



Library Support Services

PATHFINDER



INCLUSION ACROSS THE RAINBOW

2022

The **Inclusion Across the Rainbow** initiative by the Winnipeg School Division aims to ensure that all students and their families feel supported and welcomed in all Division schools.

This Pathfinder helps educators to discover resources for students of all grades that promote inclusion of LGBTTQ students, as well as acceptance of diversity and gender expression in all Division students, family and staff.

To acquire materials In this Pathfinder, **click** on the **image** or **title** of a resource below, then **click** on the **Place Hold** button and when prompted, log in to the catalogue with your Novell username (password = 1234). All material is sent to you at your home school via the school courier.

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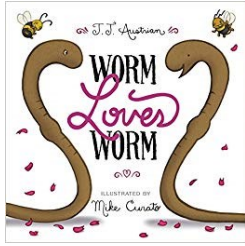
SEARCH TERMS:

Keywords: bisexual, coming out, discrimination, gay youth, gender identity, gsa, homosexual, intersex

Subject Headings: gays, gender expression, gender identity, heterosexism, homophobia, homosexuality, human diversity resources, lesbian teenagers, LGBTTQ resources, respect for persons, sexual orientation, social acceptance, transgender, transgenderism, transsexual



Books for Students

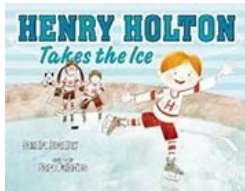


E AUS

Austrian, J.J. [Worm loves Worm](#). New York: Balzer & Bray, 2016.

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, but which one will be the bride and which the groom?

Audience: K – Grade 4



E BRA

Bradley, Sandra. [Henry Holton takes the ice](#). New York, New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Henry Holton comes from an ice hockey-obsessed family, but despite his comfort on the ice, his aspirations lead him to pursue another sport--ice dancing.

Audience: K – Grade 6

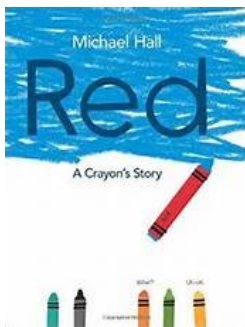


E HAA

Haack, Daniel. [Prince & knight](#). New York, NY: Little Bee Books, 2018.

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

Audience: K – Grade 4

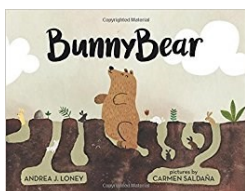


E HAL

Hall, Michael. [Red: a crayon's story](#). New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, 2015.

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

Audience: K – Grade 2

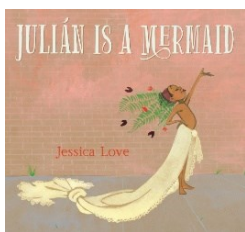


E LON

Loney, Andrea J. [Bunnybear](#). Chicago, Illinois: Albert Whitman & Company, 2017.

A bear who feels like a bunny meets a bunny who feels like a bear, and the two teach each other about acceptance and being true to who you are.

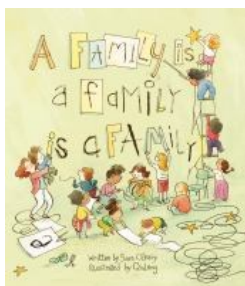
Audience: K – Grade 3



E LOV

Love, Jessica. [Julián is a mermaid](#). Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2018. While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes -- and more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?

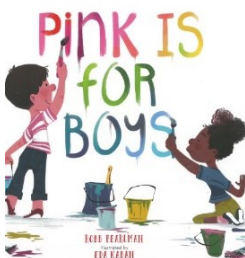
Audience: K and up



E OLE

O'Leary, Sara. [A family is a family is a family](#). Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2016. When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in the one way that matters most of all.

Audience: N and up

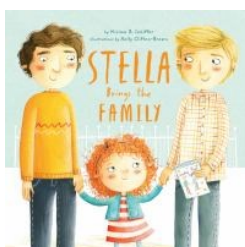


E PEA

Pearlman, Robb. [Pink is for boys](#). New York: Running Press Kids, 2018.

This timely, beautiful, and empowering picture book rethinks and reframes the stereotypical blue/pink gender binary and empowers kids -- and their grownups -- to express themselves in every color of the rainbow.

Audience: K – Grade 2



E SCH

Schiffer, Miriam B. [Stella brings the family](#). San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2015.

Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: N and up

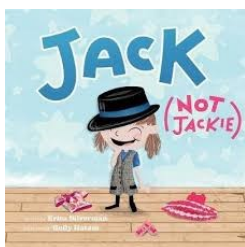


E SHA

Shannon, George. [One family](#). New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015.

A playful, interactive book that shows how a family can be big or small and comprised of people of a range of genders and races.

Audience: N and up

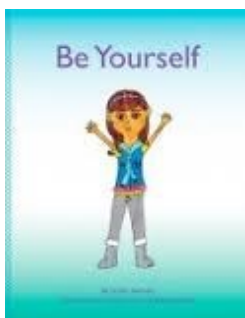


E SIL

Silverman, Erica. [Jack \(not Jackie\)](#). New York, NY: Little Bee Books, 2018.

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.

Audience: K and up

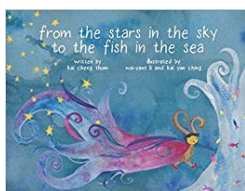


E SWI

Swirsky, Jackie. [Be yourself](#). Winnipeg, Manitoba: Jackie Swirsky, 2015.

This book features a gender creative child as the main character and teaches a message of acceptance. It empowers children to be proud of themselves just as they are and be accepting of all people no matter what their style.

Audience: K and up

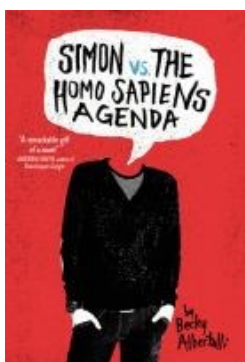


E THO

Thom, Kai Cheng. [From the stars in the sky to the fish in the sea](#). Vancouver: Arsenal Pulp Press, 2017.

In the magical time between night and day, a child is born in a little blue house on a hill. 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? But they find comfort in the loving arms of their mother. Miu Lan faces many questions about who they are and who they may be. One thing's for sure: no matter this child becomes, their mother will love them just the same.

Audience: K and up



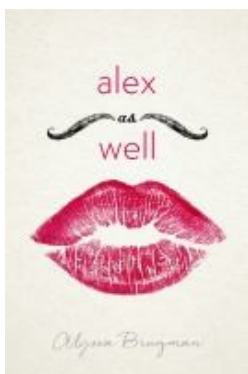
FIC ALB

Albertalli, Becky. [Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda](#). New York, NY: Balzer & Bray, 2015.

Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed.

Also available as an [eBook](#) and an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grades 4 and up

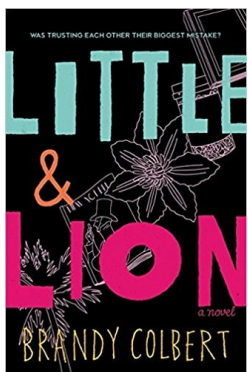


FIC BRU

Brugman, Alyssa. [Alex as well](#). New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2015. Raised as a boy, fourteen-year-old Alex, who has male and female sexual body parts, rejects the hormonal medications prescribed by his mother and decides to live as a girl.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 7 and up



FIC COL

Colbert, Brandy. [Little & Lion](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2017. 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.

Audience: Grade 9 and up



FIC FLO

Floreen, Tim. [Willful machines](#). New York: Simon Pulse, 2015.

In a near-future America, a sentient computer program named Charlotte has turned terrorist. Lee Fisher, the closeted son of an ultraconservative President, is more concerned with keeping his Secret Service detail from finding out about his developing romance with Nico, the new guy at school. When the spider-like robots that roam the school halls begin acting stranger than usual, Lee realizes he is Charlotte's next target.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

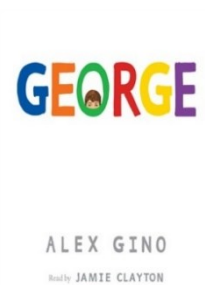


FIC FRE

Freeman, Lisa. [Honey girl](#). St. Catherines, ON: Sky Pony Press, 2015.

Fifteen-year-old Haunani "Nani" Grace Nuuhiwa is transplanted from her home in Hawaii to Santa Monica, California after her father's fatal heart attack. Nani struggles to adjust to her new life with her alcoholic white (haole) mother and the lineup of mean girls who rule State Beach.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



FIC GIN

Gino, Alex. [George](#). New York: Scholastic Press, 2015.

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 6 and up



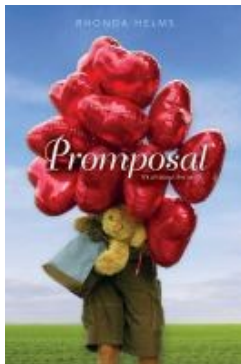
FIC GRE

Gregorio, I. W. [None of the above](#). New York, New York: Balzer + Bray, 2015.

Mean Girls meets Middlesex in this ground-breaking story about a teenage girl who discovers she's intersex, which means that though she outwardly looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts."... and what happens when her secret is revealed to the entire school.

Also available as an [eBook](#) and an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 9 and up

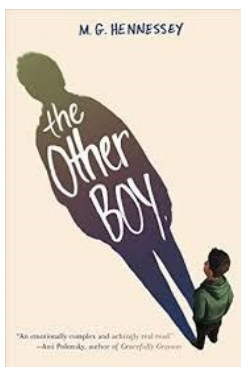


FIC HEL

Helms, Rhonda. [Promposal](#). New York: Simon Pulse, 2015.

Camilla hopes her secret crush, Benjamin, might ask her to the prom but feels pressured into accepting the invitation of a casual acquaintance. Joshua has worked up the courage to ask his best friend, Ethan, to be his date when Ethan asks for his help in crafting the perfect "promposal" for another boy.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



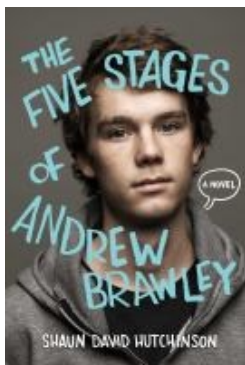
FIC HEN

Hennessey, M. G. [The other boy](#). New York, New York: Harper, 2016.

