

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

10,000 dresses

39280 BK

P

2008

story by Marcus Ewert ; illustrations by Rex Ray.

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

Clothing and dress—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Individuality—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Self-perception—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Ray, Rex,—illustrator

✧ The 57 bus

41156 BK

JS 305 p. 2017 Farrar Straus

Giroux Books for Youn

Dashka Slater.

"If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes"—Jacket flap. "This true story, ... is a riveting exploration of race, class, gender, identity, morality, and forgiveness. Told with honesty and insight gleaned from both teens' lives, 'The 57 bus' will inspire you to rethink all you know about crime, punishment, and empathy"—Jacket flap.

Hate crimes; Victims of crimes; Offenses against the person; Asexual people; California; Thomas, Richard,—1997-; English/ Language Arts

The ABC's of LGBT+

39457 BK

T

Ashley Mardell.

Looks at the fluency of gender/sexual orientation accompanied by stories of gay, transgender, etc. people.

Gender identity; Gender role; Intersex people—Identity; LGBT people; LGBT people—Anecdotes; Transgender people—Identity

✧ Acceptance is my superpower

41620 BK

2020

Alicia Ortego

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My superpower series - "We are all different. And whilst children are often wonderful at accepting differences easily, there are times when a lack of understanding can result in hurtful words or actions. As adults, it is our responsibility to teach children that differences are not flaws but are, in fact, our super powers. Lisa, a primary school student with a love of singing, learns just that in 'Acceptance is my Superpower' when a cruel

comment from someone she regards as a friend leads her down a path of discovery of the true meaning of diversity and how it can be applied to everyone."—OCLC.

Stories in rhyme; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Emotions—Fiction; Equality—Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

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

All families are different

38501 KT

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Includes a variety of picture books looking at different 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.

Children of gay parents; Family; Family life; Father-child relationship; Gay parents; Mother-child relationship; Same-sex marriage; School stories; Sexual orientation

All families are special

38498 KT

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This kit contains picture books about different families and how important and special they all are.

Family; Family life; Father-child relationship; Gay parents; Mother-child relationship

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

Amazing Grace

39384 BK

PI 1991 Dial Books for Young Readers

by Mary Hoffman ; pictures by Caroline Binch.

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is African-American, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. (E)

African Americans—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Theater—Fiction; Binch, Caroline,—ill

And Tango makes three

36922 BK

PI 2005 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re

by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell ; illustrated by Henry Cole.

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.

Animal behavior—Fiction; Central Park (New York, NY)—Fiction; New York (N.Y.)—Fiction; Penguins—Fiction; Personal and cultural identity; Zoo animals—Fiction; Cole, Henry,—1955—ill; Parnell, Peter

✧ Are you a boy or are you a girl?

41546 BK

PJ 2017 Jessica Kingsley Publishers by Sarah Savage and Fox Fisher.

"Tiny loves costumes! Sometimes Tiny dresses up as an animal, or a doctor, or a butterfly. Tiny also prefers not to tell other children whether they are a boy or a girl, but when Tony starts a new school their new friends can't help asking one question: 'Tiny, are you a boy or are you a girl?'"—Back cover.

Bullies—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Androgyny—Fiction; Fish, Fox,—author,—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe

39795 BK

JS

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; Family life—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Homosexuality—Fiction; Mexican Americans—Fiction

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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

Be amazing : a history of pride

40047 BK

PI 2020
by Desmond Is Amazing ; pictures by Dylan Glynn.

"Desmond is Amazing is a drag-kid, model, fashion icon, and social justice activist. When he isn't slaying on the catwalk or performing drag, he's an outspoken anti-bullying and LGBTQ advocate. In this . . . picture book about being yourself, Desmond shows how he can be amazing thanks to courageous people like Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and RuPaul who paved the way for a safer, more inclusive society for LGBTQ individuals. A kid-friendly primer to LGBTQ history that covers everything from the Stonewall Riots to RuPaul's Drag Race, Be Amazing shows young readers why we should celebrate the fight for LGBTQ rights"—OCLC.

Sexual orientation; Gay rights; Transgender people; LGBT people—History; Glynn, Dylan,—1990—illustrator

Be who you are

38956 BK

PI 2016

Todd Parr.

Encourages children to be proud of what makes them unique, where they come from, how they express themselves, and how they see the world.

Bullies—Fiction; Self-confidence—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction

The best at it

39452 BK

IJ

Maulik Pancholy.

"Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay"—Provided by publisher.

Anxiety—Fiction; Bullies—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Indiana—Fiction; Indians—Fiction; Individuality—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; School stories

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

Beyond magenta : transgender teens speak out

39827 BK

JS

[written & photographed by] Susan Kuklin.

Six teens tell what it is like for them to be members of the transgender community.

Gender identity; Transgender people—Biography

Beyond the basics : a resource for educators on sexuality

40318 BK

T 565 p. 2017 Action Canada for Sexual Health and authors Makeda Zook [and 3 others]. Beyond the Basics offers the tools to teach young people about sexuality and sexual health from a sex positive, human rights perspective. Covering topics that range from anatomy to consent and healthy relationships, Beyond the Basics approaches sexuality education across all gender identities and sexual orientations with

activities that help move students from receiving information to making decisions based on critical thinking skills and empowerment. Recognizing the time pressures educators face, Beyond the Basics is written to easily move in and out of chapters, modules, and activities that suit the particular age, maturity, and trust in each classroom.—Publisher's description.

Sex education; Teaching—Aids and devices; Sexual hygiene; Gender identity—Study and teaching; Sex education—Problems, exercises, etc; Sexual hygiene—Study and teaching; Inclusive education; Healthy relationships

Birthday

39458 BK

JS

Meredith Russo.

"Eric: There was the day we were born. There was the minute Morgan and I decided we were best friends for life. The years where we stuck by each other's side—as Morgan's mom died, as he moved across town, as I joined the football team, as my parents started fighting. But sometimes I worry that Morgan and I won't be best friends forever. That there'll be a day, a minute, a second, where it all falls apart and there's no turning back the clock. Morgan: I know that every birthday should feel like a new beginning, but I'm trapped in this mixed-up body, in this wrong life, in Nowheresville, Tennessee, on repeat. With a dad who cares about his football team more than me, a mom I miss more than anything, and a best friend who can never know my biggest secret. Maybe one day I'll be ready to become the person I am inside. To become her. To tell the world. To tell Eric. But when? Six years of birthdays reveal Eric and Morgan's destiny as they come together, drift apart, fall in love, and discover who they're meant to be—and if they're meant to be together"—Dust jacket.

LGBT people—Fiction; Romance fiction; Teenagers—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

The Black Flamingo

39454 BK

JS

Dean Atta.

"Michael is a mixed-race gay teen growing up in London. All his life, he's navigated what it means to be Greek-Cypriot and Jamaican—but never quite feeling Greek or Black enough. As he gets older, Michael's coming out is only the start of learning who he is and where he fits in. When he discovers the Drag Society, he finally finds where he belongs—and the Black Flamingo is born"—Provided by publisher.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Female impersonators—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Novels in verse; Racially mixed people—Fiction; Teenagers—Fiction

*Both sides now

41207 BK
JS 300 p. 2021 Penguin Teen, an imprint of Penguin
Peyton Thomas.

"A transgender teen grapples with his dreams for the future and a crush on his debate partner, all while preparing to debate trans rights at Nationals"—Provided by publisher.

Transgender people—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; Romance fiction; Debates and debating—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Branded by the pink triangle

40347 BK
JS 155 p. 2013 Second Story Press
Ken Setterington.

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.

Concentration camps; World War, 1939-1945—Prisoners and prisons; Gays—Nazi persecution; World War, 1939-1945—Atrocities; Social Studies

Brave face : a memoir

40354 BK
JS 356 p. 2019 Simon Pulse
Shaun David Hutchinson.

"Shaun David Hutchinson was nineteen. Confused. Struggling to find the vocabulary to understand and accept who he was and how he fit into a community in which he couldn't see himself. The voice of depression told him that he would never be loved or wanted, while powerful and hurtful messages from society told him that being gay meant love and happiness weren't for him. A million moments large and small over the years all came together to convince Shaun that he couldn't keep going, that he had no future. And so he followed through on trying to make that a reality. Thankfully Shaun survived, and over time, came to embrace how grateful he is and how to find self-acceptance. In this courageous and deeply honest memoir, Shaun takes readers through the journey of what brought him to the edge, and what has helped him truly believe that it does get better"—Publisher.

Depression (psychology); Manic-depressive illness; Suicide—Psychological aspects—Biography .—sears; Self-destructive behavior; Gay men—Biography; Hutchinson, Shaun David; Gender identity—Fiction; Healthy relationships

*Can we talk about consent? : a book about freedom, choices, and agreement

41267 BK
JS 159 p. 2021 Frances Lincoln
Children's Books
written by Justin Hancock ; illustrated by Fuchsia MacAree.

". . . explains . . . what consent means and why it matters—for all of us . . . Readers will uncover how to develop and maintain relationships, how to manage and avoid negative relationships, and will learn more about equality and respect. Covers a broad range of topics, including: how we greet each other; how to choose things for ourselves; how we say no to things we don't want to do; communicating and respecting choices in sexual relationships; the factors that can affect a person's ability to choose; and how to empower other people by giving them consent"—Provided by publisher.

Interpersonal relations; Sexual ethics; Freedom; Respect; Choice (Psychology); MacAree, Fuchsia,—illustrator; Physical and health education; Young adult literature—Collections

Cemetery boys

40356 BK
JS 344 p. 2020 Swoon Reads
Aiden Thomas.

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Family life—Fiction; Witches—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Ghost stories; Transgender people—Fiction; Spirits—Fiction; Paranormal fiction; Latin Americans—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

Ciel

40044 BK
Sophie Labelle ; translated by David Homel.

"Ciel, a gender non-conforming transgender kid with a popular YouTube channel, navigates high school, friendship and a long-distance relationship." -OCLC.

