

Diversity @ your Library: Serving the LGBTI Community

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LGBTI Picture Books

1 2 3: A Family Counting Book by Bobbie Combs, 2001

Children learn to count from one to twenty in this book featuring multicultural gay and lesbian parented families.

ABC: A Family Alphabet Book by Bobby Combs, 2000

It's family fun from A to Z in this alphabet book that shows kids and their parents laughing, playing and enjoying family life. All of the brilliant watercolors depict families headed by gays and lesbians.

And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, 2005

At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.

Asha's Mums by Rosamund Elwin and Michele Paulse, 1990

Asha explains to her class that she really does have two mothers.

Best Best Colors: Los Mejores Colores by Eric Hoffman, 1999

When his two mothers get a rainbow flag, a young boy realizes that all colors are beautiful, especially together.

Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite, 1990

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

Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers, 2001

Delightful illustrations show babies in all kinds of loving families, including multicultural and same sex.

Felicia's Favorite Story by Leslea Newman, 2002

A girl loves to hear about how her two mothers adopted her from Guatemala.

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman, 1989

The daughter of lesbians learns from her play group that a family is very special, regardless of how many mommies, daddies or children are in it.

It's Okay to be Different by Todd Parr, 2001

A colorful picture book that enumerates many ways of being different. While same sex parented families aren't mentioned, this book can be used to introduce the topic with young listeners.

King and King by Linda de Haan & Stern Nijland, 2002

When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.

King and King and Family by Linda de Haan & Stern Nijland, 2004

King Lee and King Bertie take a honeymoon trip to the jungle and bring home a surprise.

Molly's Family by Nancy Garden, 2004

While preparing decorations for Open School Night, Molly and several of her classmates draw pictures of their families and discover that family means something different to each of them.

My Two Uncles by Judith Vigna, 1995

When Elly is sad that Grampy cannot accept her uncle's lover, her father explains what "gay" means.

A Name on the Quilt by Jeannine Atkins, 1999

Lauren's family gathers to make a quilt panel in memory of Uncle Ron. An afterword introduces the NAMES Project and includes photographs of several AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels.

Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tomie DePaola, 1979

Life is not easy for a boy who prefers dancing to sports.

Saturday is Pattyday by Leslea Newman, 1993

Patty reassures preschooler Frankie that she will always be his mom, even though she and his other mom have split up.

Seeds by George Shannon, 1994

A young boy befriends the single male artist next door, and together they share a love of gardening. While the artists may or may not be gay, it's possible to read that into the story.

The Sissy Duckling by Harvey Fierstein, 2002

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

Tiger Flowers by Patricia Quinlan, 1994

Uncle Michael is dying of AIDS and comes to live with his young nephew's family in this poignant story about remembering loved ones.

Too Far Away to Touch by Leslea Newman, 1995

Zoe's Uncle Leonard is dying of AIDS, and he and his partner comfort her in this picture book for older kids.

The White Swan Express by Jean Davies Okimoto and Elaine M. Aoki, 2002

Heartwarming story of four couples, including a lesbian couple, who travel to China to adopt baby girls.

William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow, 1972

William wants a doll, but to no avail. His grandmother finally convinces his father that having a doll will help William learn how to be a good father.

You're Different, and That's Super by Carson Kressley, 2005

Trumpet is often sad while living at the stables because he is the only horse who was born with a horn on his head. But being different can be super, as Trumpet finds out when a fire occurs in the barn and he is the only one who can lift the door lever and save the others.

LGBTI Children's Fiction

Alice on the Outside by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, 1999

When Alice's new friend comes out to her and expresses interest in her, Alice reacts with respect. In the author's **Alice Alone**, secondary characters deal with questions about their sexuality.

The Case of the Stolen Scarab by Nancy Garden, 2003

Nikki and Travis investigate some mysterious guests at their moms' bed and breakfast.

A Clear Spring by Barbara Wilson, 2002

A 12-year-old girl becomes involved in an ecological mystery while visiting her aunt and her aunt's partner.