Twelve-year-old Shane Woods is just a regular boy who is keeping something private, something that might make a difference to his friends and teammates, even Josh. When a classmate threatens to reveal his secret, Shane's whole world comes crashing down.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 4 and up



FIC HUT

Hutchinson, Shaun David. [The five stages of Andrew Brawley](#). New York: Simon Pulse, 2015.

Convinced he should have died in the accident that killed his parents and sister, sixteen-year-old Drew lives in a hospital, hiding from employees and his past, until Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life around.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

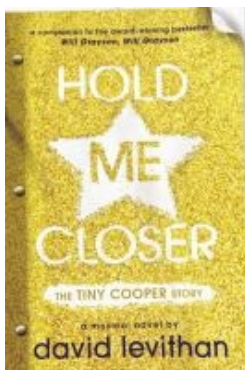


FIC KON

Konigsberg, Bill. [The music of what happens](#). New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2019.

A story about two teens falling in love over a summer that throws everything possible to keep them apart.

Audience: Grade 9 and up

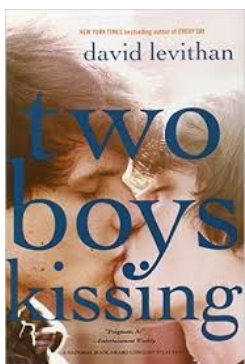


FIC LEV

Levithan, David. [Hold me closer: the Tiny Cooper story: a musical in novel form, \(or, a novel in musical form\)](#). New York: Dutton Books, 2015.

"Larger-than-life Tiny Cooper finally gets to tell his story, from his fabulous birth and childhood to his quest for true love and his infamous parade of ex-boyfriends, in the form of a musical he wrote."

Audience: Grade 9 and up



FIC LEV

Levithan, David. [Two boys kissing](#). New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.

Two Boys Kissing explores how people fall in and out of love, and what it means to discover yourself.

Audience: Grade 10 and up.



FIC LEV

Levy, Dana Alison. [The misadventures of the family Fletcher](#). New York: Yearling Book, 2015.

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 and deal with a grumpy new neighbour.
Audience: Grade 7 and up

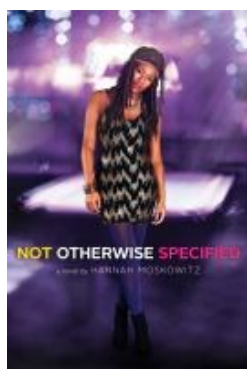


FIC MCC

McCarry, Sarah. [About a girl](#). New York: St. Martin's Press, 2015.

When a sudden discovery upends her fiercely ordered world, Tally sets out on an unexpected quest to seek out the reclusive musician who may hold the key to her past--and instead finds Maddy, an enigmatic and beautiful girl who will unlock the door to her future.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



FIC MOS

Moskowitz, Hannah. [Not otherwise specified](#). New York: Simon Pulse, 2015.

Auditioning for a New York City performing arts high school could help Etta escape from her Nebraska all-girl school, where she is not gay enough for her former friends, not sick enough for her eating disorders group, and not thin enough for ballet, but it may also mean real friendships.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



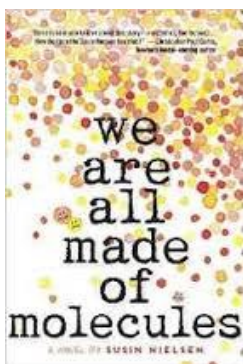
FIC NEL

Nelson, Jandy. [I'll give you the sun](#). New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014.

A luminous story of first love and family loss for fans of John Green, David Levithan, and Rainbow Rowell.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

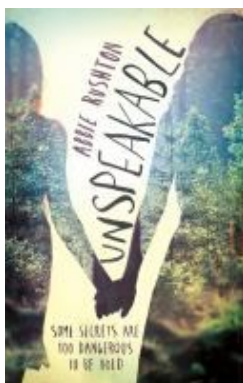
Audience: Grade 9 and up.



FIC NIE

Nielsen-Fernlund, Susin. [We are all made of molecules](#). Toronto: Tundra Books, 2015. Families and friendships take many different, and surprising forms. Under normal circumstances, Stewart, who is brilliant but odd and Ashley, one of the most popular girls in school, would have nothing to do with each other. Their two worlds collide and ultimately combine when Stewart's dad and Ashley's mom decide to move in together. Stewart and Ashley are forced to figure out how to become a family and maybe even, someday, friends.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

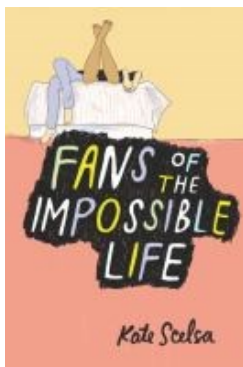


FIC RUS

Ruston, Abbie. [Unspeakable](#). London: Atom, 2015.

Megan doesn't speak. She hasn't spoken in months. Pushing away the people she cares about is just a small price to pay. There are things locked inside Megan's head - things that are screaming to be heard - that she cannot, must not, let out. Then Jasmine starts at school: bubbly, beautiful, talkative Jasmine. For reasons Megan can't quite understand, life starts to look a bit brighter.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

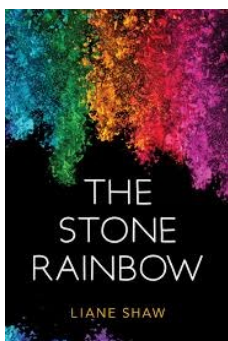


FIC SCE

Scelsa, Kate. [Fans of the impossible life](#). New York: Balzer & Bray, 2015.

At Saint Francis Prep school in Mountain View, New Jersey, Mira, Jeremy, and Sebbby come together as they struggle with romance, bullying, foster home, family problems, and mental health issues.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



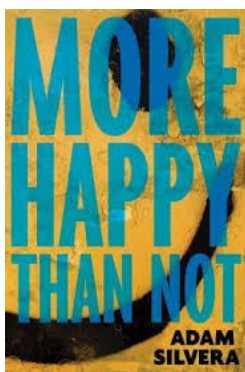
FIC SHA

Shaw, Liane. [The stone rainbow](#). Toronto, Ontario: Second Story Press, 2019.

Seventeen-year-old Jack Pedersen is finding life complicated ever since coming out. Complications go into hyper-drive when a new student arrives at school, and Jack starts experiencing feelings that he's never allowed himself before.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 7 and up.

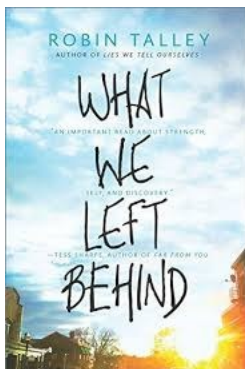


FIC SIL

Silvera, Adam. [More happy than not](#). New York: Soho Teen, 2015.

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.

Audience: Grade 9 and up



FIC TAL

Talley, Robin. [What we left behind](#). Don Mills, Ontario: Harlequin Books Teen 2015.

Toni and Gretchen are the couple everyone envied in high school. Where other long-distance relationships have fallen apart, theirs is bound to stay rock-solid. The reality of being apart, though, is very different than they expected. Toni, who identifies as genderqueer, meets a group of transgender upperclassmen and immediately finds a sense of belonging that has always been missing, but Gretchen struggles to remember who she is outside their relationship.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

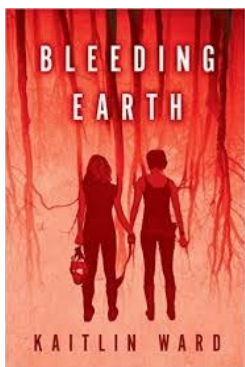


FIC WAL

Walton, Will. [Anything could happen](#). New York: Push, 2015.

Tretch lives in a small town where everybody's in everybody else's business. Which makes it hard for him to be in love with his straight best friend. Matt is completely oblivious of Tretch's feelings -- the problem with living a lie is that the lie can slowly become your life.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

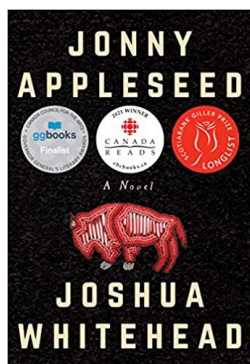


FIC WAR

Ward, Kaitlin. [Bleeding Earth](#). Culver City, California: Adaptive Books, 2016.

Between Mother Nature and human nature, disasters are inevitable. Lea was in a cemetery when the earth started bleeding. Blood oozed out of the ground, even through the concrete, even in the water. Then the earth started growing hair and bones. Fear for her social life turns into fear for her sanity, and Lea must save herself and her girlfriend however she can.

Audience: Grade 9 and up

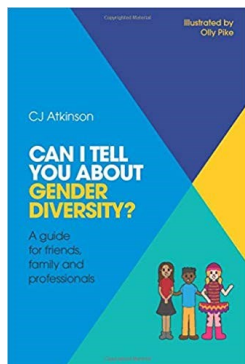


FIC WHI

Whitehead, Joshua. [Jonny Appleseed: a novel](#). Vancouver, BC: Arsenal Pulp Press, 2018.

Jonny Appleseed is a unique, shattering vision of Indigenous life, full of grit, glitter, and dreams.

Audience: Grade 10 and up.

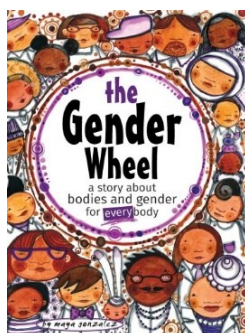


J 305.3 ATK

Atkinson, C. J. [Can I tell you about gender diversity?: a guide for friends, family and professionals](#). London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2017.

Meet Kit - a 12-year-old who identifies as a boy undergoing medical transition – he talks about gender and the different ways it can be explored. He explains what it is like to transition and how his friends, family and teachers can help through talking, listening and being proactive.

Audience: Grade 5 and up

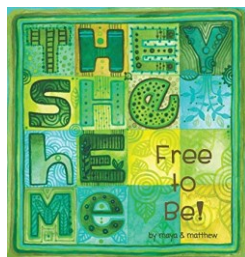


J 305.3 GON

Gonzalez, Maya Christina. [The gender wheel](#). San Francisco, CA: Reflection Press, 2017.

