



BOOKLIST

This booklist consists of titles on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other related topics. Included are various books for children, young adults, and adult families.

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Reading Public Library–Northwest
Reading Public Library–Southeast
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Schuylkill Valley Community Library
Sinking Spring Public Library
Spring Township Library
Village Library of Morgantown
Wernersville Public Library
West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library
Womelsdorf Community Library

Books for Early Readers

children ages 2-8

10,000 Dresses by Marcus Ewert (2008)

In her dreams, Bailey is a young girl. Every night she dreams about magical dresses. Unfortunately, when Bailey wakes up, nobody wants to hear about her beautiful dreams. This is because Bailey is a boy and shouldn't be thinking about dresses at all. However, Bailey meets an older girl who is touched and inspired by Bailey's dreams and courage. Eventually they start making dresses together that represent Bailey's dreams coming to life.

And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson (2005)

At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo get the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.



Be Who You Are!

by Todd Parr (2016)

In a brand-new companion to his beloved classic *It's Okay to Be Different*, New York Times bestselling author Todd Parr encourages kids to be proud of who they are inside. Be who you are! Be proud of where you're from. Be a different color. Speak your language. Wear everything you need to be you. With his signature silly and accessible style, Parr encourages readers to embrace all their unique qualities.

Donovan's Big Day by Leslea Newman (2011)

From the moment Donovan wakes in the morning, he painstakingly prepares for his special role in the wedding ceremony of his two mothers. Any boy or girl with same-sex parents--or who knows a same-sex couple--will appreciate this picture book about love, family, and marriage. The story captures the joy and excitement of a wedding day while the illustrations show the happy occasion from a child's point of view.

I am Jazz by Jessica Herthel (2014)

Presents the story of a transgender child who traces her early awareness that she is a girl in spite of male anatomy and the acceptance she finds through a wise doctor who explains her natural transgender status.

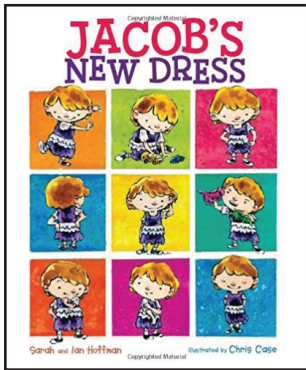
In Our Mothers' House by Patricia Polacco (2009)

Marmee, Meema and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house they cook dinner together, they laugh together and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two mums and no dad? But Marmee and Meema's house is full of love - and the mums teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. No matter how many mums or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.

Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story about Gender and Friendship

by Jess Walton (2016)

Errol's best friend and teddy, Thomas, is sad because he wishes he were a girl, not a boy teddy, but what only matters to both of them is that they are friends.

***Jacob's New Dress***

by Sarah Hoffman (2014)

Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? This heartwarming story speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don't identify with traditional gender roles.

King and King by Linda de Haan (2003)

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.

Mommy, Mama, and Me by Leslea Newman (2009)

A baby drinks juice, plays in the park, reads, and gets put to bed by her two loving mothers. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.

My Two Dads by Claudia Harrington (2016)

My Two Dads is the story of a normal day in Jazz's life. When classmate Lenny visits her home, he discovers Jazz has two dads. Who makes her dinner? Papi! Who braids her hair? Dad! Who taught her how to dance? Papi and Dad! Lenny realizes love makes a family.

***My Two Moms***

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My Two Moms is the story of a normal day in Elsie's life. When classmate Lenny visits her home, he discovers Elsie has two moms. Who gets her splinters out? Mommy! Who gets her cat out of the tree? Mom! Who reads to her? Mommy and Mom! Lenny realizes love makes a family.

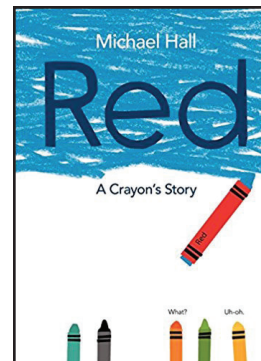
Not Every Princess by Jeffrey Bone (2014)

Who do you want to be: a princess? Pirate? Teacher or scientist? And where would you like to play: a castle? Pirate ship? Library or spacelab? It's your decision to make, so think away. Your imagination and thoughts can create pictures and scenes, the most beautiful, amazing, picturesque dreams! After listing activities that are stereotypically, but not always, attributed to princesses, fairies, pirates, superheroes, and more, encourages the reader to imagine what one could be, despite others' expectations. Includes note to parents.

Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag

by Rob Sanders (2018)

In this deeply moving and empowering true story, young readers will trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world.

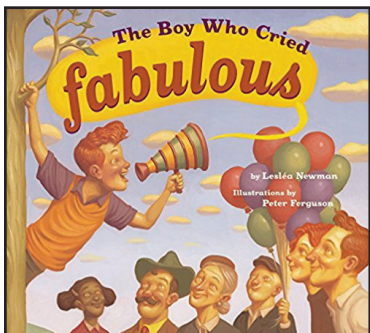
***Red: A Crayon's Story***

by Michael Hall (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.

Stella Brings the Family by Miriam Schiffer (2015)

Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

***The Boy Who Cried Fabulous***

by Leslea Newman (2007)

A young boy's fascination with everything he sees around him causes him to be late and upsets his parents, until they come to realize his special gift.

This Day in June by Gayle E. Pitman (2014)

In a wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community, *This Day in June* welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united. Also included is a Reading Guide chock-full of facts about LGBT history and culture, as well as a Note to Parents and Caregivers with information on how to talk to children about sexual orientation and gender identity in age-appropriate ways.

Who Are You?: The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity

by Brook Pessin-Whedbee (2017)

This brightly illustrated children's book provides a straightforward introduction to gender for anyone aged 5+. It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression and our identity. An interactive three-layered wheel included in the book is a simple, yet powerful, tool to clearly demonstrate the difference between our body, how we express ourselves through our clothes and hobbies, and our gender identity. Ideal for use in the classroom or at home, a short page-by-page guide for adults at the back of the book further explains the key concepts and identifies useful discussion points.

Worm Loves Worm by J.J. Austrian (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?

Books for Middle Grade Students

ages 9-13

Drama by Raina Telgemeier (2012)

Following the success of *SMILE*, Telgemeier brings us another graphic novel featuring a diverse set of characters that humorously explores friendship, crushes, and all-around drama!

Gay and Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights by Jerome Pohlen (2015)

This up-to-date history includes the landmark Supreme Court decision making marriage equality the law of the land. Twenty-one activities enliven the history and demonstrate the spirited ways the LGBT community has pushed for positive social change.

George by Alex Gino (2015)

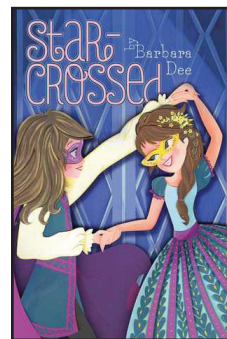
When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. When her teacher announces that their class play is going to be "Charlotte's Web," George comes up with a plan, so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky (2014)

Grayson, a transgender twelve-year-old, learns to accept her true identity and share it with the world.

Lumberjanes by Noelle Stevenson (2015)

The story follows a group of girls spending summer at a scout camp, and the strange creatures and supernatural phenomena they encounter there.

***Star-crossed***

by Barbara Dee (2017)

Mattie, a star student and passionate reader, is delighted when her English teacher announces the eighth grade will be staging *Romeo and Juliet*. And she is even more excited when, after a series of events, she finds herself playing Romeo, opposite Gemma Braithwaite's Juliet. Gemma, the new girl at school, is brilliant, pretty, outgoing--and, if all that wasn't enough: British. As the cast prepares for opening night, Mattie finds herself growing increasingly attracted to Gemma and confused, since, just days before, she had found herself crushing on a boy named Elijah.

Books for Young Adults

for ages 14-20

All Out: The No-longer Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages by Sandra Mitchell (2018)

Seventeen of the best young adult authors across the queer spectrum have come together to create a collection of beautifully written diverse historical fiction for teens.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

by Benjamin Alire Saenz (2014)

As two loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship: the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.