Diving for the Moon by Lee F. Bantle, 1995

A sixth grader learns that her best friend, Josh, is HIV positive. The story includes a positive representation of two gay characters.

The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans by Johnny Valentine, 1991

A collection of five stories about kings, queens, and princes, dragons, ogres, and wizards, all featuring children with gay and lesbian parents.

Earthshine by Theresa Nelson, 1994

With the help of her dad's lover and an AIDS support group for middle schoolers, Slim comes to accept her father's death.

Living in Secret by Cristina Salat, 1993

Amelia runs away from her father with her lesbian mother to start a new life, with a new identity in San Francisco.

Losing Uncle Tim by MaryKate Jordan, 1989

Daniel is angry and also fearful that he could catch AIDS from his dying uncle, but his parents are reassuring and allow him to continue his special relationship.

The Misfits by James Howe, 2001

12-year-old Joe is gay, and along with his friends, a group who call themselves the "Misfits" he is experiencing his first crush.

No Big Deal by Ellen Jaffe McClain, 1994

When Janice's favorite teacher is rumored to be gay and her mother joins the movements to oust him, Janice stands up for him.

Oasis by Gregory Maguire, 1996

13-year-old Hand deals with his father's death from a heart attack, the return of his absent mother, and his uncle's illness and death from AIDS.

Pinky and Rex and the Bully by James Howe, 1996

Pinky is a boy whose favorite color is pink and whose best friend is a girl named Rex in this story about learning to be comfortable with who you are.

Real Heroes by Marilyn Kaye, 1993

12-year-old Kevin's loyalties are torn when his father spearheads a group trying to remove his favorite teacher who is HIV positive.

The Skull of Truth by Bruce Coville, 1997

In a subplot, Uncle Bennie is compelled by the skull to come out at a family gathering and his nephew learns to accept this news about his favorite uncle.

Totally Joe by James Howe, 2005 (sequel to the Misfits)

As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alpha biography--life from A to Z--and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.

Two Weeks With the Queen by Morris Gleitzman, 1991

Colin's friendship with a young gay man whose lover is dying of AIDS helps him face his brother's pending death from cancer.

Unfinished Dreams by Jane Breskin Zalben, 1996

Sixth-grader Jason defends his mentor, the school principal, against the homophobic response of the community when it is revealed that Mr. Carr has AIDS.

The Van Gogh Café by Cynthia Rylant, 1995

In "The Star" an elderly film star comes to the Van Gogh Café to wait for his true love, a young man he met many years ago.

Woman Chief by Rose Sobol, 1976

Based on a true story, this is a fictional account of the woman who was recognized as a hunter, warrior and leader of the Crow nation, and who took five wives.

LGBTI Teen Fiction

Am I Blue? : Coming Out From the Silence edited by Marion Dane Bauer, 1994

An anthology of short stories by notable YA and Children's authors devoted to lesbian and gay themes.

Absolutely, Positively NOT..... by David Larochelle, 2005

Sixteen-year-old Steven relishes square dancing, drools over his male health teacher's musculature, and keeps a stash of International Male catalogs underneath his bed, but is determined that he is absolutely, positively not gay.. and he is eager to prove his heterosexuality the question is: can he?

Annie on My Mind by Nancy Garden, 1982

Liza puts aside her feelings for Annie after a disaster at school, but eventually she allows love to triumph over the ignorance of people.

Arizona Kid by Ron Koertge, 1988

Billy spends the summer with his gay uncle and finds romance at the racetrack in this very funny book.

Baby Be-Bop by Francesca Lia Block, 1995

16-year-old Dirk comes to terms with being gay after a visit from his dead father and great-grandmother.

Babylon Boyz by Jess Mowry, 1997

When Pook, a gay, inner-city youth and his friends find a suitcase with a million dollars in it, unexpected possibilities open up for all of them.

Bermudez Triangle by Maureen Johnson, 2004

The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.

