (Simon Pulse, 2006) Ages 14 and up
**Totally Joe** by James Howe (Aladdin, 2007) Ages 12 and up

**What I Know Now** by Rodger Larson (Henry Holt, 1997) Ages 12 and up

**BOOKS ABOUT BULLYING:**

*A Bad Case of Stripes* by Peggy Moss (Tilbury House, 2004) Ages 4-8

The *Bully Blockers Club* by Teresa Bateman (Albert Whitman, 2006) Ages 4-8

*Bullies are a Pain in the Brain* by Trevor Romain, Edited by Elizabeth Verdick (Free Spirit, 1997) Ages 9-12

*Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (HarperTrophy, 1996) Ages 4-8

*How to Handle Bullies, Teasers, and Other Meanies* by Kate Cohen-Posey (Rainbow Books, 1995) Pre-teens/teens

*Just Kidding* by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Adam Gustavson (Tricycle, 2006) Ages 4-8

*My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Abigail Marble (Tricycle, 2005) Ages 4-8

*Nobody Knew What to Do* by Becky Ray McCain (Albert Whitman, 2001) Ages 4-8

*Pinky and Rex and the Bully* (part of a series) by James Howe and Melissa Sweet (Aladdin, 1996) Young children

*The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill, illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith (Scholastic, 2002) Babies to Preschool

*Say Something* by Peggy Moss (Tilbury House Publishers, 2004)

*Stop Picking On Me* by Pat Thomas and Lesley Harker (Barron’s Educational Series, 2000) Ages 4-8

*When Kids Drive Kids Crazy* by Eda LeShan (Dial Books, 1990)

*Geography Club* by Brent Hartinger. Follows a group of high schoolers that feel like outsiders, some because of their sexual orientations.

*Rainbow Boys* by Alex Sánchez. The first novel in a trilogy focusing on the issues gay and questioning youth face as they come of age

*Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity* by Andrew Solomon

*Gaga Feminism: Sex, Gender, and the End of Normal* (Queer Action / Queer Ideas) by J. Jack Halberstam

*Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son* by Lori Duron
Oddly Normal: One Family’s Struggle to Help Their Teenage Son Come to Terms with His Sexuality by John Schwartz

Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising Healthy Gender-Nonconforming Children by Diane Ehrensaft PhD

Mom Knows: Reflections on Love, Gay Pride, and Taking Action by Catherine Tuerk