Maya Gonzalez, shares a nature-based, inclusive, body positive story of gender. Inviting every body back to the circle by providing an integrated foundation to talk to kids about gender.

Audience: Grade 2 and up

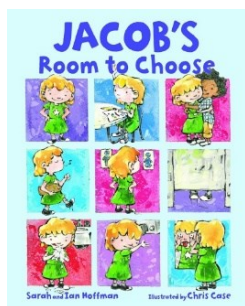


J 305.3 GON

Gonzalez, Maya Christina. [They, she, he, me: free to be!](#) San Francisco, California: Reflection Press, 2017.

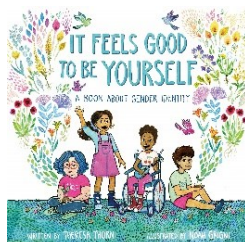
Pronouns serve as a familiar starting point for kids and grown-ups to expand ideas about gender and celebrate personal expression with fun imagery that provides a place to meet and play.

Audience: K and up



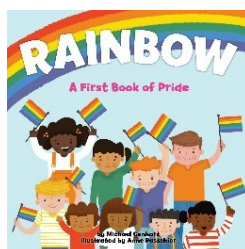
J 305.3 HOF

Hoffman, Sarah. [Jacob's room to choose](#). Washington, DC: Magination Press, 2019.
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.
Audience: K and up



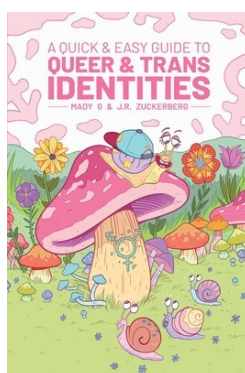
J 305.3 THO

Thorn, Theresa. [It feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity](#). New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2019.
Some people are girls. some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between. Introduces the concept of gender identity to young readers.
Audience: K and up



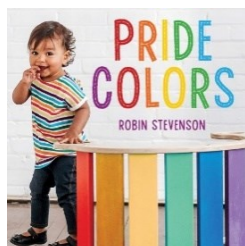
J 306.76 GEN

Genhart, Michael. [Rainbow: a first book of pride](#). Washington, DC: Magination Press & American Psychological Association, 2019.
Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colours in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade.
Audience: K and up



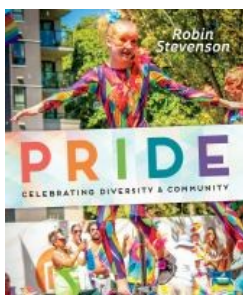
J 306.76 GIU

Giuliani, Mady. [A quick & easy guide to queer & trans identities](#). Portland, OR: Limerence Press, 2019.
Covering essential topics like sexuality, gender identity, and navigating relationships, it explains the spectrum of human experience through informative comics, interviews, worksheets, and imaginative examples.
Audience: Grade 8 and up



J 306.76 STE

Stevenson, Robin. [Pride colors](#). Victoria, British Columbia: Orca Book Publishers, 2019.
In this photographic concept book, babies and toddlers are introduced to the PRIDE flag and the meaning behind each colour.
Audience: K and up



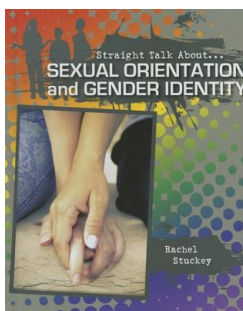
J 306.76 STE

Stevenson, Robin. [Pride: celebrating diversity & community](#). Victoria, British Columbia: Orca Books Publishers, 2016.

For lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people around the world, Pride is both protest and celebration. It's about embracing diversity. It's about fighting for freedom and equality. It's about history, and it's about the future.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 9 and up



J 306.76 STU

Stuckey, Rachel. [Sexual orientation and gender identity](#). New York, New York: Crabtree Publishing Company, 2015.

This timely title gives young people a better understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity, and the LGBTQ community. Personal testimonials shed light on the difficulties individuals face coming out and dispel myths of gender stereotypes.

Audience: Grade 8 and up



J 306.76092 PRA

Prager, Sarah. [Queer, there, and everywhere: 23 people who changed the world](#). New York, NY: Harper, 2017.

Profiles notable LGBTQ figures and highlights their contributions to society and their community, including Kristina Vasa, Frida Kahlo, Alan Turing, Glenn Burke, and George Takei.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 8 and up

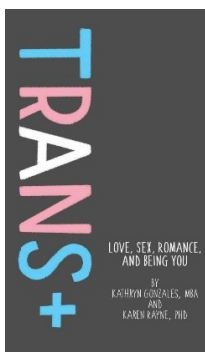


J 306.7660973 MAR

[What if?: answers to questions about what it means to be gay and lesbian](#). New York, NY: Simon Pulse, 2013.

No question goes unanswered in this important book about being gay. All the basics--and not-so-basics--are covered in more than one hundred questions asked by real teens.

Audience: Grade 8 and up.

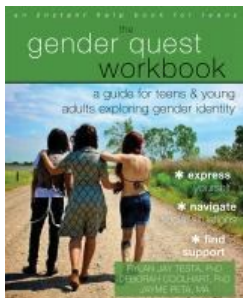


J 306.768 GON

Gonzales, Kathryn. [Trans+: love, sex, romance, and being you](#). Washington, DC: Magination Press, 2019.

An all-inclusive, uncensored guide for teens who are transgender, nonbinary, gender-nonconforming, or gender-fluid. TRANS+ answers all your questions, easy and hard, about gender and covers mental health, physical health and reproduction, transitioning, relationships, sex, and life as a trans or nonbinary individual.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



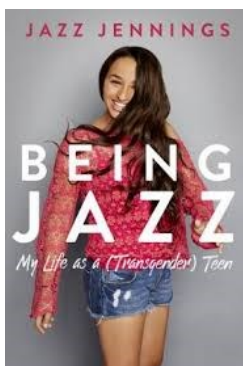
J 306.768 TES

Testa, Rylan Jay. [The gender quest workbook: a guide for teens and young adults exploring gender identity](#). Oakland, CA: New Harbinger Publications, Inc., 2015.

This one-of-a-kind, comprehensive workbook will help you navigate your gender identity and expression at home, in school, and with peers.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

Audience: Grade 7 and up



J 306.768092 JEN

Jennings, Jazz. [Being Jazz: my life as a \(transgender\) teen](#). New York: Crown, 2016.

Teen activist and trailblazer Jazz Jennings--shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths.

Also available as an [eBook](#) and an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 9 and up

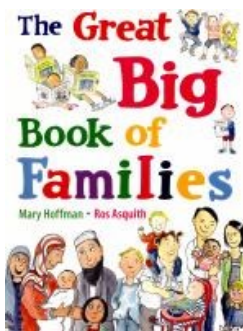


J 306.768092 ROD

Rodger, Ellen. [Jazz Jennings: voice for LGBTQ youth](#). St. Catharines: Crabtree Publishing, 2017.

A ground-breaking advocate for transgender youth and LGBTQ rights, Jazz Jennings is one of the first youth to speak publicly about her experiences as a transgender individual.

Audience: Grade 2 and up

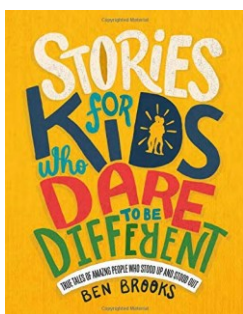


J 306.85 HOF

Hoffman, Mary. [The great big book of families](#). London: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2015.

What is a family? As times have changed, families have changed too, and now there are almost as many kinds of families as colours of the rainbow - from a mum and dad or single parent to two mums or two dads, from a mixed-race family to children with different mums and dads, from families with a disabled member to those with a mum or dad in prison.

Audience: N – K



J 920 BRO

Brooks, Ben. [Stories for kids who dare be different: true tales of amazing people who stood up and stood out](#). Philadelphia: Running Press Kids, 2019.

Boys will be boys and girls will be girls? Not in this book. More extraordinary true stories of amazing people who broke the mold and changed the world for the better. Have the courage to be yourself, and your dreams might come true.

Audience: Grade 4 and up

eBooks for Students



eBook

Albertalli, Becky. [Here's to us](#). New York, NY: Balzer + Bray/Quill Tree Books, 2021.

In the follow-up to the *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER, *What If It's Us*, best friends Arthur and Ben reunite for another shot at true love.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 10 and up.

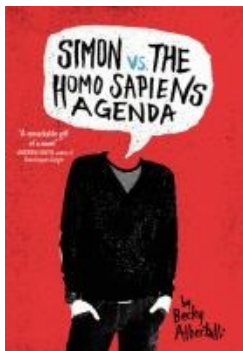


eBook

Albertalli, Becky. [Leah on the offbeat](#). New York: HarperCollins, 2018.

Leah Burke is an anomaly in her friend group: the only child of a young, single mom; her life is decidedly less privileged. She loves to draw but is too self-conscious to show it. Though her mom knows she's bisexual, she hasn't mustered the courage to tell her friends-- not even her openly gay BFF, Simon. When her rock-solid friend group starts to fracture in unexpected ways, it's hard for Leah to strike the right note. With prom and college on the horizon, tensions are running high.

Audience: Grade 8 and up



eBook

Albertalli, Becky. [Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda](#). New York, NY: Balzer & Bray, 2015.

Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grades 4 and up



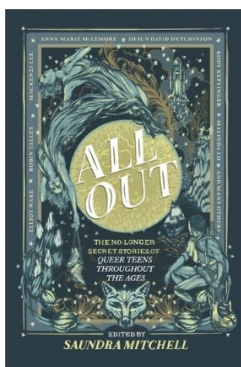
eBook

Albertalli, Becky. [What if it's us](#). New York, NY: HarperTeen, 2018.

Told in two voices, when Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet, it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 8 and up

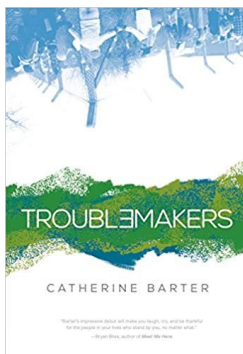


eBook

Mitchell, Sandra. [All out: the no-longer-secret stories of queer teens throughout the ages](#). Toronto, Ontario: Harlequin, 2018.

Take a journey through time and genres to discover stories where queer teens live, love, and shape the world around them.