The Blue Lawn by William Taylor, 1999

The emotionally charged story of love between two teenage boys, *The Blue Lawn* tells of the awkward advances and skittish retreats of 15-year-old David Mason as he struggles to understand his attraction to slightly older Theo Meyer.

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan, 2003

This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance.

The Center of the World by Andreas Steinhofel, 2005

As he works through his often difficult relationships with his single mother, distant twin sister, his first boyfriend, and an odd assortment of friends, a teenage boy learns about the wounds and healing brought by love.

Christ-Like by Emanuel Xavier, 1999

After a brutal childhood, Mikey survives in the gritty underworld of gay New York with other gay Hispanic teens.

Deliver Us from Evie by M.E. Kerr, 1989

Despite pressure from her family and small farm community, Evie manages to be true to herself.

Eight Seconds by Jean Ferris, 2000

When John discovers that the boy he most admires at rodeo camp is gay, he comes to terms with his own sexuality and his homophobia.

Empress of the World by Sara Ryan, 2001

While attending a summer institute, 15-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle and falls in love with her, and finds the friendship difficult and confusing.

Entries from a Hot Pink Notebook by Todd D. Brown, 1995

Growing up gay in the Reagan years, Ben keeps a journal during his freshman year in high school.

Far From Xanadu by Julie Ann Peters, 2005

In a small Kansas town, 16-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo tries to come to terms with her father's suicide and her own homosexuality.

Finding H.F. by Julia Watts, 2001

Two small town teens – one who is just realizing the implications of her attraction to her best friend and the other an openly gay young man – hit the road to find more hospitable surroundings.

The Flip Side by Andrew Matthew, 2005

Robert, a British fifteen-year-old, is confused when he plays the part of Rosalind while studying Shakespeare in school and discovers parts of his personality that he did not know existed.

From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun by Jacqueline Woodson, 2003

Fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.

Geography Club by Brent Hartinger, 2003

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

Getting Off Clean by Timothy Murphy, 1997

In the suburban town of West Mendham, Massachusetts, gay, townie, over-achieving high school senior Eric Fitzpatrick falls in love with rich, unstable, black Brooks Tremont, a rebellious student at the local private academy.

Girl Walking Backwards by Bett Williams, 1998

Surrounded by new age homophobia and L.A. superficiality, Skye seeks true love.

Gravel Queen by Tea Benduhn, 2003

Presents the light side of homosexual love, while we see Aurin, and her friends Jeney and Fred, during the summer of Aurin's senior year, make decisions about her future while trying not to lose her past.

Hard Love by Ellen Wittlinger, 1999

Two friends, John and Marisol meet through their similar interests in the Zines they write soon come to terms with their feelings. John realizing that his feelings for Marisol are more than platonic. And Marisol, who begins to identify as a young lesbian and who has no idea how to let John down gently without losing her new best friend.

The House You Pass on the Way by Jacqueline Woodson, 2003

When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.

Jack by A.M. Homes, 1989

Jack thinks he's already got problems, but now he's stuck in a boat in the middle of a lake with his father who's just told him he's gay!

Keeping You a Secret by Julie Anne Peters, 2003

As she begins a very tough last semester of high school, Holland finds herself puzzled about her future and intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a "Lesbigay" club at school.

Kissing Kate by Lauren Myracle, 2003

16-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes when they kiss at a party, and Lissa doesn't know what to do until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.

Leave Myself Behind by Bart Yates, 2003

Yates' main character and narrator, Noah York, has Caulfield-style teenage authenticity. Noah's voice is more than just honest or original; it's real. The tone of his observations will ring true for anyone who has been around teenagers. This isn't just a novel about a boy dealing with discrimination and fighting for acceptance. Nor is Noah a character for whom sexual orientation is the only developed personality trait. We don't see Noah as simply a gay teen or fatherless child. We see him as a character dealing with life. That's what makes Leave Myself Behind so great.

Love Rules by Mary Reynolds, 2001

When Kit comes out, and her best friend, Lynn starts dating an African-American classmate, both face harassment and violence at school and in the community.