As the Crow Flies by Melanie Gillman (2017)

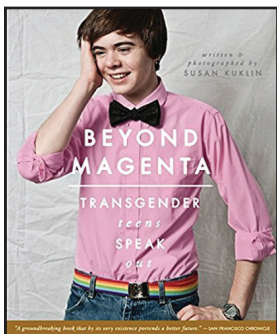
Charlie is thirteen years old, queer, black, and questioning what was once a firm belief in God. So naturally, she's spending summer vacation stuck at a Christian youth camp. As the journey wears on, she can't help but poke holes in the pious obliviousness of this storied sanctuary with little regard for people like herself.

Ash by Malinda Lo (2010)

Entrancing and romantic, "Ash" is an empowering retelling of Cinderella about the connection between life and love, and solitude and death, where transformation can come from even the deepest grief.

Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen by Jazz Jennings (2017)

In her remarkable memoir, Jazz reflects on these very public experiences and how they have helped shape the mainstream attitude toward the transgender community.



Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out

by Susan Kuklin (2014)

Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken.



Bingo Love

by Tee Franklin (2018)

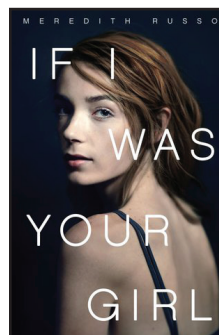
When Hazel Johnson and Mari McCray met at church bingo in 1963, it was love at first sight. Forced apart by their families and society, Hazel and Mari both married young men and had families. Decades later, now in their mid-'60s, Hazel and Mari reunite again at a church bingo hall. Realizing their love for each other is still alive, what these grandmothers do next takes absolute strength and courage.

Goldie Vance by Hope Larson (2016)

Sixteen-year-old Marigold "Goldie" Vance lives at a Florida resort with her dad, who manages the place. Her mom, who divorced her dad years ago, works as a live mermaid at a club downtown. Goldie has an insatiable curiosity, which explains her dream to one day become the hotel's in-house detective. When Charles, the current detective, encounters a case he can't crack, he agrees to mentor Goldie in exchange for her help solving the mystery.

Honor Girl by Maggie Thrash (2015)

Maggie Thrash has spent basically every summer of her fifteen-year-old life at the one-hundred-year-old Camp Bellflower for Girls, set deep in the heart of Appalachia. She's from Atlanta, she's never kissed a guy, she's into Backstreet Boys in a really deep way, and her long summer days are full of a pleasant, peaceful nothing . . . until one confounding moment. A split-second of innocent physical contact pulls Maggie into a gut-twisting love for an older, wiser, and most surprising of all (at least to Maggie), female counselor named Erin. But Camp Bellflower is an impossible place for a girl to fall in love with another girl, and Maggie's savant-like proficiency at the camp's rifle range is the only thing keeping her heart from exploding. When it seems as if Erin maybe feels the same way about Maggie, it's too much for both Maggie and Camp Bellflower to handle, let alone to understand.



If I Was Your Girl

by Meredith Russo (2016)

Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she's determined not to get too close to anyone. But when she meets sweet, easygoing Grant, Amanda can't help but start to let him into her life. As they spend more time together, she realizes just how much she is losing by guarding her heart. She finds herself yearning to share with Grant everything about herself, including her past. But Amanda's terrified that once she tells him the truth, he won't be able to see past it.

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson (2015)

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.

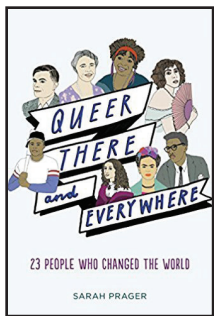
Queer: A Graphic History by Meg-John Barker (2016)

The histories of queer thought and LGBTQ+ action rendered in this groundbreaking non-fiction graphic novel. A kaleidoscope of characters from the diverse worlds of pop-culture, film, activism and academia guide us on a journey through the ideas, people and events that have shaped 'queer theory'.

Queer: The Ultimate LGBT Guide for Teens

by Kathy Belge & Marke Bieschke (2018)

This humorous, engaging, and honest guide helps LGBT teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new LGBT social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and rise up against bigotry and homophobia.

***Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World***

by Sarah Prager (2017)

World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals -- and you've never heard of many of them. From high-profile figures like Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt to the trailblazing gender-ambiguous Queen of Sweden, these true stories uncover a rich queer heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era.

Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli (2015)

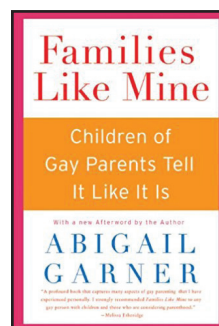
Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed.

The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee (2017)

A young bisexual British lord embarks on an unforgettable Grand Tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush. An eighteenth century romantic adventure for the modern age.

Resource and Reference

Books for Families and Parents

***Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell it Like it Is***

by Abigail Garner (2004)

Using a rich blend of journalism and memoir, Garner offers empathetic yet unapologetic opinions about the gifts and challenges of being raised in families that are often labeled "controversial." As more LGBT people are pursuing parenthood and as the visibility of gay parenting is rapidly increasing, many of the questions about these families focus on the "best interests" of their children. Eloquent and sophisticated,

Families Like Mine addresses these questions, providing an invaluable insider's perspective for LGBT parents, their families, and their allies.

Family Pride: What LGBT Families Should Know About Navigating Home, School, and Safety in Their Neighborhoods

by Michael Shelton (2013)

Drawing on his years as a dedicated community activist and on the experiences of LGBT parents, Michael Shelton offers concrete strategies that LGBT families can use to intervene in and resolve difficult community issues, teach their children resiliency skills, and find safe and respectful programs for their children.

Journey to Same-Sex Parenthood: Firsthand Advice, Tips, and Stories from Lesbian and Gay Couples by Eric Rosswood (2016)

Author Eric Rosswood guides prospective LGBT parents to explore these five popular options: adoption, surrogacy, foster care, co-parenting, and assisted reproduction. Each section includes a description of the specific family-building approach, followed by personal stories from same-sex couples and individuals who have chosen and gone through that particular journey. The appendix contains important legal issues to consider and questions, to ask before deciding to move forward.

My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family

by Zach Wahls (2012)

In the inspirational spirit of *It Gets Better* edited by Dan Savage and Terry Miller, *My Two Moms* also delivers a reassuring message to same-sex couples, their kids, and anyone who's ever felt like an outsider: "You are not alone."

Pride and Joy: A Guide for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Parents

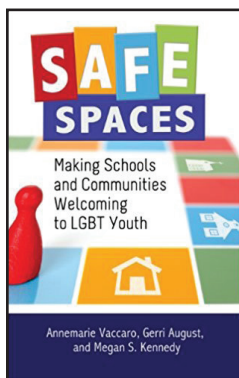
by Sarah Hagger-Holt (2017)

Pride and Joy is full of stories, advice and real-life experience from LGBT parents and their children. Sometimes funny, sometimes moving, sometimes surprising, every story sheds new light on what it's like for LGBT people raising children in the UK and Ireland today. *Pride and Joy* is positive and practical. It covers everything from starting a family, dealing with schools, talking with children about different families, and maintaining an LGBT identity as a parent. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to better understand issues facing LGBT families including parents or prospective parents; extended families and friends; and social workers, teachers and other professionals.

Raising my Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Slightly Effeminate, Possibly Gay, Totally Fabulous Son

by Lori Duron (2013)

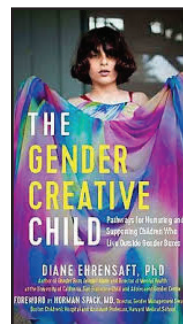
Written in Lori's uniquely witty and warm voice and launched by her incredibly popular blog of the same name, *Raising My Rainbow* is the unforgettable story of her wonderful family as they navigate the often challenging but never dull privilege of raising a slightly effeminate, possibly gay, totally fabulous son. Now with Extra Libris material, including a reader's guide and bonus content.