Audience: Grade 8 and up.

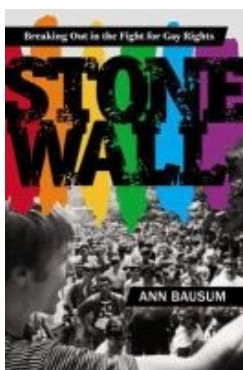


eBook

Barter, Catherine. [Troublemakers](#). Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Lab, 2018.

When east London is targeted by a bomber, fifteen-year-old Alena, raised by her half-brother and his boyfriend, becomes increasingly rebellious and insistent on learning about her long-dead activist mother.

Audience: Grade 8 and up

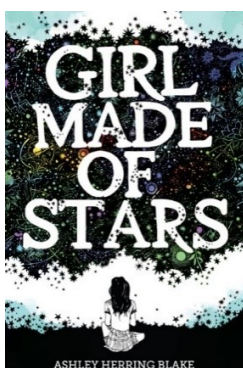


eBook

Bausum, Ann. [Stonewall: breaking out in the fight for gay rights](#). New York: Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015.

A dramatic retelling of the Stonewall riots of 1969... the decades-long struggle for gay rights.

Audience: Grade 9 and up

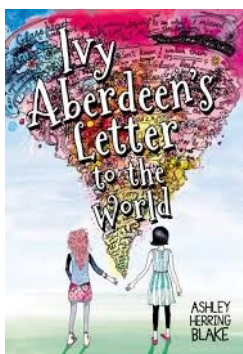


eBook

Blake, Ashley Herring. [Girl made of stars](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018.

When Mara's twin brother Owen is accused of rape by her friend Hannah, Mara is forced to confront her feelings about her family, her sense of right and wrong, a trauma from her past, and the future with her girlfriend, Charlie.

Audience: Grade 8 and up



eBook

Blake, Ashley Herring. [Ivy Aberdeen's letter to the world](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018.

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.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 4 and up

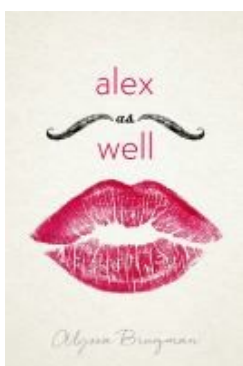


eBook

Brezina, Corona. [Coming out as transgender](#). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2017.

This book is an accessible guide to coming out to family and friends, providing transgender readers with insight about what steps to take when thinking about coming out, addressing how to answer questions that friends and family might ask, the steps involved in a gender transition, and how to fight back against transgender discrimination at school and in the community.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

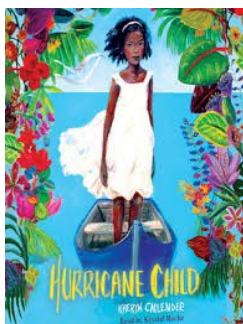


eBook

Brugman, Alyssa. [Alex as well](#). New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2015.

Raised as a boy, fourteen-year-old Alex, who has male and female sexual body parts, rejects the hormonal medications prescribed by his mother and decides to live as a girl.

Audience: Grade 7 and up



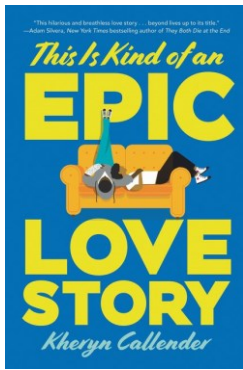
eBook

Callender, Kheryn. [Hurricane Child](#). New York: Scholastic Press, 2018.

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.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 5 and up

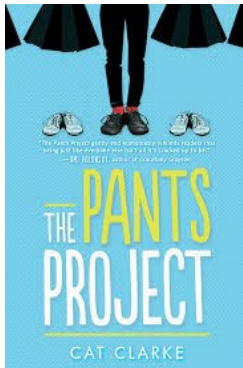


eBook

Callender, Kheryn. [This is kind of an epic love story](#). New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, 2018. Budding screenwriter Nate, sixteen, finds his conviction that happy endings do not happen in real life is sorely tested when his childhood best friend and crush, Oliver James Hernandez, moves back to town.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

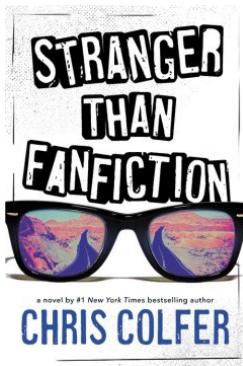
Audience: Grade 7 and up



eBook

Clarke, Cat. [The pants project](#). Naperville, Illinois: SourceBooks Jabberwocky, 2017. Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy.

Audience: Grade 4 and up



eBook

Colfer, Chris. [Stranger than fanfiction](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2017. Four friends embarking on a pre-college road trip from Illinois to California are surprised when Cash Carter, the lead actor from their favorite television show, accepts their invitation to accompany them, and their shared adventure becomes an opportunity to reveal secrets and support each other.

Audience: Grade 9 and up



eBook

Dietrich, Cale. [The Love Interest](#). New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2017.

In a secret organization that cultivates teenage spies, the stakes are high for two agents, Caden and Dylan, whose mission to compete for a girl destined for great power becomes complicated when Caden finds himself falling in love with his competition.

Audience: Grade 9 and up

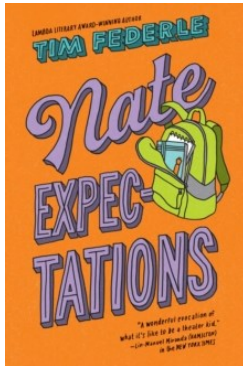


eBook

Erno, Jeff. [Bullied](#). Tallahassee, FL: Harmony Ink Press, 2012.

Bullied is a series of short stories exploring the world of these teens from several different viewpoints: the victim, the bully, the gay bystander, the straight friend, the concerned parent.

Audience: Grade 9 and up.



eBook

Federle, Tim. [Nate expectations](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018.

When E.T.: The Musical closes, Nate reluctantly returns home to begin high school and, with his best friend, Libby, makes a project of turning Dickens' Great Expectations into a musical.

Audience: Grade 4 and up

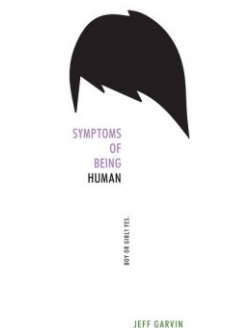


eBook

Gardner, Whitney. [You're welcome, universe](#). New York: Alfred A Knopf, 2017.

When Julia finds a slur about her best friend scrawled across the back of the Kingston School for the Deaf, she covers it up with a beautiful (albeit illegal) graffiti mural. Her supposed best friend snitches, the principal expels her, and her two mothers set Julia up with a one-way ticket to a "mainstream" school in the suburbs, where she's treated like an outcast as the only deaf student.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

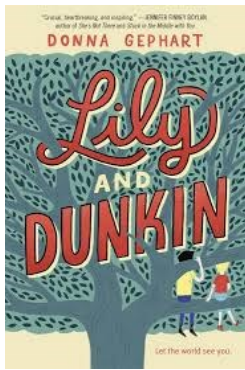


eBook

Garvin, Jeff. [Symptoms of being human](#). New York: Balzer + Bray, 2016.

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.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

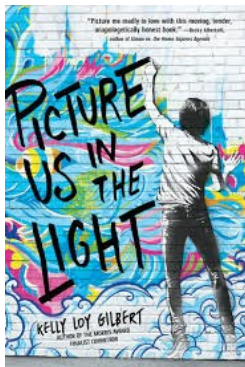


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Gephart, Donna. [Lily and Dunkin](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 2016.

"Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth-grade. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change."

Audience: Grade 7 and up

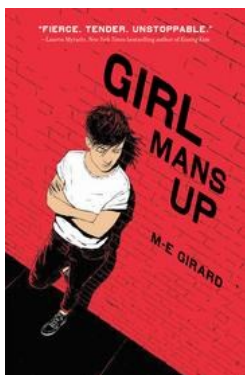


eBook

Gilbert, Kelly Loy. [Picture us in the light](#). Los Angeles: Hyperion, 2018.

Daniel, a Chinese-American teen, must grapple with his plans for the future, his feelings for his best friend Harry, and his discovery of a family secret that could shatter everything.

Audience: Grade 9 and up

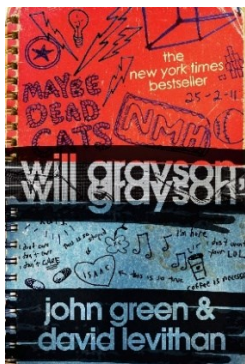


eBook

Girard, M-E. [Girl mans up](#). New York: HarperTeen, 2016.

"In Ontario, Pen is a sixteen-year-old 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".

Audience: Grade 7 and up



eBook

Green, John. [Will grayson, will grayson](#). Csorna: Trei, 2015.

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

Audience: Grade 8 and up



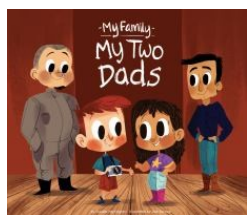
eBook

Gregorio, I. W. [None of the above](#). New York: Balzer & Bray, 2015.

Mean Girls meets Middlesex in this ground breaking story about a teenage girl who discovers she's intersex, which means that though she outwardly looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts."... and what happens when her secret is revealed to the entire school.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 9 and up



eBook

Harrington, Claudia. [My two dads](#). Minneapolis: Looking Glass Library, 2016.

Lenny follows Jasmine for a school project and learns about her life with her two dads.

Audience: K and up

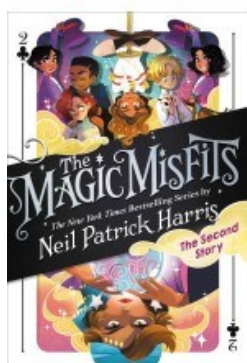


eBook

Harrington, Claudia. [My two moms](#). Minneapolis: Looking Glass Library, 2016.

Lenny, the class reporter, follows Elsie for a school project and learns about her life with her two moms.

Audience: K and up



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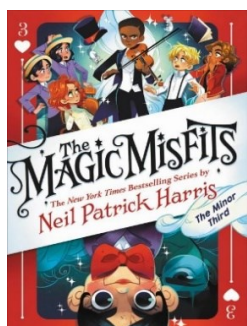
Harris, Neil Patrick. [Magic misfits: the second story](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018.