Lucky by Eddie de Oliveira, 2004

Sam is attracted to both boys and girls. He doesn't know what to call himself or where he fits in. Then he meets Toby, another boy who likes both boys and girls. Are they destined to be just friends, more than friends, or less than friends? And what would happen if they were attracted to the same girl? Love comes in many shapes and sizes. Sometimes all shapes and sizes at once.

Luna: A Novel by Julie Anne Peters, 2003

A teenage girl deals with the psychological and social implications for herself and her family as her brother acknowledges his transgender identity by acting on his need to make physical changes.

My Father's Scar by Michael Cart, 1996

As he enters his first gay relationship, college freshman Andy Logan recalls key incidents in his life when he was growing up a lonely boy with an alcoholic, abusive father and an ineffectual mother in a homophobic community.

My Heartbeat by Garret Freymann-Weyr, 2002

As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, 14-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.

The Necessary Hunger by Nina Revoyr, 1998

The Necessary Hunger is about families, friendship, racial identity, and young people who are nearing adulthood with all the cards stacked against them. It is about sports as a means of salvation, about the nature of competition, and ultimately about the various kinds of love.

Order of the Poison Oak by Brent Hartinger, 2005 (sequel to Geography Club)

16-year-old Russell Middlebrook hopes to escape his identity as the token gay guy at school by spending the summer as a counselor in a camp for burn victims.

The Pebble in the Pool by William Taylor, 2003

A drunk driving accident and a gay-bashing murder cause Paul Carter to speak out. Paul's growing awareness of his sexuality and Adrian's return to school play out in a book brimming with emotion, humor, and humanity.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky, 1999

A ninth grader who has been a loner discovers a set of friends who are upper classmen. That diverse group includes a popular boy who is comfortable with being gay, as well as a beautiful girl who becomes the younger student's love interest.

Peter by Kate Walker, 1991

15-year-old Peter is initially horrified to find himself attracted to his brother's gay friend.

Postcards from No Man's Land by Aidan Chambers, 1999

17-year-old Jacob Todd travels to Amsterdam to honor his grandfather, a WWII veteran who died in a nearby town.

Rainbow Boys by Alex Sanchez, 2001

Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex and conflicting feelings about each other.

Rainbow High by Alex Sanchez, 2003 (sequel to Rainbow Boys)

Follows three gay high school seniors: Jason, Kyle and Nelson as they struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love, and college choices.

Rainbow Road by Alex Sanchez, 2005 (sequel to Rainbow High)

Alex Sanchez brings back Jason, Kyle and Nelson for a post graduation summer road trip marked by love, sexuality, homophobia and friendship.

Rainbow Kite by Marlene Fanta Shyer, 2002

12-year-old Matthew describes his prejudices and struggles that his entire family faces when people learn his older brother Bennett is gay.

A Really Nice Prom Mess by Brian Sloan, 2005

Chronicles the outrageous prom night and post-prom morning for a gay high school senior, Cameron, who reluctantly agrees to go on a double date to the dance with Virginia McKinley, a red-headed bombshell beauty.

Realm of Possibility by David Levithan, 2004

Through a series of poems, Levithan introduces readers to a group of friends and acquaintances, including a gay couple celebrating their one-year anniversary, a girl whose mother is dying and an outsider who fills his notebook with "ink explosions of thought."

Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown, 1983

A classic story of growing up lesbian in America – and living happily ever after.

Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood by Benjamin Alire Saenz, 2004

Among Sammy's friends in this historical fiction work set during the 1960s in a Mexican American barrio; are two boys who meet first with violence and then banishment from the community when they are caught together in a romantic moment.

The Shell House by Linda Newbery, 2002

Set against a background of the modern day and the First World War, Greg's contemporary beliefs become intertwined with those of Edmund, a foot soldier whose confusion about his sexuality and identity mirrors Greg's own feelings of insecurity.

So Hard to Say by Alex Sanchez, 2004

13-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends. But when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay.

Sunday You Learn to Box by Bil Wright, 2000

Lois suffers from his violent step-father's attempts to cure him of his effeminate ways and his crush on a neighborhood thug helps him hold onto his dream of a better future.

