

Recommended Reads

LGBTQ+ For Older Children



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BEAN, L

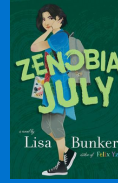
The Ship We Built Lexie Bean



A fifth-grader whose best friends walked away, whose mother is detached, and whose father does unspeakable things, copes with the help of friend Sofie and anonymous letters tied to balloons and released.

J
BUNK, L

Zenobia July Lisa Bunker



Zenobia July, an excellent coder and hacker, investigates a mystery while wrestling with the challenges of a new school, a new family, and presenting her true gender for the first time.

J
CALL, K

Moonflower Kacen Callender



Moon is convinced that they do not belong to this world: that most of the time they are invisible (unless they stay still too long), that they belong to the stars, and wants to go back to them--they live entirely in their imagination with an imaginary spirit guide who can appear in any shape and refuses to speak to anyone, lest their words tie them to a world they rejects.

J
GREH, M

The Deepest Breath Meg Grehan



Struggling with her feelings for a female classmate, an eleven-year-old Irish girl tries to confide in her mother, the person she trusts most in the world.

J
LOCK, M

In the Key of Us Mariama Lockington



While twelve-year-old Andi has suffered from anxiety attacks ever since her mother died ten months ago, Zora starting hurting herself whenever she feels out of control; they are both at Camp Harmony, an elite summer music camp. But as the summer passes they find themselves increasingly drawn to each other, and maybe not just as friends.

J
LUCA, C

Thanks a Lot, Universe Chad Lucas



Brian has always been anxious, but after he and his brother are placed in foster care, Brian starts having panic attacks. Ezra's always been popular. But now, some of his friends have been acting differently, and Brian seems to be pulling away. Ezra wants to help, but he worries if he's too nice to Brian, his friends will realize that he has a crush on him

J
ORTE, C

Witchlings Claribel A. Ortega



Every year, Witchlings who participate in the Black Moon Ceremony are placed into covens and come into their powers as full-fledged witches. Seven Salazar can't wait to be placed in the most powerful coven with her best friend! But on the night of the ceremony, in front of the entire town, Seven isn't placed in one of the five covens. She's a Spare!

J
OSHI, M

The Insiders Mark Oshiro



Twelve-year-old Héctor Muñoz, fleeing from bullies, discovers a magical closet that not only provides him sanctuary, but also unites him with two other kids facing similar problems at their own schools, helping them find friendship and strength in each other.

**J
STEA, R**

The List of Things Will Not Change
Rebecca Stead



Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

**J
TAYL, J**

Meow or Never
Jazz Taylor



Avery Williams can sing, but that doesn't mean she can sing in front of people. She likes to stay backstage at her new school, which is where, to her surprise, she finds a cat tucked away into a nook. Avery names the stray Phantom and visits any time she's feeling stressed (which is a lot these days).

**J
THOM, L**

The Best Liars in Riverview
Lin Thompson



While searching the woods that used to be their personal sanctuary, twelve-year-old Aubrey recalls the events and incidents preceding their best friend's disappearance and quietly questions their own gender identity.

**JGN
LAPE, E**

Rabbit Chase
Elizabeth LaPensée



Anishinaabe culture and storytelling meet Alice in Wonderland in this coming-of-age graphic novel that explores Indigenous and gender issues through a fresh yet familiar looking glass.

**JGN
ONEI, K**

Princess Princess Ever After
Kay O'Neill



When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain. Yet as they adventure across the kingdom, they discover that they bring out the very best in the other person.

**JGN
YEE, R**

Séance Tea Party
Reimena Yee



After watching her circle of friends seemingly fade away, Lora is determined to still have fun on her own, so when a tea party leads Lora to discovering Alexa, the ghost that haunts her house, they soon become best friends.

MORE LGBTQ+ BOOKS:

Drum Roll, Please | J Bigelow

A Home for Goddesses and Dogs | J Connor

Alice Austen Lived Here | J Gino

The Trouble with Robots | J Mohrweis

Ellen Outside the Lines | J Sass

This is Our Rainbow: 16 Stories of Her, Him, Them, and Us | J THI

The Deep and Dark Blue | JGN Smith

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For Young Children



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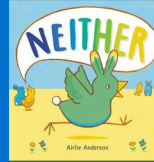
Families Belong Dan Saks



This warm board book is an appreciation of the unconditional love and comfort shared within a family. This book invites the youngest readers to celebrate what it means for a family to be truly together.