The second sequel of the Magic Misfits series.

Leila and the other Magic Misfits have the opportunity to perform with a famous stage psychic known as Madame Esmeralda, who may hold secrets to Leila's past.

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 4 and up



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Harris, Neil Patrick. [The magic misfits: the minor third](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2019.

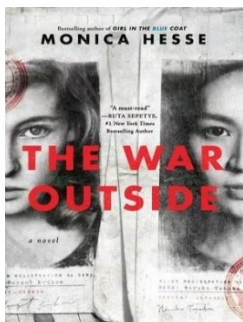
Join the Magic Misfits as they discover adventure, friendship, and more than a few hidden secrets in this unique and surprising series. New member Emily helps the Magic Misfits when a ventriloquist with a dastardly plan comes to town.

Audience: Grade 3 and up



eBook

Henry, Sherrie. [Last of the summer tomatoes](#). Tallahassee: Harmony Ink Press, 2013. Kyle Jackowski, typical sullen emo teen, struggles to find a way to deal with his sexuality and finds himself in trouble with the law... again. But instead of being sent to a juvenile detention center, he is given a chance to commute his sentence by working on a farm for the summer. Enter Sam, son of the farm owners, who shows Kyle what he feels is perfectly normal and that he doesn't have to hide from his feelings. Audience: Grade 9 and up.



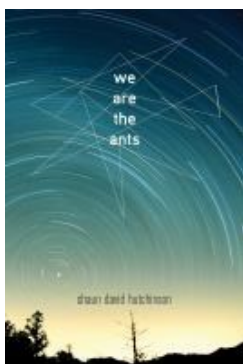
eBook

Hesse, Monica. [The war outside](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018. Teens Haruko, a Japanese American, and Margot, a German American, form a life-changing friendship as everything around them starts falling apart in the Crystal City family internment camp during World War II. Audience: Grade 7 and up



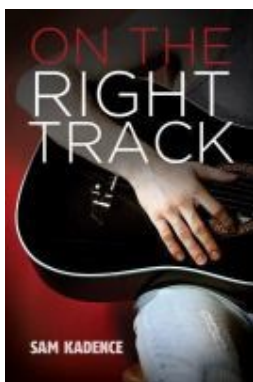
eBook

Hurt, Avery Elizabeth. [Confronting LGBTQ+ discrimination](#). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2018. This book empowers readers to confront LGBTQ+ discrimination and offers practical guidance on navigating a world where not everyone believes that LGBTQ+ people should have the same rights as everyone else. LGBTQ+ readers will find themselves encouraged, and others will learn how to be supportive allies of their LGBTQ+ friends and classmates, both in and out of school. Audience: Grade 7 and up



eBook

Hutchinson, Shaun David. [We are the ants](#). New York: Simon Pulse, 2016. After the suicide of his boyfriend, Henry deals with depression and family issues, all while wondering if he was really abducted and told he has 144 days to decide whether or not the world is worth saving. Audience: Grade 9 and up



eBook

Kadence, Sam. [On the right track](#). Tallahassee: Harmony Ink Press, 2013.

Ryunoski "Ru" Nakimura knows all about the trappings of fame. Expelled from a boy band for coming out as gay, he still wants to continue his career in music. Too bad his ex finds nothing better to do than exploit their relationship in the press, so Ru leaves California behind to lie low in Minnesota for a while. Adam Corbin attends a Minnesota high school and wants to coast through as a typical student. He's friends with an openly gay student, Bas Axelrod, but while Adam plays football, he also stays away from much socializing. Blending in and not outing himself has been easy because he's never really been seriously interested in any of the guys he's encountered. When Adam meets Ru in a library, Adam begins to think he's found that special young man who might make it worthwhile to just be himself. And for Ru, Adam looks like someone he might trade his fame for, if they could be together. Ru and Adam will both come to realize that courage and love must go hand in hand if they are to have a future.

Audience: Grade 9 and up.

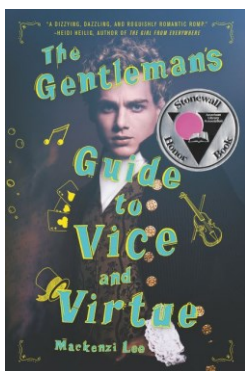


eBook

Kann, Claire. [Let's talk about love](#). New York: Swoon Reads, 2018.

Claire Kann's debut novel "Let's Talk About Love" gracefully explores the struggle with emerging adulthood and the complicated line between friendship and what it might mean to be something more.

Audience: Grade 8 and up

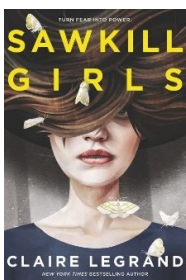


eBook

Lee, Mackenzi. [The gentleman's guide to vice and virtue](#). New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2017.

Henry "Monty" Montague was born and bred to be a gentleman, but he was never one to be tamed. When a reckless decision turns into a harrowing manhunt, it calls into question everything Monty knows, including his relationship with the boy he adores.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

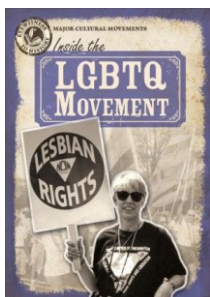


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Legrand, Claire. [Sawkill girls](#). New York: HarperCollins, 2018.

After girls mysteriously disappear on the island of Sawkill Rock, three unlikely friends come together to destroy the Collector, a monster from another world who grows stronger with each kill.

Audience: Grade 8 and up

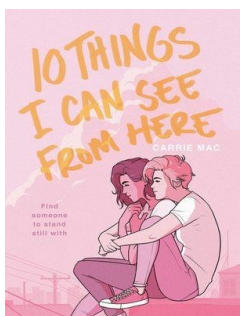


eBook

Lombardo, Jennifer. [Inside the LGBTQ+ movement](#). New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing LLLP, 2017.

Introduces the LGBTQ+ movement's ideals, the methods used to achieve them, and the people who led, and continue to lead, the campaign for improved social equality for all members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

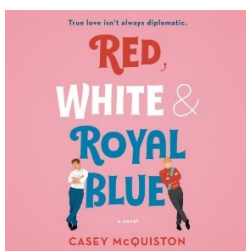


eBook

Mac, Carrie. [10 things I can see from here](#). New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2017.

Maeve, a sufferer of severe anxiety, moves in with her recovering alcoholic father and her very pregnant stepmother and falls for a girl who is not afraid of anything.

Audience: Grade 9 and up



eBook

McQuiston, Casey. [Red, white & royal blue: a novel](#). New York: Wednesday Books, 2019.

When his mother became President, Alex Claremont-Diaz was promptly cast as the American equivalent of a young royal. There's only one problem: Alex has a beef with the actual prince, Henry, across the pond. And when the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an Alex-Henry altercation, U.S./British relations take a turn for the worse. Staging a truce between the two rivals which at first begins as a fake, Alex finds himself hurtling into a secret romance with Henry. Can love save the world after all?

Also available as an [eAudioBook](#)

Audience: Grade 10 and up.

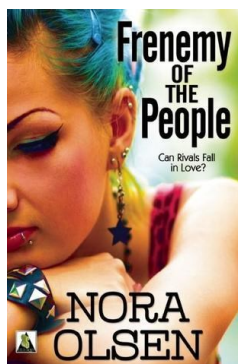


eBook

Meyer, Susan. [Health issues when you're transgender](#). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2017.

This book explores the health issues encountered by transgender people, including mental and emotional health, gender dysphoria, hormone replacement therapy (including puberty-blocking hormones), gender affirmation surgery, and more.

Audience: Grade 8 and up

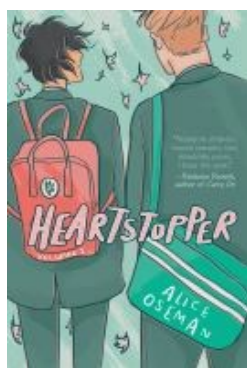


eBook

Olsen, Nora. [Frenemy of the people](#). Valley Falls, NY: BSBS Soliloquy, 2014.

Clarissa and Lexie couldn't be more different. Clarissa is a chirpy, optimistic do gooder and a top rider on the school's equestrian team. Lexie is an angry, punk rock activist and the only out lesbian at their school. When Clarissa declares she's bi and starts a Gay-Straight Alliance, she unwittingly presses all of Lexie's buttons, so Lexie makes it her job to cut Clarissa down to size. Both are surprised to find their mutual loathing turning to love.

Audience: Grade 9 and up.

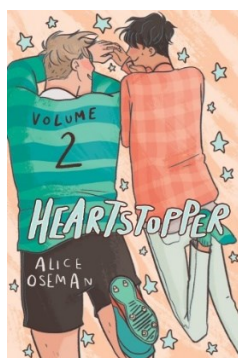


eBook

Oseman, Alice. [Heartstopper. Volume 1](#). New York: Scholastic Inc., 2020.

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. A sweet and charming coming-of-age story that explores friendship, love, and coming out.

Audience: Grade 7 and up.

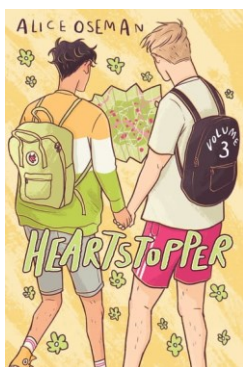


eBook

Oseman, Alice. [Heartstopper. Volume 2](#). New York: Scholastic Inc., 2020.

The second book in the delightfully sweet Heartstopper series, featuring beautiful two-color artwork!

Audience: Grade 7 and up.

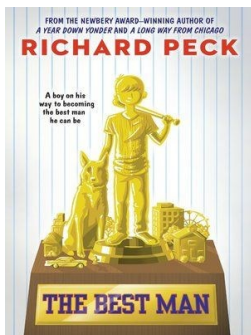


eBook

Oseman, Alice. [Heartstopper. Volume 3](#). New York: Scholastic Inc., 2020.

The third volume in the poignant and sweet Heartstopper series.

Audience: Grade 7 and up.



eBook

Peck, Richard. [The best man](#). New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2016.

"Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget."