Safe Spaces: Making Schools and Communities Welcoming to LGBT Youth

by Annemarie Vaccaro (2012)

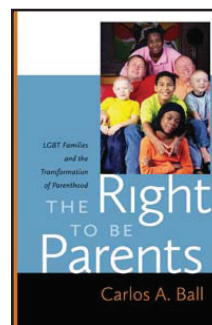
Based on extensive research, recent events, and numerous first-person accounts, this revealing book illuminates both the challenges and triumphs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, and offers effective strategies for combating LGBT marginalization in our nation's schools and communities.



The Gender Creative Child: Pathways for Nurturing and Supporting Children Who Live Outside Gender Boxes

by Carlos Ball (2014)

Carlos A. Ball chronicles the stories of LGBT parents who, in seeking to gain legal recognition of and protection for their relationships with their children, have fundamentally changed how American law defines and regulates parenthood. To this day, some courts are still not able to look beyond sexualorientation and gender identity in cases involving LGBT parents and their children. Yet on the whole, Ball's stories are of progress and transformation: as a result of these pioneering LGBT parent litigants, the law is increasingly recognizing the wide diversity in American familial structures.



The Right to Be Parents: LGBT Families and the Transformation of Parenthood

by Carlos Ball (2014)

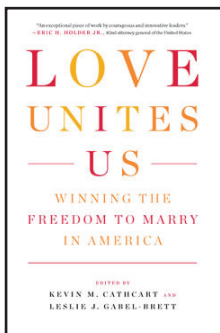
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When Your Gay or Lesbian Child Marries: A Guide for Parents

by Deborah Merrill (2016)

This book examines how same-sex marriage changes the relationships between parents and their gay or lesbian adult children. It is also a guide for parents to better understand how parent/child bonds are transformed from the time of the child coming out of the closet to the raising of his or her own children. It will also serve to help parents understand the contours of same-sex marriage and their child's struggles as he or she navigates marriage, parenthood, and family relationships over time.

Business & Legal Resources



Love Unites Us: Winning the Freedom to Marry in America

No author, editors Kevin Cathcart and Leslie Gabel-Brett (2016)

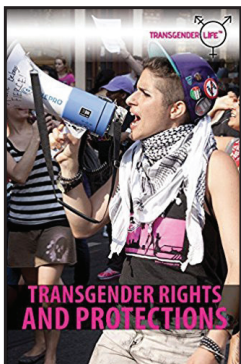
With compelling stories from leading attorneys and activists including Evan Wolfson, Mary L. Bonauto, Jon W. Davidson, and Paul M. Smith, *Love Unites Us* explains how gay and lesbian couples achieved the right to marry.

Love Wins: The Lovers and Lawyers Who Fought the Landmark Case for Marriage Equality by Debbie Cenziper (2016)

This forceful and deeply affecting narrative--Part Erin Brockovich, part Milk, part Still Alice--chronicles how this grieving man and his lawyer, against overwhelming odds, introduced the most important gay rights case in U.S. history. It is an urgent and unforgettable account that will inspire readers for many years to come.

The Glass Closet: Why Coming Out is Good Business by John Browne (2014)

Exposing the culture of homophobia that still runs rampant in corporations around the world, the former CEO of BP draws on his own experiences to reveal why self-disclosure is best for employees despite the risk.

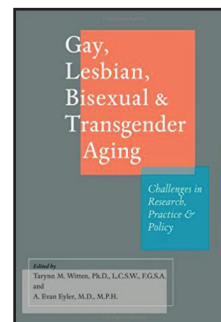


Transgender Rights and Protections

by Rebecca Klein (2017)

As transgender issues have been gaining more attention in recent years, many states, organizations, and schools have altered non-discrimination laws and regulations to explicitly include transgender rights. Unfortunately, much progress needs to be made to fully grant transgender citizens all the rights and protections they deserve. This title examines the rights of the transgender community and the areas in which further action is still needed for their protection. Readers are presented with useful information on how to become trans allies and how to fight against trans discrimination in their day-to-day lives.