Talk by Kathe Koja, 2005

Hoping to escape from himself for awhile, Kit auditions for a controversial school play and discovers his talent for acting, struggles with coming out, and both he and his costar face crises in their view of themselves and in their close friendship.

What Happened to Lani Garver by Carol Plum-Ucci, 2002

Lani Garver shows up at school, a tall, thin, strangely androgynous person. Pleasantly disregarding questions about his gender, he ends up befriending Claire, a girl with many battles of her own to fight – together they learn about the kids in their town.

The World of Normal Boys by K.M. Soehnlein, 2000

An original look at one boy's sexual awakening in the 1970s and his journey to find a place where he can fit in.

Working Parts by Lucy Jane Bledsoe, 1997

A lesbian bike mechanic who's hiding her illiteracy decides to learn to read.

Year of Ice by Brian Malloy, 2002

Closeted Kevin Doyle has a hard time faking his relationship with his girlfriend.

LGBTI Adult Fiction of Interest to Teens

Almost Like Being in Love by Steve Kluger, 2004

A high school jock and nerd fall in love senior year, only to part after an amazing summer of discovery to attend their respective colleges. They keep in touch at first, but then slowly drift apart. Flash forward twenty years. Travis and Craig both have great lives, careers, and loves. But something is missing Travis is the first to figure it out. He's still in love with Craig, and come what may, he's going after the boy who captured his heart, even if it means forsaking his job, making a fool of himself, and entering the great unknown. Told in narrative, letters, checklists, and more, this is the must-read novel for anyone who's wondered what ever happened to that first great love.

B-Boy Blues: A Seriously Sexy, Fiercely Funny, Black-on-Black Love Story by James Earl Hardy, 1994

The title says it all!

Farewell My Concubine by Bihua Li, 1994

Surrounded by turmoil in China, two young male opera stars develop a loving, yet torturous relationship.

Fall of the Kings by Ellen Kushner, 2002

Against a rich tapestry of artists and aristocrats, students and strumpets, scheming spies and renegade royalists, Basil and Theron will find themselves playing out an ancient drama destined to blow open their society's smug vision of itself - and reveal that sometimes the price of uncovering history is being forced to repeat it.

Funny Boy by Shyam Selvadurai, 1997

This haunting novel about a boy growing up within an extended upper-middle-class family in Sri Lanka employs gentle humor and an uncommon compassion and insight into human nature. Arjie's understanding of the world around him--and his own gay identity--is placed against the backdrop of growing racial tension and civil unrest.

How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship and Musical Theater by Marc Acito, 2004

It's 1983 in Wallingford, New Jersey, a sleepy bedroom community outside of Manhattan. Seventeen-year-old Edward Zanni, a feckless Ferris Bueller-type, is Peter Panning his way through a carefree summer of magic and mischief. The fun comes to a halt, however, when Edward's father remarries and refuses to pay for Edward to study acting at Juilliard. Edward's truly in a bind. He's ineligible for scholarships because his father earns too much. He's unable to contact his mother because she's somewhere in Peru trying to commune with Incan spirits. And, a sure sign he's destined for a life in the arts, Edward is incapable of holding down a job. So he turns to his loyal (but immoral) misfit friends to help him steal the tuition money from his father, all the while practicing for his high school production of *Grease*.

Invisible Life by E. Lynn Harris, 1994

African American lawyer Raymond Tyler is torn between two lovers: one male and one female.

The Last Herald Mage Trilogy by Mercedes Lackey (**Magic's Pawn, Magic's Promise** and **Magic's Price**)

Young, spoiled Vanyel's life and attitude changes when he falls in love with Tylendel. The trilogy follows Vanyel's life as a hero, mage and protector of Valdemar.

Patience and Sarah by Isabel Miller, 1972

Despite resistance from their respective families, Patience and Sarah set out to make a life together in the early 1800s.