Friendship—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction; Homel, David,—translator

Cloverleaf books. Alike and different

For descriptions see individual titles:
My family, your family [40368]

Daddy, Papa, and me

38807 BK

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by Lesléa Newman ; illustrated by Carol Thompson.
Illustrations and rhyming text describe a toddler spending the day with his two daddies.

Board books for children; Father-child relationship—Fiction; Fathers—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Stories in rhyme; Thompson, Carol,—1971—illustrator

Deal with it (Toronto, Ont.)

For descriptions see individual titles:
Homophobia : deal with it and turn prejudice into pride [38419]

Debwe series

For descriptions see individual titles:
Surviving the city. Vol. 2, From the roots up [40481]

The deep & dark blue

39456 BK

PI

Niki Smith.
"After a terrible political coup usurps their noble house, Hawke and Grayson flee to stay alive and assume new identities, Hanna and Grayce. Desperation and chance lead them to the Communion of Blue, an order of magical women who spin the threads of reality to their will. As the twins learn more about the Communion, and themselves, they begin to hatch a plan to avenge their family and retake their royal home. While Hawke wants to return to his old life, Grayce struggles to keep the threads of her new life from unraveling, and realizes she wants to stay in the one place that will allow her to finally live as a girl"—Provided by publisher.

Fantasy graphic novels; Gender identity—Graphic novels; Magic—Graphic novels; Siblings—Graphic novels; Twins—Graphic novels

The different dragon

40393 BK

PIJ 32 p. 2006 Two Lives Pub
by Jennifer Bryan ; illustrated by Danamarie Hosler.

A young boy, who has two mothers, helps one of his moms create a bedtime story in which he helps a dragon cope with his differences.

Family life—Fiction; Dragons—Fiction; Bedtime—Fiction; Storytelling—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Children of gay parents—Fiction; Mother-son relationship; Hosler, Danamarie,—illustrator

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Donovan's big day

39368 BK

PI

2011

by Lesl@ba Newman ; illustrations by Mike Dutton.

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

Family life—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Mother-son relationship—Fiction; Mothers—Fiction; Stories in rhyme; Weddings—Fiction; Dutton, Mike,—illustrator

* Dragging Mason County

41873 BK

JS 247 p. 2023 Annick Press
Curtis Campbell.

"Peter Thompkins needs a public image overhaul. After a tense confrontation with one of the few other queer kids in his small-town high school, rumors about him are becoming more elaborate by the day. Meanwhile, his best friend Alan (aka teen drag queen Aggie Culture) is throwing Mason County's debut Drag Extravaganza. Although Peter is a self-described 'dragnostic,' he decides to help produce the show, hoping to prove that he isn't a self-hating gay. In the process, he finds himself facing down angry guard dogs, angrier bigots, and a very high-strung church lady. As backlash grows, Peter begins to wonder whether he's setting fire to his already damaged reputation and if his friendship with Alan will survive past curtain call" -Provided by publisher.

Friendship—Fiction; Humorous fiction; City and town life—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; LGBTQ people—Fiction; Drag queens—Fiction; Little theater movement—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Dress codes for small towns

39451 BK

JS

Courtney Stevens.

"As the tomboy daughter of the town's preacher, Billie McCaffrey has always struggled with fitting the mold of what everyone says she should be. She'd rather wear sweats, build furniture, and get into trouble with her solid group of friends: Woods, Mash, Davey, Fifty, and Janie Lee. But when Janie Lee confesses to Billie that she's in love with Woods, Billie's filled with a nagging sadness as she realizes that she is also in love with Woods—and maybe with Janie Lee, too. Always considered "one of the guys," Billie doesn't want anyone slapping a label on her sexuality before she can understand it herself. So she keeps her conflicting feelings to herself, for fear of ruining the group dynamic. Except it's not just about keeping the peace, it's about understanding love on her terms—this

thing that has always been defined as a boy and a girl falling in love and living happily ever after. For Billie—a box-defying dynamo—it's not that simple"—Amazon.com.

Friendship—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Kentucky—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Sex—Fiction; Teenage girls—Fiction

Drum city

40192 BK

PI

2010

by Thea Guidone ; illustrations by Vanessa Newton.

A young boy begins banging on pots and pans in his front yard, enticing other children to join him, and before long the entire city is feeling the beat.

Stories in rhyme; Music—Fiction; Brantley-Newton, Vanessa,—illustrator; Drums—Fiction; Percussion instruments—Fiction

Dumplin' [6 books]

38087 KT

JS 375 pce 2015 Balzer + Bray

Julie Murphy

Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.

Beauty contests—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Obesity—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; Texas—Fiction

Estranged

39395 BK

PIJ

Ethan M. Aldridge.

"Edmund and the Childe were swapped at birth. Now Edmund lives in secret as a changeling in the World Above, his fae powers hidden from his unsuspecting parents and his older sister, Alexis. The Childe lives among the fae in the World Below, where being a human makes him a curiosity at the royal palace. But when the cruel sorceress Hawthorne seizes the throne, the Childe and Edmund must unite on a dangerous quest to save both worlds—even if they're not sure which world they belong to"—Amazon.

Fantasy graphic novels; Good and evil—Graphic novels; Voyages and travels—Graphic novels; Wizards—Graphic novels

The Fabulous Zed Watson!

40181 BK

Basic Sylvester and Kevin Sylvester. Zed Watson loves a few things: their name (which they chose themselves!), their big rambunctious family, and oh yeah monsters. When Zed discovered the mystery surrounding an unpublished novel called The Monsters Castle, they were completely hooked. Now Zed is a member of a

small but dedicated legion devoted to finding the long-buried text.

Monsters—Fiction; Adventure fiction; Books and reading—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction; Sylvester, Kevin,—author,—illustrator

The Fabulous Zed Watson! [6 Books]

40955 KT

IJ 293 pce 2021 HarperCollins Publishers

Written by Basic Sylvester and Kevin Sylvester

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Physical and health education; English/Language Arts; Transgender people—Fiction; Adventure fiction; Career Education; Sylvester, Kevin,—author,—illustrator; Books and reading—Fiction; Monsters—Fiction

Families, families, families!

39062 BK

PI

2015

by Suzanne Lang & Max Lang.

"A host of animals portrays all kinds of non-traditional families"—Provided by publisher.

Animals—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Stories in rhyme; Lang, Max,—1982—illustrator

The Family Fletcher takes Rock Island [6 books]

39244 KT

I 259 pce 2016 Yearling

Dana Alison Levy

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

Family life—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Lighthouses—Fiction; Neighbors—Fiction; Summer—Fiction

A family is a family is a family

37321 BK

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2016

written by Sara O'Leary ; illustrated by Qin Leng.

A teacher asks her classroom to think about the many different types of families in the world.

Family—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Personal and cultural identity; Leng, Qin,—illustrator

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Fantastic failures: true stories of people who changed the world by falling down first [6 Books]

41014 KT

IJS 304 pce 2018 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re
Written by Luke Reynolds

This resource provides snapshots of thirty-four people (and one horse) who changed the world despite facing setbacks and failure. The work includes men and women of various backgrounds, ages, and experience, including both well-known public figures and lesser-known people who have faced extreme challenges, including cultural stigmas of physical disabilities, discrimination, abuse, police brutality, murder, rape, prostitution, abandonment, shame, violence, and the risk of death. The author provides an extensive array of questions to prompt reflection on success, challenge, failure, and resilience, and encourage students to explore their beliefs and values. Teacher pre-reading recommended.

Physical and health education;
Authors–Biography; Social Studies;
English/Language Arts; Career
Education

Felicia's favorite story

39198 BK

PJ 24 p. 2002 Two Lives Pub
by Lesléa Newman ; illustrated by
Adriana Romo.

Felicia wants to hear her favorite story before she falls asleep, so her parents tell her how she was adopted by Mama Nessa and Mama Linda.

Adoption–Fiction; Bedtime–Fiction;
Children of gay parents–Fiction;
Gay parents–Fiction; Romo,
Adriana,–ill

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

Fire Song

38178 BK

IJ 230 p. 2018 Annick Press
Adam Garnet Jones.

How can Shane reconcile his feelings for David with his desire for a better life? Shane is still reeling from the suicide of his kid sister, Destiny. How could he have missed the fact that she was so sad? He tries to share his grief with his girlfriend, Tara, but she's too concerned with her own needs to offer him much comfort. What he

really wants is to be able to turn to the one person on the rez whom he loves—his friend, David. Things go from bad to worse as Shane's dream of going to university is shattered and his grieving mother withdraws from the world. Worst of all, he and David have to hide their relationship from everyone. Shane feels that his only chance of a better life is moving to Toronto, but David refuses to join him. When yet another tragedy strikes, the two boys have to make difficult choices about their future together. With deep insight into the life of Indigenous people on the reserve, this book masterfully portrays how a community looks to the past for guidance and comfort while fearing a future of poverty and shame.

Bereavement–Fiction; Canadian
fiction; First Nations–Ontario–
Fiction; Gays–Fiction; Movie
novels; Ontario–Fiction;
Teenagers–Fiction

Five, six, seven, Nate! [6 books]

39423 KT

IJ 293 pce 2018 Simon & Schuster
Books for Young Re
Tim Federle

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 Ryland, and his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience.

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

Flamer

40514 BK

JS 366 p. 2020 Henry Holt &
Company
Mike Curato.

"It's the summer between middle school and high school, and Aiden Navarro is away at camp. Everyone's going through changes—but for Aiden, the stakes feel higher. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can't stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance"—Back cover.

Bullies–Graphic novels; Friendship–
Graphic novels; Teenage
boys–Graphic novels; Camps–
Graphic novels; Gay men–Graphic
novels; Self-acceptance–Graphic
novels; Healthy relationships

From Archie to Zach

40183 BK

PJ 2020
written and illustrated by Vincent X.
Kirsch.

