

Gender Identity and Roles

Alan Cole is Not a Coward [6 books]

38516 KT

I 262 pce 2017 Katherine Tegen Books

Bell, Eric

Hoping to keep his older brother Nathan silent about his secret crush on another boy at their school, twelve-year-old Alan agrees to a ruthless sibling competition involving nearly impossible tasks – from standing up to their demanding father, to getting a first kiss.

Brothers–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Gays–Fiction; Middle schools–Fiction; School stories–Fiction; English/Language Arts

Almost Perfect [6 books]

37629 KT

S 360 pce 2009 Random House Children's Books

Brian Katcher

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.

Dating (social customs); Friendship–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; High schools–Fiction; Identity–Fiction; Schools–Fiction; Single parent family; Transgender people–Fiction

Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe [6 books]

38645 KT

JS 359 pce 2014 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re

Benjamin Alire Sáenz

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.

Bildungsromans–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; Homosexuality–Fiction; Mexican Americans–Fiction

Ask the passengers [6 books]

37662 KT

S 293 pce 2012 Little Brown A.S. King

"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. There's no one Astrid feels she

can talk to about this deep secret or the profound questions that she's trying to answer. But little does she know just how much sending her love—and asking the right questions—will affect the passengers' lives, and her own, for the better"—Provided by the publisher.

Family problems–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; Gossip–Fiction; High schools–Fiction; Lesbians–Fiction; Love–Fiction; Prejudices–Fiction; Schools–Fiction

Better Nate than ever [6 books]

37835 KT

IJ 275 pce 2013 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re

Tim Federle

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."

Broadway (New York, N.Y.)–Fiction; Gender role–Fiction; Musicals–Fiction; New York (N.Y.)–Fiction; Theatre–Fiction

Felix Yz [6 books]

38608 KT

I 283 pce 2017 Puffin Books Lisa Bunker

Thirteen-year-old Felix Yz chronicles the final month before an experimental procedure meant to separate him from the fourth-dimensional creature, Zyx, with whom he was accidentally fused as a young child.

Blogs–Fiction; Extraterrestrial beings–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; People with disabilities–Fiction; School stories–Fiction; Science fiction

George [6 books]

37630 KT

IJ 195 pce 2015 Scholastic Press Alex Gino

"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"—provided by publisher

Bullies–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; Gender role–Fiction; Identity–Fiction; Middle school students–Fiction

Girl code : gaming, going viral, and getting it done [6 books]

38167 KT

JS 290 pce 2017 Harper Collins Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser

Perfect for aspiring coders everywhere, Girl Code is the story of two teenage tech phenoms who met at Girls Who Code summer camp, teamed up to create a viral video game, and ended up becoming world famous. The book also includes bonus content to help you start coding!

Coding; Computer programming; Gender identity; Gender role; Menstruation

The Green Bicycle [6 books]

37831 KT

IJ 346 pce 2015 Puffin Books Haifaa Al Mansour

Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, eleven year old Wajda has to scheme to get her own.

Bicycles–Fiction; Gender role–Fiction

The help [6 books]

37829 KT

JS 534 pce 2009 Berkley Kathryn Stockett

Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households. She includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.

African American women–Fiction; Black history–Fiction; Civil rights demonstrations–Fiction; Gender role; Historical fiction

If you could be mine [6 books]

37628 KT

JS 247 pce 2013 Harper Collins Sara Farizan

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

Best friends–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Gender identity–Fiction; Homophobia; Iran–Fiction; Lesbians; Love stories; Transphobia

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Lucky Jonah [6 books]

37687 KT
IJ 225 pce 2016 Harper Trophy
Canada
Richard Scrimger
Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his cute, athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity. Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else's body—and someone else's life. But with a limited number of shots and trouble mounting click by click, will this unhappy boy find a new life? Or will his deepest, darkest secret follow him wherever he goes? A hilarious take on a Freaky Friday-esque switcheroo with an outsized identity crisis.

Bullies—Fiction; Cameras—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction

Me and Banksy [6 Books]

40159 KT
JIS 261 pce 2020
Written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi.
"When someone hacks into her school's security videos and broadcasts students at embarrassing moments, Dominica expresses her anger through graffiti, and then wonders if she might use her artistic talent to do something about the problem"—OCLC.

Graffiti—Fiction; Electronic surveillance—Fiction; School stories; Privacy—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

My life as a diamond [6 books]

38515 KT
I 161 pce 2018 Orca Book
Publishers
Jenny Manzer
"In this novel for middle-graders, talented baseball player Caspar Cadman has a great arm and a big secret. He used to live life as a girl called Cassandra"—OCLC.

Baseball—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

My seventh-grade life in tights [6 books]

38517 KT
IJ 293 pce 2016 Yearling
Brooks Benjamin
"All Dillon wants is to be a real dancer. And if he wins a summer scholarship at Dance-Splasion, he's on his way. The problem? His dad wants him to play football. And Dillon's freestyle crew, the Dizzee Freekz, says that dance studios are for sellouts. His friends want Dillon to kill it at the audition—so he can turn around and tell the studio just how wrong their rules and creativity-strangling ways are. At first, Dillon's willing to go along with his crew's plan, even convincing one of the

snobbiest girls at school to work with him on his technique. But as Dillon's dancing improves, he wonders: what if studios aren't the enemy? And what if he actually has a shot at winning the scholarship? Dillon's life is about to get crazy... on and off the dance floor..." Provided by the publisher.

Dance—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Individuality—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; School stories—Fiction; Self-perception—Fiction

The pants project [6 books]

38389 KT
IJ 267 pce 2017 Sourcebooks
Jabberwocky
Cat Clarke
"Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dresscode requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy."—OCLC.

Family life—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; School stories; Transgender people—Fiction; Uniforms—Fiction

Parrotfish [6 books]

37663 KT
JS 287 pce 2007 Simon & Schuster
Ellen Wittlinger
Grady, a transgender high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.

Family problems—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Identity—Fiction; Schools—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

Promised land [6 books]

37720 KT
PI 32 pce 2017 Promised Land
Entertainment Ltd
Adam Reynolds & Chaz Harris
"A young Prince and a farm boy meet by chance in the forest and their newfound friendship soon blossoms into love. However, things get complicated when the Queen's sinister new husband seeks control over the enchanted forest that the farm boy's family are responsible for protecting"—Publisher's website. [OCLC].

Fairy tales; Fantasy fiction; Gays—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Good and evil—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Princes—Fiction; Queens—Fiction

Star-crossed [6 books]

38609 KT
I 277 pce 2017 Aladdin
Barbara Dee
When Mattie is cast as Romeo in an eighth-grade play, she is confused to find herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, a new classmate who is playing Juliet.

Family life—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; School stories—Fiction; Sexual orientation; Theatre—Fiction

Totally Joe [6 books]

37672 KT
IJ 189 pce 2005 Atheneum Books
for Young Readers
James Howe
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.

Family life—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; School stories—Fiction

Viola Desmond won't be budged! [6 books]

37841 KT
IJS 32 pce 2010 Groundwood
Books/House of Anansi Pr
Jody Nyasha Warner
An illustrated account of Viola Desmond's stand against unfair treatment after she refused to move from the main floor to the balcony at a movie theater because she was of African descent.

Black Canadians—Biography; Black Canadians—Segregation; Black history; Civil rights—History; Nova Scotia—History; Race discrimination—History; Social Studies; Desmond, Viola,—1914-1965