Audience: Grade 4 and up

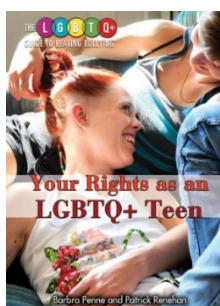


eBook

Penne, Barbra. [Transgender role models and pioneers](#). New York: Rosen Publishing, 2017.

While transgender people have become more visible and gained a measure of acceptance from our cisnormative society in recent years, the need for trans role models to inspire young transgender people is still very real. This title profiles a host of accomplished transgender people who have made their names in a wide range of fields, including sports, politics, activism, entertainment, and the arts.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

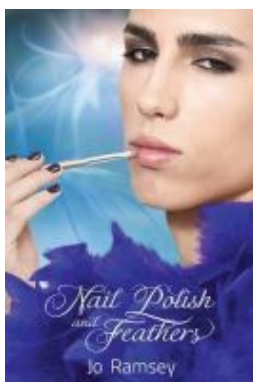


eBook

Penne, Barbra. [Your rights as an LGBTQ+ teen](#). New York: Rosen Publishing Group, Inc., 2018.

This book provides resources for teens encountering interpersonal or systemic mistreatment at home, school, work, and in their community. It presents their legally recognized rights in these contexts, providing information about how to make use of existing laws, as well as strategies for meeting needs not currently recognized as legal rights, drawing on past and contemporary struggles for equality.

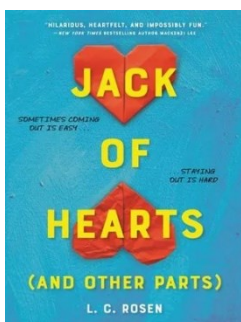
Audience: Grade 8 and up



eBook

Ramsey, Jo. [Nail polish and feathers](#). Tallahassee: Harmony Ink Press, 2013. Sixteen-year-old Evan Granger has no problems with being gay. Despite his mother's objections, he wears nail polish and makeup to school and pursues his goal of becoming a professional drag queen. But Evan is a force to be reckoned with, and he soon shows the bullies - and everyone else - that beating a drag queen up does not mean the queen is beaten down.

Audience: Grade 9 and up.

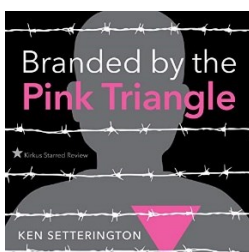


eBook

Rosen, Lev AC. [Jack of hearts \(and other parts\)](#). New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018.

Jack, an unapologetically queer teen working to uncover a blackmailer threatening him back into the closet.

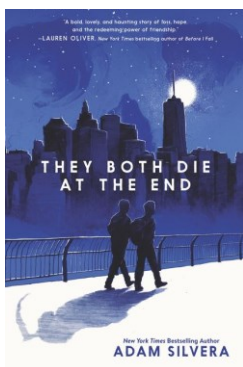
Audience: Grade 9 and up



eBook

Setterington, Ken. [Branded by the pink triangle](#). Toronto: Second Story Press, 2013. When the Nazis came to power in Europe, the lives of homosexuals came to be ruled by fear as raids, arrests, prison sentences and expulsions became the daily reality. When the concentration camps were built, homosexuals were imprisoned along with Jews. The pink triangle, sewn onto prison uniforms, became the symbol of their persecution. This book combines historical research with first-person accounts and individual stories to bring this time to life.

Audience: Grade 8 and up



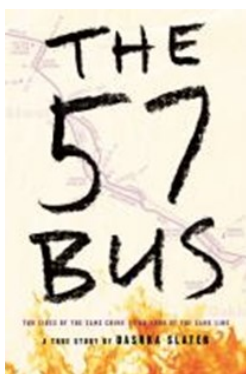
eBook

Silvera, Adam. [They both die at the end](#). New York: Harper, 2017.

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.

Also available as an [eAudiobook](#)

Audience: Grade 8 and up



eBook

Slater, Dashka. [The 57 bus: a true story of two teenagers and the crime that changed their lives](#). New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017.

One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment.

Also available as an [eAudiobook](#)

Audience: Grade 7 and up

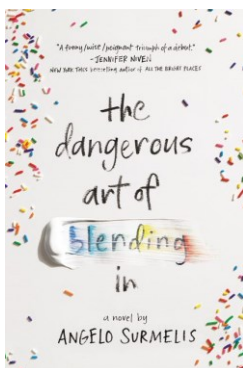


eBook

Stone, Nic. [Odd one out](#). New York: Crown, 2018.

High school juniors and best friends Courtney and Jupe, and new sophomore Rae, explore their sexuality and their budding attractions for one another.

Audience: Grade 8+ and up

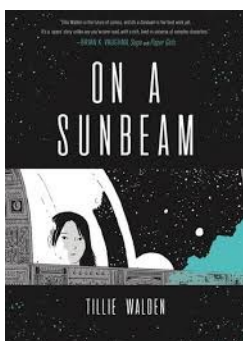


eBook

Surmelis, Angelo. [The dangerous art of blending in](#). New York: HarperCollins, 2018.

Based on the author's own childhood, this is a raw, powerful, but ultimately uplifting debut novel about an immigrant Greek boy coming to terms with his sexuality in an abusive household.

Audience: Grade 8 and up

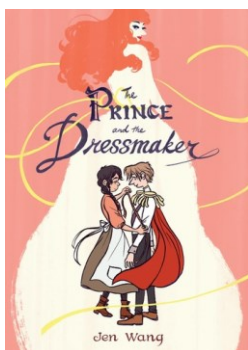


eBook

Walden, Tillie. [On a sunbeam](#). New York: First Second, 2018.

In two interwoven timelines, a ragtag crew travels to the deepest reaches of space, rebuilding beautiful, broken structures to piece the past together; and two girls meet in boarding school and fall deeply in love, only to learn the pain of loss.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

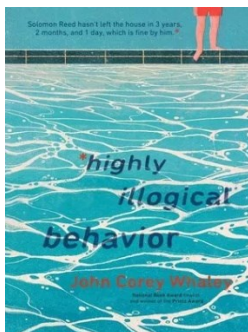


eBook

Wang, Jen. [The prince and the dressmaker](#). New York: First Second, 2018.

Prince Sebastian is looking for a bride--or rather, his parents are looking for one for him. Sebastian is too busy hiding his secret life from everyone. At night he puts on daring dresses and takes Paris by storm as the fabulous Lady Crystallia--the hottest fashion icon in the world capital of fashion!

Audience: Grade 7 and up

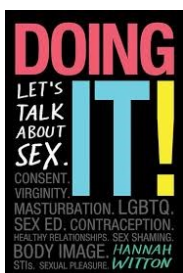


eBook

Whaley, John Corey. [Highly illogical behavior](#). New York: Dial Books, 2016.

Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that--and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.

Audience: Grade 9 and up



eBook

Witton, Hannah. [Doing it!](#) Naperville: SourceBooks Fire, 2018.

An introduction to sex, as well as a guideBook for those who are already sexually active, this book provides insight on topics such as healthy relationships, porn, contraception, sex shaming, and more. Talks about doing it safely. Doing it joyfully. Doing it when you're ready. Not doing it. Basically, doing it the way you want, when you want-- if you want.

Audience: Grade 7 and up

eAudioBooks for Students



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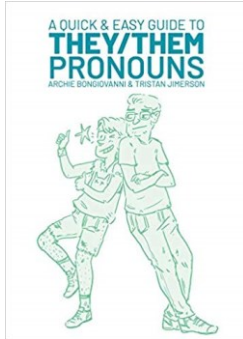
Prince, Liz. [Tomboy: a graphic memoir](#). Chicago: Dreamscape Media, LLC, 2016.
Eschewing female stereotypes throughout her early years and failing to gain acceptance on the boys' baseball team, Liz learns to embrace her own views on gender as she comes of age, in an anecdotal graphic novel memoir.
Audience: Grade 5 and up



eAudioBook

Russo, Meredith. [If I was your girl](#). New York: Flatiron Books, 2016.
Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.
Audience: Grade 9 and up

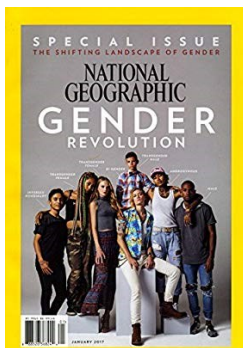
Books for Educators



305.3 BON

Bongiovanni, Archie. [A quick & easy guide to they/them pronouns](#). Portland: Limerence Press Publication, 2018.

The concept of gender-neutral pronouns is introduced through a graphic novel tale of Archie, a snarky genderqueer artist, and cisgender Tristan. The book explains what pronouns are, why they matter, and how to use them.



305.3 NAT

[National Geographic: gender revolution](#). Washington: National Geographic Partners LLC, January 2017.

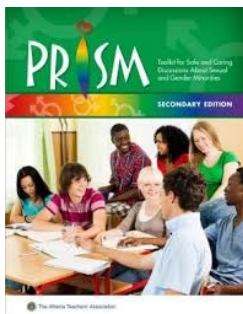
This is a special issue of National Geographic to help better understand the meaning of gender. It provides a wealth of facts, images, and ideas about gender, and how it is expressed in our contemporary world.



305.38897071 IND

[Indigenous men and masculinities: legacies, identities, regeneration](#). Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2015.

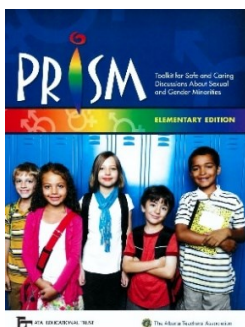
Highlights voices of Indigenous male writers, traditional knowledge keepers, ex-gang members, war veterans, fathers, youth, Two-Spirited people, and Indigenous men working to end violence against women. It offers a refreshing vision toward equitable societies that celebrate healthy and diverse masculinities.



305.90664 PRI

[Prism: toolkit for safe and caring discussions about sexual and gender minorities, secondary edition](#). Edmonton: Alberta Teachers' Association, 2016.

Created to help teachers promote safe and supportive classroom discussions about sexual and gender minorities. This toolkit provides opportunities for teachers to explore content related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.



305.90664 PRI

[Prism: toolkit for safe and caring discussions about sexual and gender minorities, elementary edition](#). Edmonton: Alberta Teachers' Association, 2016.