The Persian Boy by Mary Renault, 1972

The last days of Alexander the Great are described by his lover and servant, the slave Bagoas.

LGBTI Graphic Novels

Eerie Queerie by Shuri Shiozu, 2004 (series)

The story of Mitsuo Shiozu who can see ghosts and channel them, but is, unfortunately not very good at saying "no" to them. He is also "friends" with several boys that he met while possessed, who hope to be more than friends and his sexual confusion leads to many funny situations.

Fake by Sanami Matcho, 2004 (series)

Ryo's and Dee's first investigation together centers around a street punk named Bikky who's up to no good. When Dee and Bikky are kidnapped, it's up to Ryo to come to their rescue and save the day. Afterwards, Dee reveals that his feelings for Ryo run much deeper than friendship, but Ryo isn't exactly receptive to his overtures. In fact, he's not sure what to think or where to turn! Before long, their attention is diverted by a young pickpocket named Carol who needs protection from a group of gangsters who want her dead. As the authoritative officers do everything in their power to protect her, their bond grows stronger and stronger. Soon, it's impossible to ignore the electrified emotions that are brewing between them. Could this be love?!

Green Lantern: Brother's Keeper by Judd Winick, 2003

This is the third Green Lantern collection (following *New Journey*, *Old Path*, and *The Power of Ion*) written by Winick, author of the acclaimed autobiographical graphic novel *Pedro and Me*. It includes the two-part story "Hate Crime," which received national mass media attention for its story of homophobic violence.

Only the Ring Finger Knows by Satoru Kannagi and Hotaru Odagiri, 2004 (series)

Tender longing and young curiosity unite in *The Lonely Ring Finger*. Follow the cycle of a teasing friendship that takes a serious turn and spirals into an intense romance. The ring on each boy's finger is a symbol of two hearts that beat together despite the prying eyes of classmates... and this is one couple who must weather a storm of scrutiny to discover if their love is truly meant to last.

Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned by Judd Winick, 2000

The straight cartoonist befriended gay HIV educator Pedro Zamora when the two became housemates on MTV's *The Real World: San Francisco*. Here he writes about his own loosening prejudices, those of Pedro's family, the admiration for Pedro's work that inspired Winick to continue it when Pedro no longer could, and the grief he felt upon his friend's death.

LGBTI Non-Fiction (all ages)

Ask Dr. Keith: Candid Answers to Queer Questions by Keith Loukes, 2004
Dr. Keith answers questions (very graphically) for gays and lesbians of all ages.

Bend Don't Shatter: Poets on the Beginning of Desire edited by T.Cole Rachel, and Rita Costello, 2004

Offering comfort, illumination, and acceptance, the book reflects the nuances and complications of teenage sexuality, and explores the confused joy of it, the bright desire, the shame and isolation, the shock of sexual discovery, and the thrill - or horror - of waking up to a new identity. The poems give teens new insight and new language for dealing with gender issues as a whole.

Does Your Mama Know?: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories edited by Lisa C. Moore, 1997

A collection of more than four dozen stories, poems, interviews and essays.

Families: A Celebration of Diversity, Commitment and Love by Aylette Jenness, 1990

Photo-essay depicting a variety of family types including a gay-parented and a lesbian-parented family.

Free Your Mind: The Book for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Youth & Their Allies by Ellen Bass & Kate Kaufman, 1996

Free Your Mind speaks to the basic aspects of the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences and accessible resources and support groups.

Gay and Lesbian Rights: A Struggle by Marilyn Tower Oliver, 1998

Providing historical context, the author discussed issues affecting gays and lesbians, including marriage, parenting, military service, hate crimes and job discrimination.

GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens by Kelly Huegel and Steven Cozza, 2003

Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences and accessible resources and support groups.

The Harvey Milk Story by Kari Krakow, 2002

A picture book biography about the life and death of the gay rights leader and San Francisco City Supervisor.

Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia edited by the Project of Planned Parenthood of Toronto, 2005

22 young people involved in a Toronto organization talk about experiences that led them to T.E.A.C.H. (Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia), as well as their ups and downs as program volunteers, counselors and beyond.