**P
ANDE, A**

Neither Airlie Anderson



Because Neither is unlike both the rabbits and birds of the Land of This and That, it sets out to find a new place where all kinds of creatures are welcome.

**P
BELL, D**

Under the Love Umbrella Davina Bell



From this award-winning creative duo comes a book about the wonder of ever-present love. A stunning celebration of the joy and comfort that is always with us, wherever we roam in the big, wild world

**P
LACO, N**

Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle Nina LaCour



When her mother goes on a business trip, a little girl, who loves to sit between Mama and Mommy at the table, misses her a lot and feels empty until Mommy finally comes home, filling the void with love.

**P
MACI, M**

Téo's Tutu Maryann Jacob Macias



Téo loves to dance. He also loves the way his tutu makes him feel, inside and out. But when it comes time to decide which outfit to wear in the big dance recital, Téo wonders if being his most authentic self on stage will put him too much in the spotlight.

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NEAL, T**

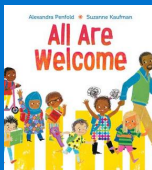
My Rainbow Trinity Neal & DeShanna Neal



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

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PENF, A**

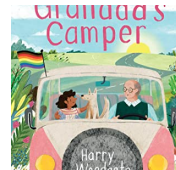
All Are Welcome Alexandra Pendfold



Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yamulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

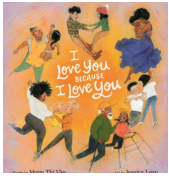
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WOOD, H**

Grandad's Camper Harry Woodgate



Gramps and Grandad were adventurers. But after Gramps died, Granddad hasn't felt like traveling anymore. So, their amazing granddaughter comes up with a clever plan to fix up the old camper and get Grandad excited to explore again.

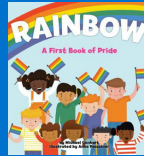
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VAN, M**



I Love You Because I Love You
Mượn Thị Văn

Celebrates all the big and small reasons why we love the people we do within a call-and-response picture book that features families across the spectrum.

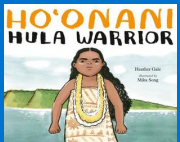
**PSC
COLOR
GENH, M**



Rainbow: a First Book of Pride
Michael Genhart

Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colors in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade.

**POR
GALE, H**



Ho'onani: Hula Warrior
Heather Gale

Ho'onani feels in-between. She doesn't see herself as wahine (girl) OR kane (boy). She's happy to be in the middle. But not everyone sees it that way. When Ho'onani finds out that there will be a school performance of a traditional kane hula chant, she wants to be part of it. But can a girl really lead the all-male troupe? Ho'onani has to try...

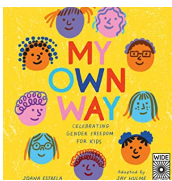
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PITM, G**



My Maddy
Gayle E. Pitman

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

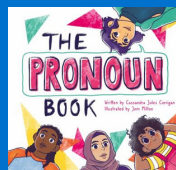
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ESTR, J**



My Own Way: Celebrating Gender Freedom for Kids
Joana Estrela

Small children are often asked to choose between a gendered binary—"boy" or "girl", "pink" or "blue". This colorful picture book smashes these stereotypes and encourages the reader to follow their own way!

**J 425.55
CORR, C**



The Pronoun Book: She, He, They, and Me!
Cassandra Jules Corrigan

A fun and beautifully illustrated book that celebrates gender diversity through educating young children on pronouns. The book teaches pronoun etiquette, why it is so important, and how it relates to us. It covers they/them pronouns, trans and non-binary identities, and neo-pronouns with a dedicated section for adults.

MORE LGBTQ+ BOOKS:

Pride Colors | BB P

What Riley Wore | P Arnold

I Am Perfectly Designed | P Brown

The Little Red Stroller | P Furst

Papa, Daddy, and Riley | P Kirst

The Little Library | P McNamara

Pink, Blue, and You!: Questions for Kids about Gender Gtereotypes

I J 305.3 GRAV, E