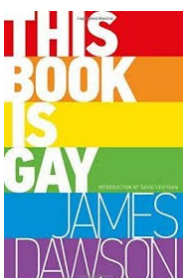
Created to help teachers promote safe and supportive classroom discussions about sexual and gender variance. Elementary educators are often the first to understand the gender issues of young children and often deal with them as bullying issues.



305.90664 SHO

Short, Donn. [Am I safe here?: LGBTQ teens and bullying in schools](#). Vancouver: On Point Press, 2017.

This book shines a light on the marginalization and bullying faced by LGBTQ youth, offering a new conceptualization of school safety. LGBTQ students are the experts in their own schools, to achieve safety and equity, nothing less than a total culture change is needed.

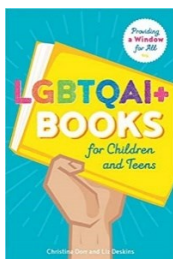


306.76 DAW

Dawson, Juno. [This book is gay](#). Naperville: SourceBooks Jabberwocky, 2015.

A British author of teen fiction offers basic information about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender experience, including terms, religious issues, coming out, and sex acts, for people of all orientations, including the merely curious.

Also available as an [eBook](#)

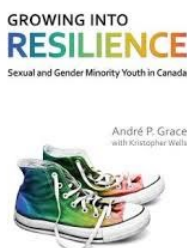


306.76 DOR

Dorr, Christina H. [LGBTQAI+ books for children and teens: providing a window for all](#). Chicago: ALA Editions, 2018.

This resource surveys the best in LGBTQAI+ lit and offers guidance on how to share it in ways that encourage understanding and acceptance among parents, school administrators, and the wider community.

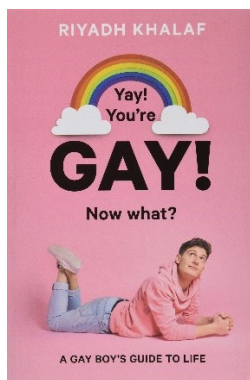
Audience: School library staff, teachers.



306.76 GRA

Grace, André P. [Growing into resilience: sexual and gender minority youth in Canada](#). Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2015.

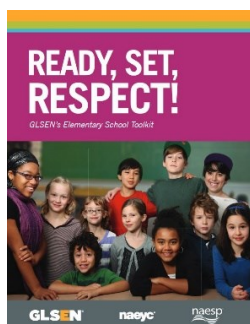
Both a resource for those professionally engaged in work with sexual and gender minorities and a comprehensive text for use in courses on working with vulnerable youth populations, "Growing into Resilience" is a timely and transdisciplinary book.



306.76 KHA

Khalaf, Riyadh. [Yay! you're gay! now what?: a gay guy's guide to life](#). London: Frances Lincoln, 2019.

Shares tips and advice for young queer guys on such topics as coming out, relationships, sexual education, inspirational queer role models, and dealing with bullies.



306.76 REA

[Ready, set, respect!: GLSEN's elementary school toolkit](#). New York: GLSEN, 2016.

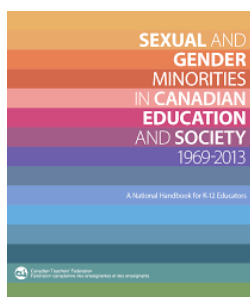
The kit provides a set of tools to teach about respect and includes lesson plans that focus on name-calling, bullying and bias, LGBT-inclusive family diversity and gender roles and diversity and are to be used as either standalone lessons or as part of a school-wide anti-bias or bullying prevention program.



306.76 SAF

[Safe space kit: a guide to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students in your school](#). New York: GLSEN, 2016.

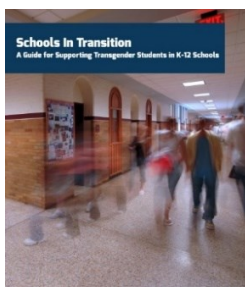
Designed to help create a safe space for LGBTQ youth in schools, the Safe Space Kit is GLSEN's Guide to Being an Ally to LGBTQ Students. The guide provides concrete strategies that will help support LGBTQ students, educate about anti-LGBTQ bias and advocate for changes in your school.



306.766 GRA

Grace, André P. [Sexual and gender minorities in Canadian education and society, 1969-2013: a national handbook for K-12 educators](#). Ottawa: Canadian Teachers' Federation, 2016.

This guide presents a detailed overview of what has been done from coast to coast to coast since the decriminalization of homosexuality in 1969 to improve the situation of sexual and gender minorities in Canadian society and, more specifically, in education.

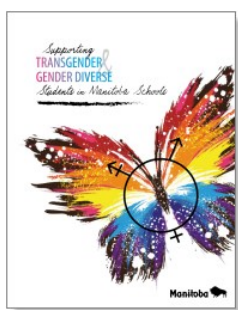


306.768 SCH

[Schools in transition: a guide for supporting transgender students in K-12 schools.](#)

USA: HRC Foundation, 2015.

This guide highlights best practices while offering strategies for building upon and aligning them with each school's culture.

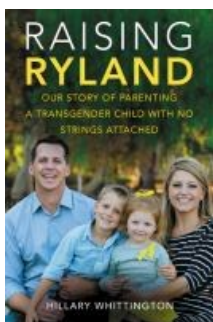


306.768 SUP

[Supporting transgender and gender diverse students in Manitoba schools.](#) Winnipeg:

Manitoba Education and Training, 2017.

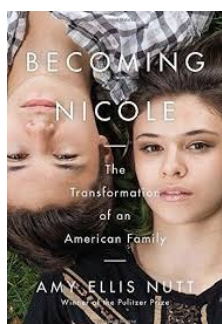
Provides guidelines for ensuring that schools are safe, respectful and equitable places for transgender and gender diverse students while supporting their individuality.



306.768 WHI

Whittington, Hillary. [Raising Ryland: our story of parenting a transgender child with no strings attached.](#) New York: William Morrow, 2015.

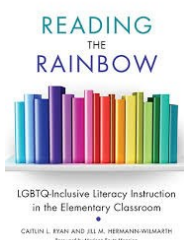
After they discovered their daughter Ryland was deaf at age one and needed cochlear implants, the Whittingtons spent nearly four years successfully teaching Ryland to speak. Once Ryland gained the power of speech, it was time to listen as Ryland insisted, "I am a boy!" Hillary and her husband Jeff made it their mission to support their child - no matter what.



306.7680973 NUT

Nutt, Amy Ellis. [Becoming Nicole: the transformation of an American family.](#) New York: Random House, 2015.

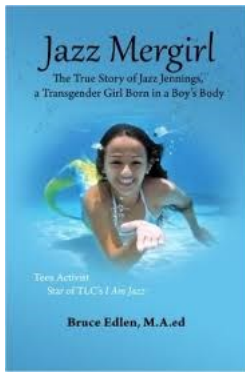
This is the story of a journey that could have destroyed a family, but instead united them. A story of a brother who always loved and accepted his sister. The story of a young girl who found the courage to be herself.



372.6044 RYA

Ryan, Caitlin. [Reading the rainbow: LGBTQ-inclusive literacy instruction in the elementary classroom.](#) New York: Teachers College Press, GLSEN, 2018.

Drawing on examples from K - 5 classrooms, the authors make clear what LGBTQ-inclusive literacy teaching can look like in practice, including what teachers might say and how students might respond.



921 JEN

Edlen, Bruce. [Jazz Mergirl: the true story of Jazz Jennings, a transgender girl born in a boy's body](#). CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015.

Jazz Mergil is the compelling true story of a transgender girl born in a boy's body. It tells how Jazz Jennings and her family navigate the challenging road of her transition into the bright and beautiful teen she is today.

Documentaries on DVD



DVD 306.766 ONE

306.766 ONE (45 minutes)

[One gay city: a history of LGBT life in Winnipeg.](#) Winnipeg, Manitoba: Past Perfect Procuptions, 2014.

From a deeply closeted culture to a more open and out society, "One Gay City: A History of LGBT Life in Winnipeg" takes viewers on an emotional tour of Winnipeg's LGBT community through personal stories, news headlines and archival images.

Audience: Grade 9 and up.



DVD1815

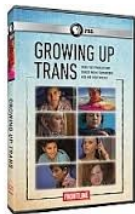
306.768 (96 minutes)

[Making schools inclusive and responsive for transgender and gender creative students.](#)

Winnipeg, Manitoba: Winnipeg School Division, 2015.

A presentation given by Winnipeg's Rainbow Resource Centre, a child and adolescent psychologist, a transgender person, and the mother of a gender creative child, to Winnipeg School Division staff on how to make schools more inclusive and supportive for transgender and gender creative students.

Audience: Teachers and Administrators



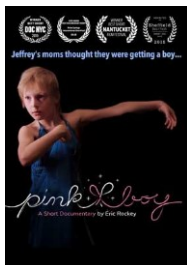
DVD1819

305.3 (90 minutes)

[Growing up trans.](#) Alexandria, Virginia: PBS Distribution, 2015.

In this documentary, insightful interviews with young children, teens, and their parents reveal the benefits, challenges, and risks of transitioning gender at younger ages.

Audience: Grade 7+



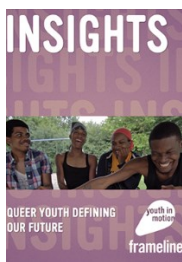
DVD1829

306.76 (15 minutes)

[Pink Boy.](#) San Francisco, CA: Video Project, 2015.

A short documentary about a gender non-conforming boy growing up in a conservative area of rural Florida.

Audience: Grade 10+



DVD1863

306.76 (93 minutes)

[Insights: queer youth defining our future](#). San Francisco, CA: Frameline/Youth in Motion, 2014.

this collection of shorts provides diverse insight into a range of LGBTQ youth experiences. Includes extensive curriculum and action guide.

Audience: Grade 5 and up.



DVD1865

306.768 (47 minutes)

[Transgender: male or female? I am who I am](#). Toronto, Ontario: Stronoway Communications, 2015.

Covers what it's like to grow up in the wrong gender and eventually transition. The decision to transition from one gender to another is a life changing one not just for the transgender person but for their family and friends.

Audience: Grade 10+

NFB Streaming Videos



[A Short Film About Tegan & Sara](#)

Fleming, Ann Marie. 2018.