Archie and Zach are inseparable, both in elementary school and outside it, but Archie is having trouble telling Zach about his love, so he writes a letter, from A. to Z.; in fact he writes a

lot of letters, but they do not sound right so he hides them—and though his other friends, Zelda, Zinnia, and Zuzella, find the letters, they all understand who the letters are really for.

Friendship–Fiction; Love–Fiction;
Letters–Fiction; Emotions–Fiction;
Identity (Psychology)–Fiction;
Gays–Fiction; LGBT people–Fiction

From the stars in the sky to the fish in the sea

39429 BK

P

2017

written by Kai Cheng Thom ;
illustrated by Wai-Yant Li and Kai Yun
Ching.

"Miu Lan is not just any child, but one who can change into any shape they can imagine. The only problem is they can't decide what to be: a boy or a girl? A bird or a fish? A flower or a shooting star? At school, though, they must endure inquisitive looks and difficult questions from the other children, and have trouble finding friends who will accept them for who they are. ... Miu Lan faces many questions about who they are and who they may be. But one thing's for sure: no matter who this child becomes, their mother will love them just the same."—Back cover.

Gender identity–Fiction; Gender
role–Fiction; Identity (Psychology)–
Fiction; Mother-child
relationship–Fiction; Ching, Kai
Yun,–illustrator; Li,
Wai-Yant,–illustrator; Social Studies

✧ Frying plantain : stories

41273 BK

JS 258 p. 2020 Astoria
Zalika Reid-Benta.

"Kara Davis is a girl caught in the middle—of her Canadian nationality and her desire to be a 'true' Jamaican, of her mother and grandmother's rages and life lessons. . . . Set in 'Little Jamaica,' Toronto's Eglinton West neighbourhood, Kara moves from girlhood to the threshold of adulthood, from elementary school to high school graduation, in these twelve interconnected stories. We see her on a visit to Jamaica, startled by the sight of a severed pig's head in her great aunt's freezer; in junior high, the victim of a devastating prank by her closest friends; and as a teenager in and out of her grandmother's house, trying to cope with the ongoing battles between her unyielding grandparents"—Provided by publisher.

Mother-daughter relationship–
Fiction; Grandmothers–Fiction;
Identity (Psychology)–Fiction;
Toronto (Ont.)–Fiction; Black
people–Fiction; Jamaicans–Fiction;
Jamaica–Fiction; English/Language
Arts

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Gender roles : princess boys and pirate girls

38503 KT

P

This kit includes an assortment of picture books exploring gender roles and identities for Grades K to 3.

Clothing and dress; Friendship; Gender identity; Gender role; Identity (Psychology); Individuality; Interpersonal relations; Love; Male friendship; Princesses; Self-acceptance; Self-perception; Self-realization; Social integration; Social role; Transgender people

The gender wheel : a story about bodies and gender for everybody

39448 BK

PJ

by Maya Gonzalez.

"Shares a nature-based, inclusive, body positive story of gender"—Back cover. "This body-positive book is a[n]...opportunity for a supportive adult and child to see a wide range of bodies, understand the origins of the current binary gender system, how we can learn from nature to see the truth that has always existed and revision a new story that includes room for all bodies and genders. The Gender Wheel offers a queer-centric, holistic framework of radical gender inclusion in a kid-friendly way for the budding activists who will change our world."—OCLC.

Gender identity; Intersex people—Identity; Transgender people—Identity

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

George [6 books]

38164 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 mans up

38838 BK

M-E Girard.

Pen is a girl who looks like a boy. She's fine with it, but everyone else is uncomfortable —especially her Portuguese immigrant parents and her manipulative neighbor who doesn't want her to find a group of real friends.

Bullies—Fiction; Gender identity; Gender role—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Ontario—Fiction; Self-realization—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction; Teenage girls—Fiction

Go With the Flow

40963 BK

IJ 327 p. 2020 First Second Lily Williams & Karen Schneemann.

"Sophomores Abby, Brit, Christine, and Sasha are fed up. Hazelton High never has enough tampons. Or pads. Or adults who will listen. Sick of an administration that puts football before female health, the girls confront a world that shrugs—or worse, squirms—at the thought of a menstruation revolution. They band together to make a change. It's no easy task, especially while grappling with everything from crushes to trig to JV track but they have each other's backs. That is, until one of the girls goes rogue, testing the limits of their friendship and pushing the friends to question the power of their own voices"—Provided by publisher.

School stories; Friendship—Graphic novels; High school students—Graphic novels; Teenage girls—Graphic novels; Menstruation—Graphic novels; Feminism—Graphic novels; Schneemann, Karen,—author

Gracefully Grayson

38489 BK

PI

Ami Polonsky.

"What if who you are on the outside doesn't match who you are on the inside? Grayson Sender has been holding onto a secret for what seems like forever: 'he' is a girl on the inside, stuck in the wrong gender's body. The weight of this secret is crushing, but sharing it would mean facing ridicule, scorn, rejection, or worse. Despite the risks, Grayson's true self itches to

break free. Will new strength from an unexpected friendship and a caring teacher's wisdom be enough to help Grayson step into the spotlight she was born to inhabit?"—OCLC.

Family life—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; Orphans—Fiction; School stories; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Theater—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

Gracefully Grayson [6 books]

39426 KT

IJ 243 pce 2014 Hyperion

Ami Polonsky

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

Family life—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; Orphans—Fiction; School stories—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Theatre—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

* Grandad's pride

41905 BK

PI 2023 Little Bee Books

Harry Woodgate.

"After Milly discovers a pride flag in Grandad's attic, this . . . pair are motivated by the past to start a pride parade in their small town. Activism and celebration go hand in hand as the town gathers to help build a world where everyone is proud to be themselves"—Provided by publisher.

Grandfathers—Fiction; Grandparent-grandchild relationship—Fiction; Parades—Fiction; LGBTQ people—Fiction; English/Language Arts

The great big book of families

38826 BK

PJ 2011 Dial Books for Young Readers

by Mary Hoffman ; pictures by Ros Asquith.

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

Family; Family—Pictorial works; Family life; Family life—Pictorial works; Asquith, Ros,—ill

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

The great big kit of families

37392 KT

P

This kit includes books, puzzles, puppets and small figures of different ethnic backgrounds as well as physical challenges. Can be used to introduce ethnic mindfulness and enables children to role-play different genders and families. Also encourages positive and inclusive attitude towards individuals with physical challenges.

Disabilities; Ethnic groups; Family life; Family traditions; Healthy schools; Social Studies

Growing up trans : in our own words

40395 BK

IJ 166 p. 2021

Edited by Dr. Lindsay Herriot and Kate Fry.

"This illustrated nonfiction anthology is a collection of stories, essays, poetry and art by transgender youth"—Provided by publisher.

Gender identity; Self-acceptance; Anthologies; Transgender people—Biography; Transgender people; Growing up trans (Herriot); Herriot, Lindsay,—editor; Fry, Kate,—editor

The Hammer of Thor

39391 BK

PIJ

Rick Riordan.

Magnus Chase and the gods of Asgard Series - "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"—Amazon

Adventure fiction; Children—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Homeless persons—Fiction; Norse mythology—Fiction; Voyages and travels—Fiction

The heart of a whale

39447 BK

PI

2018

Anna Pignataro.

Whale's beautiful song calms a wriggly octopus, cheers a sad urchin, and much more, but cannot cure his loneliness without the help of his friends.

Animal sounds—Fiction; Loneliness—Fiction; Marine animals—Fiction; Personal awareness and social responsibility; Whales—Fiction

Heather has two mommies

39387 BK

PI

2016

Lesléa Newman ; illustrated by Laura Cornell.

"Heather's favorite number is two. She has two arms, two legs, and two pets. And she also has two mommies. When Heather goes to school for the first time, someone asks her about her daddy, but Heather doesn't have a daddy. Then something interesting happens. When Heather and her classmates all draw pictures of their families, not one drawing is the same. It doesn't matter who makes up a family, the teacher says, because 'the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love one another'" —Provided by publisher.

Children of gay parents—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Mothers—Fiction; School stories; Cornell, Laura,—illustrator; Social Studies

✧ Hello, Universe [30 Books]

41259 KT

IJ 345 pce 2017 Greenwillow Books, an imprint of Ha

written by Erin Entrada Kelly. The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Missing children—Fiction; English/Language Arts; People with disabilities—Fiction; Self-reliance—Fiction; Psychics—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Hearing impaired—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction; Bullies—Fiction

Homophobia : deal with it and turn prejudice into pride

38419 BK

IJS 32 p. 2013 James Lorimer & Company Ltd., Publi

Steven Solomon ; illustrated by Nick Johnson.

Deal with it (Toronto, Ont.) Series - Discusses how teenagers can deal with homophobia. Explains what it is and provides real-life problems and solutions. Includes quizzes that test one's ability to make positive choices. Also includes a resource guide.

Homophobia; Johnson, Nick—(Nicholas Alexander),—illustrator; Physical and health education; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Ho'onani : hula warrior

39848 BK

PI

2019

Heather Gale ; illustrated by Mika Song.

"Ho'onani feels in-between. She doesn't see herself as wahine (girl) OR kane (boy). She's happy to be in the middle. But not everyone sees it that way. When Ho'onani finds out

that there will be a school performance of a traditional kane hula chant, she wants to be part of it. But can a girl really lead the all-male troupe? Ho'onani has to try . . . Based on a true story"—Provided by publisher.

Biographical fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Kamai, Hoonani—Fiction; Song, Mika,—illustrator

Huntress

39436 BK

JS 2011 Little Brown and Company Malinda Lo.

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.

Fairies—Fiction; Fairy tales; Hunting—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Romance fiction; Voyages and travels—Fiction

Hurricane child

40352 BK

PI 211 p. 2018 Scholastic Inc. Kacen Callender.

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.