In Your Face: Stories From the Lives of Queer Youth by Mary L. Gray, 1998

In Your Face is a unique collection of real-life accounts that describe and express the hardships and triumphs of 15 lesbian, gay and bisexual teens.

It's So Amazing! A Book About Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies and Families by Robie H. Harris, 1999

A gay and lesbian positive book that explains all about puberty, love, sex and getting pregnant, including alternative insemination and in vitro fertilization.

It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health by Robie H. Harris, 1994

An excellent book that discusses everything kids want to know about sex, including homosexuality, in a positive, matter-of-fact way.

Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin by Susanne Bosche, 1983

A photo-essay about a 5-year-old who lives with her dad and his partner.

Kings and Queens: Queers at the Prom by David Boyer, 2004

The book is divided into two major sections: Before Stonewall begins around the time of the Depression and ends at the 1969 uprising. These stories suggest what it was like to come of age before the gay rights movement really began, before the word gay assumed its current meaning. After Stonewall charts queers' progression from closet to mainstream. Not intended as a definitive retelling of gay history, *Kings and Queens* illustrates how growing up gay has - and has not - changed over the years. It is a bumpy but irresistible ride through a history that has been unspoken for too long.

Love & Sex: Ten Stories of Truth edited by Michael Cart, 2001

A collection of fiction revolving around teen love and sexuality with representations of all kinds of love, including homosexuality.

My Gender Workbook: How to Become a Real Man, Woman, the Real You or Something Else Entirely by Kate Bornstein

A playful yet practical guide to living without gender.

The NAMES Project by Larry Dane Brimner, 1999

A moving history of the AIDS epidemic and the significance of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Not the Only One: Lesbian and Gay Fiction for Teens edited by Jane Summer, 2004

These stories provide hope and inspiration to gay and lesbian teenagers as they take the first exciting, often difficult steps toward accepting their sexuality and emerging from the shadows as open and proud individuals

Queer Kids: the Challenges and Promise for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth by Robert E. Owens, 1998

Introduces the reader to a variety of interesting kids, and offers you a look at the process of coming out and helps those to grasp the experience of a "queer identity" or to help others understand it.

The Shared Heart: Portraits and Stories Celebrating Gay and Bisexual Young People by Adam Mastoon, 1997

A diverse group of adults share their varied experiences of growing up queer.

Talking in the Dark by Billy Merrill, 2003

This is a memoir that is lived in moments. The moments you know - when you see your parents' marriage dissolving, when you realize you're a boy who likes boys, when you speak the truth and don't know if it will be heard.

Transgender Warriors by Leslie Feinberg, 1997

In this fascinating, personal journey through history, Leslie Feinberg uncovers persuasive evidence that there have always been people who crossed the cultural boundaries of gender. *Transgender Warriors* is an eye-opening jaunt through the history of gender expression and a powerful testament to the rebellious spirit.

Two Teenagers in 20: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth edited by Ann Heron, 1995

A moving collection of autobiographical narratives by young gays and lesbians across the country documenting the damaging consequences of the homophobia that exists in their families and their schools.

What if Someone I Know is Gay?: Answers to Questions About Gay and Lesbian People by Eric Marcus, 2000

The author forthrightly answers all kinds of questions that kids and teens are likely to ask.

When I Knew edited by Robert Trachtenberg, 2005

When I Knew is a collection of smart, hilarious, and often poignant stories about that revelation for all gay men and women: when they first knew.

Who's in a Family? Robert Skutch, 1995

Colorful illustrations depict a variety of human and animal families, including a family with two dads and one with two moms.

Zach's Story: Growing up With Sam-Sex Parents by Keith Elliot Greenberg, 1996

Straightforward photo-essay about the family of an 11-year-old that includes two moms, and a stepfather and a stepmother.

LGBTI Magazines for Teens

The Advocate: www.advocate.com

Oasis Magazine: www.oasismag.com

YGA (Young Gay America): www.ygamag.com