"In this joyful portrait, filmmaker Ann Marie Fleming animates the formative days and musical career of Calgary-born identical twins Tegan and Sara Quin. Their remarkable journey over the past 20 years has often intersected with notions of identity—as artists, as individuals, as sisters, as queer women, and as leading activists in the LGBTQ community. Their musical progression parallels and amplifies their commitment to bringing the marginal to the mainstream."

Video length: 4 minutes



[Beauty](#)

Willings, Christina. 2017.

"Beauty explores the lives of five gender-creative kids, each uniquely engaged in shaping their own sense of what it means to be fully human. Whether it's dealing with bullies, explaining themselves to their parents, or navigating the uncharted waters of relationships, Bex, Lili, Fox, Tru and Milo talk about their experiences and struggle to live in authenticity."

Video length: 23 minutes



[I am Skylar](#)

Bower, Rachel. 2019.

"I Am Skylar is the emotionally compelling story of an articulate 14-year-old girl who is thoughtfully defining her future and the woman she is to become. Surrounded by a family and a community who show her unconditional love as she follows her personal path, Skylar faces the complexities of being a transgender girl on the cusp of puberty with refreshing honesty and unshakeable dignity."

Video length: 15 minutes



[Love, Scott](#)

Wayne, Laura Marie. 2018.

"Following the journey of a young gay musician who is attacked and paralyzed from the waist down, Love, Scott is an intimate and visually evocative window into queer experience, set against a stunning score by Sigur Rós."

Video length: 1 hour 16 minutes



[Niish Manidoowag \(Two-Spirited Beings\)](#)

Mishibiniijima, Debbie S. 2017.

“Four youth travel Bebamikawe Trail on Wiikwemkoong Unceded First Nation Territory. Two of the youths are Two Spirited and discuss the confrontations and acceptance that they have encountered within their community and how it has affected their ability to experience and learn their culture.

Long before the settlers arrived to Turtle Island (aka North America), there existed a Two Spirit Society in many tribal communities. The Two Spirited people were revered and treated with respect and equality. They were sought for their wisdom, healing and visions. Once a child had reached the age of puberty, a special ceremony was held. The child would enter a lodge, and pick either a basket or a bow. The item chosen helped to provide guidance on whether the feminine or masculine role would be the path followed.

The Two Spirit Society was quickly abolished with the arrival of settlers.

The Two Spirit Society has been revived....Niish Manidoowag speaks to the real issues that Transgender Youth encounter in their life’s journey. We honour all LGBTQ peoples everywhere.”

Video length: 5 minutes



[Woman dress](#)

Cuthand, Thirza. 2019.

“Pre-contact, a Two Spirit person named Woman Dress travels the Plains, gathering and sharing stories. Featuring archival images and dramatized re-enactments, this film shares a Cuthand family oral story, honouring and respecting Woman Dress without imposing colonial binaries on them.”

Video length: 6 minutes

Related Websites

ANAKHNU: Jewish LGBTQ2S+ group. Manitoba and Winnipeg. 2019.

A group for Jewish LGBTQ2S+ individuals, family members and friends to socialize, share information and ideas. Offered in association with Rady Jewish Community Centre.

<https://www.radyjcc.com/culture-community/community/anakhnu-jewish-glb-t-group/>

Dream Catchers. Manitoba and Winnipeg. 2020.

Weekly support group for women and transgender individuals transitioning from the sex trade, providing a safe and supportive place to start their healing journey.

<http://klinik.mb.ca/wellness-support-groups/dream-catchers/>

Egale. Toronto, Ontario. 2019.

To improve the lives of LGBTQI2S people in Canada and enhance the global response to LGBTQI2S issues by informing public policy, inspiring cultural change, and promoting human rights and inclusion through research, education, awareness and legal advocacy.

<https://egale.ca/>

Equaldex. Manitoba. April 2020.

Equaldex is a collaborative knowledge base for the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) movement. The site aims to crowdsource every law related to LGBT rights to provide a comprehensive and global view of the LGBT rights movement.

<https://www.equaldex.com/region/canada/manitoba>

Gender Creative Kids. Montreal, Quebec. April 2020.

GenderCreativeKids.ca, the website, provides resources for supporting and affirming gender creative kids within their families, schools and communities.

<https://gendercreativekids.ca/>

Generous Space. Mississauga, ON. April 2020.

A group exploring the intersections of Christian faith and sexual/gender identities.

<https://www.generousspace.ca/>

GLSEN. New York, NY. April 2020.

A national network of educators, students, and local GLSEN Chapters working for the rights of every student for a safe, supportive, and LGBTQ-inclusive K-12 education.

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

Like that - Sunshine House. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

“Like That” is a program that provides a space where people exploring gender and/or sexual identity can gather at Sunshine House for fun, skills building and recreation.

<https://www.sunshinehousewpg.org/copy-of-programs-1>

Manitoba LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

Cultivate, contribute and promote a thriving community of LGBT owned and allied businesses, professionals and students in Manitoba.

<https://mb-lgbt.biz/>

MyGSA.ca on FaceBook. April 2020.

To help make Canadian schools safer and more inclusive, respectful, and welcoming learning and working environments for all members of school communities, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirited, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, youth perceived as LGBTQ, youth with LGBTQ parents, other family members, and friends as well as educators, librarians, guidance counsellors, education support workers, parents, and administrators.

<https://www.faceBook.com/MyGSA.ca/>

Out There Sports and Recreation. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

A sports and recreation group for Winnipeg's LGBTQ2S+ community.

<https://www.outtherewinnipeg.ca/>

Pflag Canada. Ottawa, Ontario. April 2020.

Pflag Canada is a national charitable organization, founded by parents to help themselves and members of their family understand and accept their LGBTQ2S children. Supports these families through today, and give them hope for a better tomorrow.

<http://pflagcanada.ca/>

Pride at work Canada. Toronto, Ontario. April 2020.

Pride at Work Canada empowers employers to build workplaces that celebrate all employees regardless of gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

<https://prideatwork.ca/>

Pride Winnipeg. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

Creating an annual festival that advocates for equality, and celebrates Winnipeg's gender, sexual, and relationship diverse communities.

<https://pridewinnipeg.com/>

Province of Manitoba. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

Resources on sexual orientation:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/sexuality/orientation.html>

Resources on healthy relationships:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/stoptheviolence/lgbttq.html>

QPOC Winnipeg. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

FaceBook page. Creating safer spaces where Queer and Trans People of Colour feel represented and inspired. QPOC organizes dance parties and gatherings for the community.

<https://www.faceBook.com/qpocwinnipeg/>

Rainbow Harmony Project. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

A community chorus providing an opportunity for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, Two-Spirit and their friends to sing together in Winnipeg.

<https://www.rainbowharmonyproject.ca/>

Rainbow Resource Centre. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

Provides support, education, and resources to foster a proud, resilient, and diverse 2SLGBTQ+ community.

<https://rainbowresourcecentre.org/>

Salaam Canada. Toronto, Ontario. April 2020.

Salaam Canada is a volunteer-run national organization dedicated to creating space for people who identify as both Muslim and queer and trans.

<https://www.salaamcanada.info/>

SERC (Sexuality Education Resource Centre) Manitoba. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

Promoting sexual health through education.

<https://serc.mb.ca/>

Trans Manitoba. Manitoba and Winnipeg. March 2020.

A volunteer, non-profit, independent group whose goal is to represent all of Manitoba's trans and gender fluid folks.

<http://transmanitoba.org/>

Transparent Canada. Nova Scotia. April 2020.

Offers support to families and friends of trans-identified individuals.

<https://www.transparentcanada.ca/?file=welcome>

Welcoming Schools. 2020.

HRC Foundation's Welcoming Schools is the nation's premier professional development program providing training and resources to elementary school educators to embrace all families, create LGBTQ and Gender Inclusive Schools, prevent bias-based bullying, support transgender and non-binary students.

<https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/school-tips/>

Winnipeg Public Library. Manitoba and Winnipeg. March 2020.

Resources and links of organizations from the Winnipeg Public Library.

<https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/LGBTTO>

Winnipeg Transgender Support Group. Manitoba and Winnipeg. April 2020.

Volunteer-run organization of male-to-female, female-to-male and intersexed individuals. Their primary goal is to offer peer support and information for anyone who wishes to explore issues of gender identity or transition in a non-judgmental environment.

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WSD Student Services

Student Services provides a continuum of supports for students to enable them to learn and achieve and benefit from an education. Supports are related to academics and social/emotional growth and development and are provided from transition into school during the early years to transition from school to adult life.

[WSD Student Services Homepage](#)

The **Student Services “Inclusion Across the Rainbow”** webpage includes many teaching and learning resources to support WSD employees in implementing the Safe and Caring Schools Policy:

The Winnipeg School Division is committed to promoting the development of actions and attitudes that create a safe, caring learning environment in which our most vulnerable students feel welcomed and valued.

[WSD Student Services - Inclusion Across the Rainbow](#)

Related Pathfinders

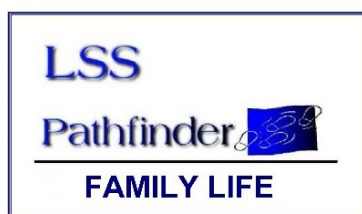


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There are all kinds of families in our WSD community. By providing resources that reflect the diversity of students' families, educators can create an atmosphere of inclusion and acceptance in their classrooms and schools.

This pathfinder includes a wide variety of titles celebrating families in all their many forms, as well as provides professional resources educators can use to better understand families' strengths and challenges.

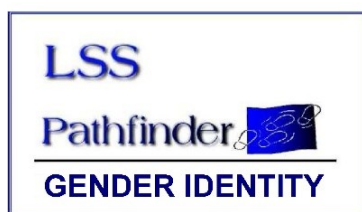


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[Family Life](#). Winnipeg School Division, Library Support Services, 2016.

Resources compiled and researched by the Health Education Consultant and Library Support Services.

This is a guide to information currently available at the Library Resource Centre on "Family life education".



Pathfinder

[Gender Identity](#). Winnipeg School Division, Library Support Services, 2017.

There are various gender identities represented by students, staff and families within our Winnipeg School Division community, from cisgender, to transgender, to Two-Spirit and many more.

By providing resources reflecting the diversity of students' gender identities, and supporting the ways students express their identity, educators can create an atmosphere of inclusion and acceptance in their classrooms and schools.

This pathfinder includes a wide variety of professional resources for educators celebrating gender identity, encouraging tolerance, openness, and self-expression.