Friendship—Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Hurricanes—Fiction; Father-daughter relationship—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Missing persons—Fiction; United States Virgin Islands—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

✧ I am everything in between

41625 BK

2022 Rebel Mountain Press written and illustrated by Sydney Sunderland.

Sometimes it's not as simple as being a boy or a girl. I Am Everything In Between highlights kids who may not fit into stereotypical gender ideals, and celebrates how they do identify by sending positive messages about gender identity. This book teaches children that regardless of biological gender, it's OK to feel like a boy, or a girl, or even both! The illustrations include bright and bold examples of boys that like to play dress up and wear makeup, girls that like to play sports and get dirty, and kids that want to grow up to be astronauts! I Am Everything In Between uses diverse, relatable examples to help kids understand that sometimes it's not as simple as being a boy or a girl.

Transgender people—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Nonbinary people—Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

I am Jazz

37212 BK
PI 2014
by Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings ;
pictures by Shelagh McNicholas.
Text and illustrations tell the story of
Jazz Jennings, who was born a boy,
but felt like a girl.

Gender role; Individuality; Self-
perception; Transgender
people—Biography; Jennings, Jazz;
Jennings, Jazz,—author;
McNicholas, Shelagh,—illustrator

Identity and belonging graphic novels

38500 KT
IJ
An assortment of graphic novels
exploring gender identity and
belonging.

Gender role—Graphic novels;
Marriage—Graphic novels;
Relationships

If I was your girl

39359 BK
T
Meredith Russo.
Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at
her new school, but she is keeping a
big secret. When she falls for Grant,
guarded Amanda finds herself
yearning to share with him everything
about herself -including her previous
life as Andrew.

Gender identity—Fiction; Romance
fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Sex
reassignment surgery—Fiction;
Transgender people—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

I'll give you the sun

38834 BK
JS
by Jandy Nelson.
"A story of first love, family, loss, and
betrayal told from different points in
time, and in separate voices, by artists
Jude and her twin brother
Noah"—Provided by publisher.

Artists—Fiction; Bereavement—
Fiction; California—Fiction;
Death—Fiction; Family life—Fiction;
Gay teenagers—Fiction;
Siblings—Fiction; Twins—Fiction

I'm a girl!

39400 BK
P 2016
Yasmeen Ismail.
When a rough and tumble little girl,
who is sometimes mistaken for a boy,
meets a boy who likes wearing
princess dresses and playing with
dolls, a wonderful friendship is born.

Animals—Fiction; Friendship—
Fiction; Gender role—Fiction;
Individuality—Fiction

I'm like you, you're like me : a book about understanding and appreciating each other

38793 BK
P 2011
by Cindy Gainer ; illustrated by Miki
Sakamoto.

Introduces children to the differences
and similarities in people, from hair
styles, body appearance, and family
size.

Children—Psychology; Interpersonal
relations; Personal awareness and
social responsibility; Respect—
Fiction; Sakamoto, Miki,—illustrator

*** I'm not a girl**

41904 BK
PI 2020 Roaring Brook Press
written by Maddox Lyons & Jessica
Verdi ; illustrated by Dana Simpson.
"Based on a true transgender identity
journey, the picture book . . . is a . . .
story . . . about a boy who is
determined to be himself. Nobody
seems to understand that Hannah is
not a girl. His parents ask why he
won't wear the cute outfits they pick
out. His friend thinks he must be a
tomboy. His teacher insists he should
be proud to be a girl. But a birthday
wish, a new word, and a stroke of
courage might be just what Hannah
needs to finally show the world who
he really is"—Provided by publisher.

Courage—Fiction; Transgender
people—Fiction; Gender identity—
Fiction; Autobiographical fiction;
LGBTQ people—Fiction; Verdi,
Jessica,—author; Simpson, Dana,—
1977—illustrator; Language arts
(Primary)

In our mothers' house

39834 BK
PJ 2009
Patricia Polacco.

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

Family life—Fiction; Homosexuality—
Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction;
Mothers—Fiction

Intermediate SOGI kit

37378 KT
I 2017 School District #73
Short stories, lesson plans, activity
sheets and information regarding
LGBTQ plus topics to use in English,
Socials, Social Justice, Psychology, and
potentially Drama.

Discrimination; Gender identity—
Study and teaching; Gender
role—Study and teaching;
Homophobia; Homosexuality;
Lesbians; Queer theory

Introducing Teddy : a gentle story about gender and friendship

39388 BK
PJ
by Jessica Walton ; illustrated by
Dougal MacPherson.
Errol's best friend and teddy, Thomas,
is sad because he wishes he were a
girl, not a boy teddy. However teddy
soon finds out that what only matters
to both of them -is that they are
friends.

Emotions—Fiction; Friendship—
Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction;
Stuffed animals (Toys)—Fiction;
MacPherson, Dougal,—illustrator

It feels good to be yourself : a book about gender identity

38513 BK
PJ 2019
written by Theresa Thorn ; illustrated
by Noah Grigni.

"Some people are boys. Some people
are girls. Some people are both,
neither, or somewhere in between.
This . . . straightforward exploration
of gender identity will give children a
fuller understanding of themselves and
others"—Publisher.

Gender identity; Grigni,
Noah,—illustrator

It's okay to be different

38773 BK
P 2009 Little Brown and Company
Todd Parr.

Illustrations and brief text describe all
kinds of differences that are "okay,"
such as being a different color,
needing some help, being adopted,
and having a different nose.

Individuality—Fiction;
Self-esteem—Fiction

Ivy Aberdeen's letter to the world

40476 BK
PI 310 p. 2019 Little Brown and
Company
Ashley Herring Blake.
"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"—Provided by publisher.

Friendship—Fiction; Family life—
Fiction; Artists—Fiction;
Lesbians—Fiction; Tornadoes—
Fiction; Healthy relationships

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Jack (not Jackie)

40369 BK

P

2018

words by Erica Silverman ; pictures by Holly Hatam.

"Susan loves her baby sister, Jackie, but as Jackie grows older and behaves more and more like a boy Susan must adjust to having a brother, Jack, instead."—Publisher.

Siblings—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Hatam, Holly,—illustrator; Social Studies

Jacob's new dress

37214 BK

PI

32 p.

by Sarah and Ian Hoffman ; illustrated by Chris Case.

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

Clothing and dress—Fiction; Dresses—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Self-perception—Fiction; Case, Chris,—1976—illustrator; Hoffman, Ian,—1962—author

Jacob's room to choose

40355 BK

P

2019

Sarah and Ian Hoffman ; illustrated by Chris Case.

"After Jacob and Sophie are prevented from using their school's bathrooms, their teacher helps her students write new rules about who can use which bathroom"—Provided by publisher.

School stories; Hoffman, Ian,—1962—author; Case, Chris,—1976—illustrator; Gender identity—Fiction; Bathrooms—Fiction

* Jude saves the world

41913 BK

PIJ 242 p. 2023 Scholastic Press
Ronnie Riley.

Twelve-year-old Jude Winters is dealing with ADHD while trying to figure out how to tell their old-fashioned grandparents about their nonbinary status—but now they have another problem: Stevie, a previously popular girl at school has been ostracized because she has a crush on another girl, and Jude wants to help her cope as well.

Friendship—Fiction; Identity—Fiction; Grandparents—Fiction; Social skills—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Attention deficit disorder—Fiction; Nonbinary people—Fiction; English/ Language Arts

Kings, queens, and in-betweens

39366 BK

JS

Tanya Boteju.

After a bewildering encounter at her small town's annual summer festival, seventeen-year-old biracial, queer Nima plunges into the world of drag, where she has the chance to explore questions of identity, acceptance, self-expression, and love.

Lesbians—Fiction; Male impersonators—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction

Laura Dean keeps breaking up with me

39398 BK

Mariko Tamaki, Rosemary Valero-O'Connell.

"All Freddy Riley wants is for Laura Dean to stop breaking up with her. The day they got back together was the best one of Freddy's life, but nothing's made sense since. Laura Dean is popular, funny and SO CUTE ... but she can be really thoughtless, even mean. Their on-again, off-again relationship has Freddy's head spinning -and Freddy's friends can't understand why she keeps going back. When Freddy consults the services of a local mystic, the mysterious Seek-Her, she isn't thrilled with the advice she receives. But something's got to give: Freddy's heart is breaking in slow motion, and she may be about to lose her very best friend as well as her last shred of self-respect. Fortunately for Freddy, there are new friends, and the insight of advice columnist Anna Vice, to help her through being a teenager in love. Mariko Tamaki and Rosemary Valero-O'Connell bring to life a sweet and spirited tale of young love that asks us to consider what happens when we ditch the toxic relationships we crave to embrace the healthy ones we need."—

High school students—Graphic novels; Interpersonal relations—Graphic novels; Lesbians—Graphic novels; Psychological fiction; Self-esteem—Graphic novels; Valero-O'Connell, Rosemary,—illustrator

Like a love story

39438 BK

JS

Abdi Nazemian.

"Reza is an Iranian boy who has just moved to the city with his mother to live with his stepfather and stepbrother. He's terrified that someone will guess the truth he can barely acknowledge about himself. Reza knows he's gay, but all he knows of gay life are the media's images of men dying of AIDS. Judy is an aspiring fashion designer who worships her uncle Stephen, a gay man with AIDS who devotes his time to activism as a member of ACT UP. Judy has never imagined finding

romance...until she falls for Reza and they start dating. Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen. He'll never be who his conservative parents want him to be, so he rebels by documenting the AIDS crisis through his photographs. As Reza and Art grow closer, Reza struggles to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart—and destroy the most meaningful friendship he's ever known"—Provided by publisher.

Friendship—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; Iranian Americans—Fiction

Little & Lion : a novel

38782 BK

JS

Brandy Colbert.

"Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl, pushing Lionel's bipolar disorder to spin out of control and forcing Suzette to confront her own demons"—

Bisexuality—Fiction; California—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Manic-depressive illness—Fiction; Mental illness—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

Love is love

39611 BK

P

2018

written by Michael Genhart ; illustrated by Ken Min.

"Teased for having two fathers, a boy views his friend's traditional family as similar to his own and realizes he can counter the ridicule by taking pride in his fathers and the love that makes them a family"—OCLC.

Children of gay parents—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Teasing—Fiction; Min, Ken,—illustrator

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.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

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

Lucky Jonah [6 books]

38180 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
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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

Magnus Chase and the gods of Asgard

For descriptions see individual titles:
The Hammer of Thor [39391]

* Mall Goth

41922 BK
JS 244 p. 2023 Simon & Schuster
BFYR
Kate Leth ; coloring by Diana Sousa ;
lettering by Robin Crank.
"Set in the early 2000s, Mall Goth is a
coming-of-age story about Goth Liv
Holme, who has to navigate growing
up amidst moving, starting at a new
school, and the dissolution of her
parents' marriage"—Provided by
publisher.

Friendship–Fiction; School stories;
Bildungsromans; High schools–
Graphic novels; Moving–Graphic
novels; Teenage girls–Graphic
novels; Bisexual people–Graphic
novels; LGBTQ people–Graphic
novels; Sousa, Diana,–artist;
Grank, Robin,–artist; English/
Language Arts

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

The mighty heart of Sunny St.

James

40185 BK
PI
Ashley Herring Blake.
"Twelve-year-old Sunny St. James
must navigate heart surgery,
reconnections with a lost mother, the
betrayal of a former best friend, first
kisses, and emerging feelings for
another girl"—
Friendship–Fiction; Mother-
daughter relationship–Fiction;
Lesbians–Fiction; Romance fiction;
Heart–Transplantation–Fiction

The mighty heart of Sunny St.

James [6 books]

39958 KT
IJ 375 pce 2020 Little Brown and
Company
Ashley Herring Blake
"When Sunny St. James receives a
new heart, she decides to set off on a
"New Life Plan": 1) do awesome
amazing things she could never do
before, 2) find a new best friend, and
3) kiss a boy for the first time. Her
"New Life Plan" seems to be racing
forward, but when she meets her new
best friend Quinn, Sunny questions
whether she really wants to kiss a boy
at all. With the reemergence of her
estranged mother, Sunny begins a
journey to becoming the new Sunny
St. James".—from publisher's website

Friendship–Fiction; Heart-
Transplantation; Mothers and
daughters–Fiction

The misadventures of the family Fletcher [6 books]

37674 KT
I 260 pce 2014 Yearling
Dana Alison Levy
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.

Adoption–Fiction; Brothers–Fiction;
Family life–Fiction; Neighbours–
Fiction; School stories–Fiction

More happy than not

39450 BK
JS
Adam Silvera.
After enduring his father's suicide, his
own suicide attempt, broken
friendships, and more in the Bronx
projects, Aaron Soto, sixteen, is
already considering the Leteo
Institute's memory-alteration
procedure when his new friendship
with Thomas turns to unrequited love.

Bronx (New York, N.Y.)–Fiction;
Dating (Social customs)–Fiction;
Gay men–Fiction; Memory–Fiction;
New York (N.Y.)–Fiction;
Single-parent families–Fiction

Morris Micklewhite and the tangerine dress

36927 BK
P 2014
Christine Baldacchino ; pictures by
Isabelle Malenfant.
A young boy faces adversity from
classmates when he wears a
tangerine colored dress to school.
Clothing and dress–Fiction;
Dresses–Fiction; Gender role–
Fiction; Personal and cultural
identity; School stories; Malenfant,
Isabelle,–1979—illustrator

* My awesome brother : a book about transgender acceptance

41629 BK
2019 Mabel Media
by Lisé Frances.

"My Awesome Brother" is written from
a young child's perspective when an
adored older sibling is transitioning. It
follows the younger child's efforts to be
supportive and the joy they both feel
after the transition." -Amazon website.

Siblings–Fiction; Transgender
people–Fiction; Gender identity–
Fiction; Gender transition–Fiction;
Language arts (Primary)

My family, your family

40368 BK
PJ 35 p. 1986 Nelson
Lisa Bullard ; illustrated by Renée
Kurilla.

*Cloverleaf books. Alike and different
Series* - Explores the many ways
families can be alike or different.

Family life; Family; Creative
nonfiction; Kurilla,
Renée,–illustrator; Social Studies

* My footprints

42004 BK
P 2019 Capstone Editions, a
Capstone imprint
written by Bao Phi ; illustrated by
Basia Tran.

Upset after being bullied, Thuy, a
Vietnamese American, pretends she is
different creatures, including an
especially strong, wonderful being
made up of her two mothers and
herself.

Imagination–Fiction; Courage–
Fiction; Vietnamese
Americans–Fiction; Bullies–Fiction;
Children of gay parents–Fiction;
Tran, Basia,–illustrator; Language
arts (Primary)

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

My life as a diamond

38931 BK
IJ

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 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 Maddy

39444 BK

P

2020

by Gayle E. Pitman, PhD ; illustrated by Violet Tobacco.

"A child celebrates her Maddy, who is neither mommy nor daddy but a little bit of both, like so many things in nature. Includes note to parents"—Provided by publisher.

Gender identity—Fiction; Intersex people—Fiction; Parent-child relationship—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Tobacco, Violet,—illustrator

My rainbow

40366 BK

P 32 p. 2020 Penguin books by Trinity and DeShanna Neal ; illustrated by Art Twink.

"A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter, based on the real-life experience of mother-daughter advocate duo Trinity and DeShanna Neal"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Autism—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Wigs—Fiction; Neal, DeShanna,—author; Twink, Art,—illustrator; Social Studies

My superpower series

For descriptions see individual titles:
Acceptance is my superpower
[41620]

***The mystery of the painted fan**

[6 Books]

41966 KT

PI 109 pce 2023 Annick Press
written by Linda Trinh

Thoughtful and creative, Jacob is tired of being the baby of the family. He is ready to fully express himself in all of the ways that feel right to him, but not everyone seems as eager to accept change...Jacob turns to the beautiful fan his Grandma N̂ọi gave him, which features all of the Vietnamese zodiac animals. With the mysterious fan and memories of Grandma guiding him, Jacob finds the power to remain true to himself

Grandmothers—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Vietnamese Americans—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; English/Language Arts

***The name I call myself**

41449 BK

P 2020 Arsenal Pulp Press
text by Hasan Namir ; illustrations by Cathryn John.

"Meet Ari, a young person who doesn't like to be called by their birth name. From age six to adolescence, we see Ari grow up before our very eyes: as a child, they prefer dolls and princess movies, and want to grow out their hair, though their father insists on cutting it short because that's 'what a boy looks like.' At ten, they play hockey but wish they could try on their mother's dresses. And at eighteen, they tell their parents the name in their heart and can finally be themselves.—Back cover.

Personal names—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; John, Cathryn,—1993—illustrator; Physical and health education; English/Language Arts

***The night diary**

41266 BK

IJ 264 p. 2019 Puffin Books
Veera Hiranandani.

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

Family life—Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Diaries—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Muslims—Fiction; Hindus—Fiction; India—History—1947—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

None of the above

39471 BK

JS

I. W. Gregorio.

Homecoming queen Kristin Lattimer has a hard enough time dealing with her body, but her visit to the doctor reveals a difficult truth, Kristin is intersex. Which means that though she looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts" and after her diagnosis is leaked to the whole school, her identity is thrown into question.

Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; High school students—Fiction; Intersex people—Fiction; Teenagers—Fiction

Not every princess

37221 BK

PI 32 p. 2014

by Jeffrey Bone, PsyD, and Lisa Bone, PhD ; illustrated by Valeria Docampo.

After listing activities that are stereotypically, but not always, attributed to princesses, fairies, pirates, superheroes, and more, encourages the reader to imagine what one could be, despite others' expectations. Includes note to parents.

Gender role—Fiction; Imagination—Fiction; Individuality—Fiction; Stereotype (Social psychology)—Fiction; Bone, Lisa,—author; Docampo, Valeria,—1976—illustrator

One Family

38755 BK

PJ 26 p. 2015

George Shannon ; pictures by Blanca Gómez.

A family can be many things, in this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten.

Counting—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Gómez, Blanca,—1978—illustrator

The other boy

39390 BK

IJ

M.G. Hennessey ; illustrated by Sfé R. Monster.

"Twelve-year-old Shane Woods is just a regular boy. He loves pitching for his baseball team, working on his graphic novel, and hanging out with his best friend, Josh. But Shane is keeping something private, something that might make a difference to his friends and teammates, to Josh, and his crush, Madeline. And when a classmate threatens to reveal his secret, Shane's whole world comes crashing down. It will take a lot of courage for Shane to ignore the hate and show the world that he's still the same boy he was before. And in the end, those who stand beside him may surprise everyone, including Shane"—Jacket flap.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Courage—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction;
Transgender people—Fiction;
Monster, Sfé R.,—illustrator

Other boys

40490 BK
PJ 201 p. 2021 Roaring Brook Press
Damian Alexander.
Damian is the new kid at school, and he has a foolproof plan to avoid the bullying that's plagued him his whole childhood: he's going to stop talking. Starting on the first day seventh grade, he won't utter a word. If he keeps his mouth shut, the bullies will have nothing to tease him about right? But Damian's vow of silence doesn't work; his classmates can tell there's something different about him. His family doesn't look like the kind on TV: his mother is dead, his father is gone, and he's being raised by his grandparents in a low-income household. And Damian does things that boys aren't supposed to do, like play with Barbies instead of GI Joe. Kids have teased him about this his whole life, especially other boys. But if boys can be so cruel, why does Damian have a crush on one?

Bullies—Graphic novels;
Biographical graphic novels; Middle school students—Graphic novels;
Gender identity—Graphic novels;
Gay men—Biography; Mothers—Death—Graphic novels; Gay men—Biography—Graphic novels;
Alexander, Damian—Biography;
Inclusive education; Healthy relationships

Our subway baby

40486 BK
P 40 p. 2020 Dial Books for Young Readers
Peter Mercurio ; illustrated by Leo Espinosa.
"The story of how one baby found his family in the New York subway"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Father-child relationship; Children of gay parents; Espinosa, Leo,—illustrator;
Gay men—Fiction; Abandoned children; Infants; Adopted children; Subways—New York (N.Y.); New York (N.Y.); Inclusive education; Healthy relationships

*The pants project

42366 BK
IJ 267 p. 2019 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; School stories; Middle schools—Fiction;
Transgender people—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Uniforms—Fiction;
Physical and health education; English/Language Arts

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

*Papa, Daddy, & Riley

41918 BK
P 2020 Magination Press, an imprint of the
by Seamus Kirst ; illustrated by Devon Holzwarth.

"When a classmate insists a family must have a mother and a father, Riley fears she will have to choose between Papa and Daddy until her fathers assure her that love makes a family"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; LGBTQ people—Fiction;
Holzwarth, Devon,—illustrator;
Language arts (Primary)

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

Part-time princess

36026 BK
P 2013 Disney Hyperion Books
Deborah Underwood ; illustrated by Cambria Evans.

A girl escapes her annoying little brother and the drudgery of school and home life when she travels to a magical kingdom each night and embarks on a series of adventures.

Bedtime—Fiction; Family life—Fiction;
Princesses—Fiction; Evans, Cambria,—ill

Pet

40358 BK
JS 204 p.
Akwaeke Emezi.
In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.

Family life—Fiction; Monsters—Fiction; Artists—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Speech disorders—Fiction; Angels—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

*Phoenix gets greater

42386 BK
P 2022 Second Story Press
written by Marty Wilson-Trudeau with Phoenix Wilson ; illustrated by Megan Kyak-Monteith.

"Phoenix isn't like other boys. He loves to play with dolls and marvel at pretty fabrics. Most of all, he loves to dance—whether it's ballet, Pow Wow dancing, or just swirling and twirling around his house. Not everyone understands Phoenix, but his mom and brother are proud of him. With their help, Phoenix learns about Two Spirit/Niizh Manidooowag people in Anishinaabe culture and just how special he is"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Ojibwa (First Nations people)—Fiction;
Individuality—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction;
Wilson, Phoenix,—author; Kyak-Monteith, Megan,—illustrator;
Aboriginal; Powwows; Career Education; Social Studies

*Pink, blue, and you! : questions for kids about gender stereotypes

41223 BK
PJ 40 p. 2022 Anne Schwartz Books
written and illustrated by Elise Gravel with Mykaell Blais.

"An easy-to-grasp picture book, exploring questions relating to gender identity, sexual orientation, and sexism"—Provided by publisher.

Sexism; Gender identity;
Individuality; Gender role; Blais, Mykaell,—author

A plan for Pops

38394 BK
P 2019
Heather Smith and Brooke Kerrigan.
A child helps his grandparents cope with a difficult change in abilities.

Depression (Psychology)—Fiction;
Family life—Fiction; Grandparent-grandchild relationship—Fiction;
Grandparents—Fiction; Life change events—Fiction; Kerrigan, Brooke,—illustrator

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

The Power of Style : How Fashion and Beauty are Being Used to Reclaim Cultures

40696 BK

JS 90 p. 2021 Annick Press
Christian Allaire.

"Style is not just the clothes on our backs—it is self-expression, representation, and transformation. As a fashion-obsessed Ojibwe teen, Christian Allaire rarely saw anyone that looked like him in the magazines or movies he looked to for inspiration. Now the Fashion and Style Writer for 'Vogue,' he is working to change that—because clothes are never just clothes. Men's heels are a statement of pride in the face of LGBTQ+ discrimination, while ribbon shirts honor Indigenous ancestors and keep culture alive. Allaire takes the reader through boldly designed chapters to discuss additional topics like cosplay, make up, hijabs, and hair, probing the connections between fashion and history, culture, politics, and social justice"—Provided by publisher.

Fashion; Clothing and dress;
Fashion design; Costume; Clothing industry; Fashion—Social aspects;
Costume—20th century—History;
Inclusive education; Textiles;
Powwows

Pride : celebrating diversity & community

37192 BK

PIJ

119 p.

Robin Stevenson.

Looks at Gay Pride Day and what led to its creation.

Gay liberation movement; Gay rights; Homosexuality

Pride colors

40353 BK

PI 2019

Orca Book Publishers

Robin Stevenson.

"In this photographic concept book, babies and toddlers are introduced to the Pride flag and the meaning behind each color"—Provided by publisher.

Color; Gay liberation movement;
Board books for children

Pride : the celebration and the struggle

40480 BK

JS 167 p.

2020

Orca Book Publishers

Robin Stevenson.

Looks at Gay Pride Day and what led to its creation.

Festivals; Gay rights; Gay liberation movement; Pride Day; LGBT people; Social movements;
Inclusive education; Healthy relationships

Pride : the story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag

38709 BK

P

written by Rob Sanders ; illustrated by Steven Salerno.

"Traces the [history] of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world."—OCLC.

Flags—History; Gay liberation movement—History; Gay rights—History; Sexual orientation; Milk, Harvey; Salerno, Steven,—illustrator

Primary SOGI kit

37377 KT

P 2017

School District #73

Short stories, lesson plans, activity sheets and information regarding LGBTQ plus topics to use in English, Socials, Social Justice, Psychology, and potentially Drama.

Discrimination; Gender identity—Study and teaching; Gender role—Study and teaching;
Homophobia; Homosexuality;
Language arts; Lesbians; Physical and health education; Queer theory; Social Studies

Prince & knight

40367 BK

PI

2018

words by Daniel Haack ; pictures by Stevie Lewis.

A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together.

Stories in rhyme; Dragons—Fiction; Kings and rulers—Fiction; Knights and knighthood—Fiction; Princes—Fiction; Queens—Fiction; Gay men—Fiction; Lewis, Stevie,—illustrator

Promised land

37735 BK

written by Adam Reynolds & Chaz Harris ; illustrated by Christine Luiten & Bo Moore ; edited by Rebecca Gumbley.

"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; Good and evil—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Princes—Fiction; Queens—Fiction; Harris, Chaz,—author; Luiten, Christine,—illustrator; Moore, Bo,—1993—illustrator

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

*The Purim superhero

41545 BK

PJ

2013

Kar-Ben Pub

by Elisabeth Kushner ; illustrated by Mike Byrne.

Nate wants to dress as an alien for Purim but his friend wants him to wear a superhero costume like the other boys, so Nate seeks guidance from his Daddy and Abba, who advise that being yourself makes you stronger.

Jews—Fiction; Peer pressure—Fiction; Self-confidence—Fiction; Costume—Fiction; Purim—Fiction; Jewish holidays—Fiction; Byrne, Mike,—1979—illustrator; English/Language Arts

Queer : a graphic history

40348 BK

Meg-John Barker ; Julia Scheele.

Though not a graphic novel, this illustrated nonfiction book explores how we came to view sex, gender and sexuality in the ways that we do. Barker and Scheele show how these ideas get tangled up with our culture and our understanding of biology, psychology and sexology; and how these views have been disputed and challenged. Each page focuses on a specific aspect of the subject.

Gender identity; Queer theory; Scheele, Julia,—illustrator; Sex differences (Psychology); Biology

Queer heroes

40384 BK

IJ 59 p.

2019

Written by Arabelle Sicardi ; Illustrated by Sarah Tanat-Jones.

"Profiles notable LGBTQ figures and highlights their contributions to society and their community, including Martina Navratilova, Frida Kahlo, Alan Turing, David Bowie, and K.D. Lang"—OCLC.

Gay men; Lesbians; LGBT people; LGBT people—Biography; Celebrities—Biography; Tanat-Jones, Sarah,—illustrator; Inclusive education

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

The Queeriodic Table : a Celebration of LGBTQ+ Culture

39324 BK
T 126 p. 2019
Harriet Dyer ; text by Abi McMahan.
"Celebrate . . . modern queer culture and its vast history with this . . . introduction to all the essential elements that helped sculpt the LGBTQ+ community up to the present day, including: the . . . stories of queer pioneers like Marsha P. Johnson, celebrities, game-changers and unsung heroes alike, the essential LGBTQ+ timeline of queer world history the biggest queer culture festivals and events in the world and classic works of queer art, literature, music, TV and film"—OCLC.

Gays; LGBT people; LGBT people—Civil rights—History; McMahan, Abi,—author

Questioning gender roles and sexuality

38502 KT
I
This kit contains 2 sets (6 books each) of novels and 1 non fiction book. Topics include transphobia and gender identity and roles.

Bullies; Friendship; Gender identity; Gender role; Interpersonal relations; Popularity; School stories; Transgender people

A quick & easy guide to they/ them pronouns

40559 BK
JS 60 p. 2018 Limerence Press Inc.
Archie Bongiovanni & Tristan Jimerson.
"[A] comic guide that explains what pronouns are, why they matter, and how to use them . . . [Also includes] what to do if you make a mistake, and some tips-and-tricks for those who identify outside of the binary to keep themselves safe"—Back cover.

Gender identity; Comic books, strips, etc; English language—Pronouns—Comic books, strips, etc; Jimerson, Tristan,—author; Healthy relationships

Radio silence

39455 BK
JS
Alice Oseman.
When Frances and Aled spend the summer collaborating on her favorite podcast, they realize they understand each other in a way no one else does.

Friendship—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction; Podcasting—Fiction; School stories

* The rainbow flag : bright, bold, and beautiful

41473 BK
PI 2019 Museum of Modern Art
Michelle Millar Fisher ; illustrated by Kat Kuang.
Tells the story of how the rainbow flag came to be.

Signs and symbols; Social action; Gay liberation movement; Flags—History; Gays; Social movements; Gay liberation movement—San Francisco (Calif.); LGBTQ people; Physical and health education; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Ramona Blue

39453 BK
JS
Julie Murphy.
Ramona Blue has to be the adult of her family while questioning if she is a lesbian or bisexual when she develops feelings about her friend Freddie.

Bisexual people—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction; Man-woman relationship—Fiction

RealLove

For descriptions see individual titles:
We three [40398]

Red : a crayon's story

36926 BK
PI 2015
Michael Hall.
Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red. However despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons, art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right -until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

Color—Fiction; Crayons—Fiction; Individuality—Fiction; Personal and cultural identity

Rethinking normal : a memoir in transition

39472 BK
JS
Katie Rain Hill with Ariel Schrag.
Nineteen-year-old Katie Hill is a transgender girl who shares her personal journey of growing up as a boy and then undergoing gender reassignment during her teens.

Transgender people—Biography; Transgender people—Identity; Hill, Katie Rain; Schrag, Ariel,—author

Rick

39615 BK
IJ 223 p. 2020 Scholastic
Alex Gino.

"Eleven-year-old Rick Ramsey has generally gone along with everybody, just not making waves, even though he is increasingly uncomfortable with his father's jokes about girls, and his best friend's explicit talk about sex; but now in middle school he discovers the Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and identities can express themselves—and maybe among them he can find new friends and discover his own identity, which may just be to opt out of sex altogether"—Publisher.

Asexual people—Fiction; Clubs—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; School stories

Righting Canada's wrongs

* Righting Canada's Wrongs: The LGBTQ Purge and the fight for equal rights in Canada [8 Books]

41246 KT
JS 88 pce 2022 James Lorimer & Company Ltd., Publi
written by Ken Setterington
From the 1950s to 1980s, the Canadian government persecuted LGBTQ+ employees and tried to erase them from the military, the RCMP and the civil service under the guise that they were a "security risk," an event that became known as the LGBT Purge. Those who were suspected of being homosexual were put under government surveillance, interrogated and intimidated. They were fired from their jobs. Many quit to avoid being exposed. Some committed suicide as a result. In the 1980s, victims of the Purge fought back with a class-action suit against the government that helped shed light on the systemic discrimination that members of the LGBTQ+ community faced from the government and the rest of society. In 2017, the federal government issued a formal apology on behalf of the government and Canadian society for the treatment of members of the LGBTQ+ community. In this highly visual book, author Ken Setterington presents the struggle for LGBTQ+ rights using photographs, first-person accounts and excerpts from archival documents. Significant events in the struggle include the establishment of Pride parades, the Bathroom Raids, the decriminalization of homosexuality, the passing of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the LGBT Purge and the legalization of same-sex marriage. While the government's formal acknowledgement of past injustices started Canada on a better path toward equality, there is still work to be done. This book would be a welcome addition to any classroom or library's social justice collection and

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

will appeal to adults interested in LGBTQ+ rights in Canada.

Inquiry-based learning; Social Studies; LGBT people—Civil rights—History; Canada—Politics and government

* Ritu weds Chandni

41544 BK
PJ 35 p. 2020 Yali Books
Ameya Narvankar.

"Ayesha is excited to attend her cousin Ritu's wedding. She can't wait to dance at the baraat ceremony! But not everyone is happy that Ritu is marrying her girlfriend, Chandni. Some have even vowed to stop the celebrations"—Back cover.

India—Fiction; Weddings—Fiction; Cousins—Fiction; Emotions—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Indians—Fiction; Same-sex marriage—Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

Secondary SOGI kit

37304 KT
JS 2017 School District #73
Short stories, lesson plans, activity sheets and information regarding LGBTQ plus topics to use in English, Socials, Social Justice, Psychology, and potentially Drama.

Discrimination; Gender identity—Study and teaching; Gender role—Study and teaching; Homophobia; Homosexuality; Language arts; Lesbians; Physical and health education; Queer theory; Social Studies

Sex is a funny word : a book about bodies, feelings, and you

38411 BK
PI
by Cory Silverberg ; and illustrations, Fiona Smyth.
Text and illustrations look at the human body, gender, and sexuality for children.

Sex—Physiological aspects; Sex differences (Psychology); Sex education; Smyth, Fiona,—illustrator

Some assembly required : the not-so-secret life of a transgender teen

39473 BK
JS
Arin Andrews with Joshua Lyon.
"Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this teen memoir"—Provided by publisher.

Transgender people—Biography; Transgender people—United States—Biography; Andrews, Arin; Lyon, Joshua,—author

* Speak up!

41468 BK
PIJ 261 p. 2022 Quill Tree Books, HarperAlley, impr
Rebecca Burgess.

"Twelve-year-old Mia is just trying to navigate a world that doesn't understand her true autistic self. While she wishes she could stand up to her bullies, she's always been able to express her feelings through singing and songwriting, even more so with her best friend, Charlie, who is nonbinary. Together, they've taken the internet by storm; little do Mia's classmates know that she's the viral singer Elle-Q! But while the chance to perform live for a local talent show has Charlie excited, Mia isn't so sure"—Provided by publisher.

Friendship—Graphic novels; Identity (Psychology)—Graphic novels; Autism—Graphic novels; Gender identity—Graphic novels; Singers—Graphic novels; Nonbinary people—Graphic novels; Inclusive education; English/Language Arts

Spinning

39392 BK
JS
Tillie Walden.
An autobiographical graphic novel of ten years in the life of cartoonist, Tillie Walden, focusing on her time as a figure skater.

Autobiographical graphic novels; Ice skating—Graphic novels; Ice skating—Biography; Lesbians—Biography; Lesbians—Identity—Graphic novels; Walden, Tillie,—1996—Graphic novels

Star-crossed

38708 BK
IJ
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; Middle schools—Fiction; School stories; Sexual orientation—Fiction; Theater—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

Stella brings the family

39360 BK
P 2015
by Miriam B. Schiffer ; illustrations by Holly Clifton-Brown.
Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

Children of gay parents—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Father-daughter relationship—Fiction; Fathers—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Mother's Day—Fiction; School stories; Clifton-Brown, Holly,—illustrator

Surviving the city. Vol. 2, From the roots up

40481 BK
JS 64 p. 2020 Highwater Press
Tasha Spillett, Natasha Donovan.
Debwe series - "Dez's grandmother has passed away. Grieving, and with nowhere else to go, she's living in a group home. On top of everything else, Dez is navigating a new relationship and coming into her identity as a Two-Spirit person. Miikwan is crushing on a new kid Riel, but doesn't really understand what Dez is going through. Can Miikwan learn how to be a better ally to her best friend? Elder Geraldine is doing her best to be supportive of the teens, but she doesn't know how to respond when the gendered protocols she's grown up with are thrown into question. Will Dez be comfortable expressing her full identity? And will their community relearn the teachings and overcome prejudice to celebrate Dez for who she is?"—Back cover.

Friendship—Graphic novels; First Nations—Graphic novels; Donovan, Natasha,—illustrator; Gender identity—Graphic novels; Missing persons—Graphic novels; Runaway teenagers—Graphic novels; Aboriginal; Healthy relationships

Symptoms of being human

38835 BK
JS
Jeff Garvin.
"A gender-fluid teenager who struggles with identity creates a blog on the topic that goes viral, and faces ridicule at the hands of fellow students"—Provided by publisher.

Blogs—Fiction; Bullies—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; School stories

A tale of two mommies

39117 BK
PJ 2011
by Vanita Oelschlager ; illustrations, Mike Blanc.
While playing at the beach with friends, a young boy describes the different ways in which his two mothers help him.

Children of gay parents—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Parenting—Fiction; Blanc, Mike,—illustrator

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

They Both Die at the End

39151 BK
JS 373 p. 2017
Adam Silvera.

"In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day"—Provided by publisher.

Adventure fiction; Death—Fiction; Dystopian fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Gays—Fiction; Latinos (U.S.)—Fiction; New York (N.Y.)—Fiction; Romance fiction

This book is gay

39402 BK
JS
James Dawson ; illustrations by Spike Gerrell.

"... [Offers] answers to ... questions [about homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgender people], from sex to politics, hooking up to stereotypes, coming out and more. This ... exploration of sexuality and what it's like to grow up LGBT also includes real stories from people across the gender and sexual spectrums, not to mention [humorous] illustrations..."—Back cover.

Bisexuality; Gays; Gender identity; Homosexuality; LGBT people; Lesbians; Transgender people; Gerrell, Spike,—illustrator

This day in June

39443 BK
P 2014
by Gayle E. Pitman ; illustrated by Kristyna Litten.

"A picture book illustrating a Pride parade. The endmatter serves as a primer on LGBT history and culture and explains the references made in the story"—Provided by publisher.

Gay liberation movement—Fiction; Gays—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction; Parades—Fiction; Stories in rhyme; Litten, Kristyna,—illustrator

Tomboy survival guide [6 books]

39425 KT
S 236 pce 2016 Arsenal Pulp Press
Ivan Coyote

A funny and moving memoir told in stories, about how they learned to embrace their tomboy past while carving out a space for those of us who don't fit neatly into boxes or identities or labels. Ivan writes about their years as a young butch, dealing with new infatuations and old baggage, and life as a gender-box-defying adult, in which they offer advice to young people while seeking guidance from others.

Biography; Gender role—Fiction; Transgender people—Biography

Too Bright to See

40396 BK
PIJ 188 p. 2021 Dial Books for Young Readers
Kyle Lukoff.

In the summer before middle school, eleven-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghost haunting; and the truth about Bug's gender identity.

Friendship—Fiction; Haunted houses—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Vermont—Fiction; Change (Psychology)—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

The transgender child

38568 BK
T
Stephanie Brill and Rachel Pepper.
A comprehensive guide for parent, educators, and professionals that offers advice on understanding and working with children believed to be transgender.

Gender identity; Gender role; Transgender people; Pepper, Rachel,—author

*** Tremendous things : a novel**

42117 BK
JS 265 p. 2023 Tundra
Susin Nielsen.

"We all have moments that define us. For the comically clueless Wilbur, his moment happened on the first day of middle school, when someone shared his private letter with the entire student body. It revealed some of Wilbur's innermost embarrassing thoughts that no one else should ever know. Now it's the start of ninth grade and Wilbur hasn't been able to escape that major humiliation. His good friend Alex stuck by him, but Alex doesn't have as much time since he started dating Fabrizio. Luckily, Wil can confide in his best friend: his elderly neighbor Sal. Also, Wil's in the school band, where he plays the triangle. They're doing an exchange program with students from Paris, and Wilbur's billet, Charlie, a tall, chic young woman who plays the ukulele and burps with abandon, captures his heart. Charlie likes him, but only as a friend. So Alex, Fabrizio and Sal host a Queer Eye-style intervention to get Wil in shape and to build his

confidence so he can impress Charlie when their band visits Paris, and just maybe replace humiliation with true romance in the City of Love."—Provided by publisher.

School stories; High schools—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Popularity—Fiction; Bands (Music)—Fiction; Foreign study—Fiction; English language arts

*** Tremendous things : a novel [6 Books]**

42125 KT
IJS 265 pce 2021 Tundra Books
written by Susin Nielsen

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Popularity—Fiction; English/ Language Arts; School stories—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Foreign study—Fiction; Bands (Music)—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction

Two boys kissing

39470 BK
JS
David Levithan.

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.

Gay men—Fiction; Homosexuality—Fiction; Romance fiction; Social change—Fiction

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Uncle Bobby's wedding

40385 BK
P 32 p. 2020
Written by Sarah S Brannen ;
Illustrations by Lucia Soto.
Chloe 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.

Uncles—Fiction; Weddings—Fiction;
Gay men—Fiction; Same-sex marriage—Fiction; Soto, Lucia,—illustrator; Inclusive education

*Upstaged

42332 BK
PI 237 p. 2024 Little Brown and Company
written by Robin Easter.
"Best friends Ivy and Ash arrive for a third summer at arts camp, but Ash struggles to tell Ivy about their developing feelings for her." -OCLC.

Camps—Graphic novels; Nonbinary people—Graphic novels; LGBTQ people—Graphic novels; LGBT friends—Graphic novels; Love—Graphic novels; English/Language Arts

*The vanishing half

41284 BK
T 389 p. 2022 Riverhead Books
Brit Bennett.
"The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Ten years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Mystery fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction; Historical fiction; Twins—Fiction; Domestic fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; African American women—Fiction; United States—History—20th century—Fiction; English/Language Arts

*Wait, what? : a comic book guide to relationships, bodies, and growing up

42333 BK
JS 75 p. 2019 Limrence Press
by Heather Corinna & Isabella Rotman.
In graphic novel format friends Mallia, Rico, Max, Sam, and Alexis talk about growing up, including sexual and gender identity, puberty, boundaries and consent, and more.

Sex education; Sex education—Comic books, strips, etc; Man-woman relationship—Comic books, strips, etc; Gender identity—Comic books, strips, etc; Rotman, Isabella,—illustrator; English/Language Arts; Healthy relationships

*We are all equal

41632 BK
PI 2020 Philomel books
P. Crumble and Jonathan Bentley.
"A diverse group of animals comes together to celebrate one very important idea: no matter our differences, we are all equal"—Amazon.

Animals—Fiction; Stories in rhyme; Individuality—Fiction; Equality—Fiction; Bentley, Jonathan,—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

We are all made of molecules [6 books]

38088 KT
JS 248 pce 2015 Tundra Books
Susin Nielsen
Stewart is academically brilliant but socially clueless. Ashley is the undisputed "It" girl in her class, but her grades stink. Their worlds are about to collide when Stewart and his dad move in with Ashley and her mom. Stewart is trying to be 89.9 percent happy about it, but Ashley is 110 percent horrified. She already has to hide the real reason her dad moved out; "Spewart" could further threaten her position at the top of the social ladder. They are complete opposites. And yet, they have one thing in common: they – like everyone else – are made of molecules.

Bullies—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; School stories

We have always been here : a queer Muslim memoir

39421 BK
T
Samra Habib.
"[Samra Habib,] a queer Muslim searches for the language to express her truest self, making peace with her sexuality, her family, and Islam"—Provided by publisher.

Autobiography; Lesbians—Biography; Muslim lesbians—Biography; Muslims—Biography; Habib, Samra

We three

40398 BK
PIJS 167 p. 2019
Markus Harwood-Jones.
RealLove Series - "Jasbina 'Jassie' Dhillon is at summer camp to address concerns over her struggles at school and her lack of close friends. To Jasbina's surprise, she quickly makes two new friends, Ams and Sydney. Jassie realizes she has romantic feelings for both of them, and is upset until Ams and Syd tell Jassie they want to be with her too. The three spend their time at camp working out their relationship. As camp gets close to ending, Syd proposes that they run away together. Ams feels they should just end their relationship. In this high-low YA romance, Jassie must find the courage to convince her partners that their love can survive in the real world"—Provided by publisher.

Gender identity—Fiction; Gay teenagers—Fiction; Romance fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; LGBT people—Fiction

*What are your words? : a book about pronouns

41451 BK
P 2021 Little Brown and Company
Katherine Locke ; illustrated by Anne Passchier.
"Ari knows a lot of words for neighbors, including the pronouns each prefers, and with help from Uncle Lior, who always asks 'What are your words,' figures out which pronouns—and other words—fit best today"—OCLC.

Uncles—Fiction; Neighbors—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; English language—Pronouns—Fiction; English language—Pronouns; Passchier, Anne,—illustrator; Physical and health education; English/Language Arts; Career Education

What Riley wore

39397 BK
PI 2019
Elana K. Arnold ; illustrated by Linda Davick.
"Gender-creative Riley knows just what to wear for every occasion during a busy week with family and friends"—
Clothing and dress—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Davick, Linda,—illustrator

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

When Aidan became a brother

39445 BK
PJ 2019
by Kyle Lukoff ; illustrated by Kaylani Juanita.
"Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"—Provided by publisher.

Brothers—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Parent-child relationship—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction; Juanita, Kaylani,—illustrator

When the moon was ours

39396 BK
JS
Anna-Marie McLemore.
"To everyone who knows them, best friends Miel and Sam are as strange as they are inseparable. Roses grow out of Miel's wrist, and rumors say that she spilled out of a water tower when she was five. Sam is known for the moons he paints and hangs in the trees and for how little anyone knows about his life before he and his mother moved to town. But as odd as everyone considers Miel and Sam, even they stay away from the Bonner girls, four beautiful sisters rumored to be witches. Now they want the roses that grow from Miel's skin, convinced that their scent can make anyone fall in love. And they're willing to use every secret Miel has fought to protect to make sure she gives them up"—Back cover.

Fantasy fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

Who are you? : the kid's guide to gender identity

39915 BK
PJ 2017
Brook Pessin-Whedbee ; illustrated by Naomi Bardoff.
"... presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression and our identity"—Amazon.com.

Gender identity; Gender role; Transgender people; Bardoff, Naomi,—illustrator; Social Studies

✧ Why we fly the rainbow

41627 BK
2018 Minty Beets
by Miss Minty Beets.
"Why We Fly the Rainbow presents the rainbow Pride flag, the people it represents and why we fly it, in a way that's easy for young readers to follow. The book is narrated by two cheerful jellybeans, as they discuss the LGBTQ+ initials, the various iterations of the pride flag and what it means to be a good friend. Through a casual conversation between these happy candies, we learn about acceptance, diversity and the concept of pride."—Amazon website.

Flags; Candy—Fiction; Rainbow—Fiction; LGBTQ people—Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

Worm loves Worm

38448 BK
PI 2016
written by J.J. Austrian ; illustrated by Mike Curato.

Two worms in love decide to get married, and with help from Cricket, Beetle, Spider, and the Bees they have everything they need and more. However which one will be the bride and which the groom?

Insects—Fiction; Personal and cultural identity; Rites and ceremonies—Fiction; Spiders—Fiction; Weddings—Fiction; Worms—Fiction; Curato, Mike,—illustrator

Written in the stars : a novel

40186 BK
T
Alexandria Bellefleur.
"After a disastrous blind date, Darcy Lowell is desperate to stop her well-meaning brother from playing matchmaker ever again. Love—and the inevitable heartbreak—is the last thing she wants. So she fibs and says her latest set up was a success. Darcy doesn't expect her lie to bite her in the behind. Elle Jones, one of the astrologers behind the popular Twitter account, Oh My Stars, dreams of finding her soul mate. But she knows it is most assuredly not Darcy... a no-nonsense stick-in-the-mud, who is way too analytical, punctual, and skeptical for someone as free-spirited as Elle. When Darcy's brother—and Elle's new business partner—expresses how happy he is that they hit it off, Elle is baffled. Was Darcy on the same date? When Darcy begs Elle to play along, she agrees to pretend they're dating to save face. But with a few conditions: Darcy must help Elle navigate her own overbearing family over the holidays and their arrangement expires on New Year's Eve"—Provided by publisher.

Siblings—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Romance fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Celebrities—Fiction; Twitter (Website)—Fiction

You asked for perfect

40397 BK
JS 267 p. 2019
Laura Silverman.

"Ariel Stone is the perfect college applicant until a failed Calculus quiz sends his grades into a tailspin that can only be halted by a handsome tutor, but adding a burgeoning romance to his other commitments may push Ariel past his limit"—Provided by publisher.

School stories; Jews—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Perfectionism (Personality trait)—Fiction; Muslims—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Homosexuality—Fiction; Gay men—Fiction; Academic achievement—Fiction

✧ Zara Hossain is here

41174 BK
JST 244 p. 2021 Scholastic Press
Sabina Khan.

"Ever since her family moved to Texas from Pakistan when she was a baby, seventeen-year-old Zara Hossain has only ever called Corpus Christi home. Being the only Muslim girl at her conservative Catholic school, blending in isn't really an option, especially with people like Tyler Benson always tormenting her. But one day Tyler takes thing too far by defacing Zara's locker with a racist message, which gets him suspended. As an act of revenge, Tyler and his friends vandalize the Hossains' house with Islamophobic graffiti, which leads to a violent crime that puts Zara and her family's entire future at risk"—Jacket flap.

Racism—Fiction; Teenage girls—Fiction; Muslims—Fiction; Texas—Fiction