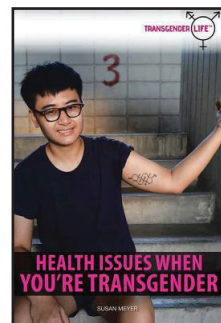
Health



Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Aging: Challenges in Research, Practice, and Policy

No author, editors Tarynn Witten and A. Evan Eyler (2011)

The graying of the U.S. population draws increasing focus to historically unattended segments of society, including sexual and gender minorities. In this first comprehensive volume to address the challenges of aging in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and intersex populations, this text presents what is currently known about aging GLBT individuals and what services are needed to support them. With a combination of the latest biological and social science research, moving case studies and first-person accounts, practical advice for health professionals, and research literature citations, this book represents a major step forward in addressing concerns of aging GLBT populations. Integrating research, practice, and policy, this text is for students and professionals in gerontology, medicine, social work, psychology, nursing, public health, and related fields who wish to learn more about the life experiences and concerns of sexual- and gender-minority-identified older patients.



Health Issues When You're Transgender

by Susan Meyer (2017)

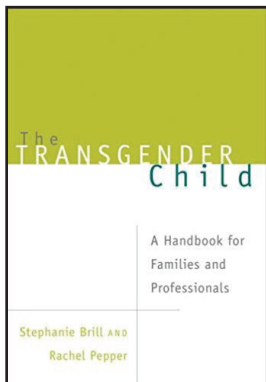
Transgender people deal with a range of health issues. Some are specific to the community, others affect it disproportionately, and others impact transgender and cisgender people alike. Readers will learn about mental and emotional health, gender dysphoria, hormone replacement therapy (including puberty-blocking hormones), gender affirmation surgery, and more. They'll be reminded that, while surgery and hormone treatments can be life saving, they are neither right for every transgender person nor a requirement for being transgender. They'll also read about the barriers to care that transgender people frequently face and get advice on dealing with a health care system marked by cissexism.

Transgender

The New Goddess: Transgender Women in the Twenty-First Century

No author, editor Gypsey Teague (2006)

Transgendered women--whose personal histories are emotionally honest, at times frightening, and always compelling--help throw light on a number of intellectual questions, such as the role of nature and nurture among those interested in explaining transgender.



The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals

by Stephanie Brill (2011)

This first of its kind comprehensive guidebook explores the unique challenges facing thousands of families raising gender variant children. Through extensive research, interviews, and years of experience, the authors cover gender variance from birth through college.

Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community

No author, editor Laura Erickson-Schroth (2014)

There is no one way to be transgender. Transgender and gender non-conforming people have many different ways of understanding their gender identities. Only recently have sex and gender been thought of as separate concepts, and we have learned that sex (traditionally thought of as physical or biological) is as variable as gender (traditionally thought of as social). While trans people share many common experiences, there is immense diversity within trans communities. There are an estimated 700,000 transgendered individuals in the US and 15 million worldwide. Even still, there's been a notable lack of organized information for this sizable group. *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves* is a revolutionary resource - a comprehensive, reader-friendly guide for transgender people, with each chapter written by transgender or genderqueer authors. Inspired by *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, the classic and powerful compendium written for and by women, *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves* is widely accessible to the transgender population, providing authoritative information in an inclusive and respectful way and representing the collective knowledge base of dozens of influential experts.

Transgender 101: A Simple Guide to a Complex Issue

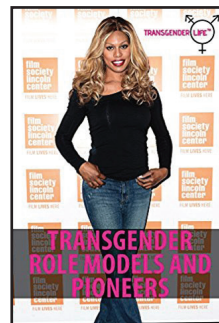
by Nicholas Teich (2012)

Written by a social worker, popular educator, and member of the transgender community, this well-rounded resource combines an accessible portrait of transgenderism with a rich history of transgender life and its unique experiences of discrimination. Chapters introduce transgenderism and its psychological, physical, and social processes. They describe the coming out process and its effect on family and friends, the relationship between sexual orientation, and gender and the differences between transsexualism and lesser-known types of transgenderism. The volume covers the characteristics of Gender Identity Disorder/Gender Dysphoria and the development of the transgender movement. Each chapter explains how transgender individuals handle their gender identity, how others view it within the context of non-transgender society, and how the transitioning of genders is made possible. Featuring men who become women, women who become men, and those who live in between and beyond traditional classifications, this book is written for students, professionals, friends, and family members.

Transgender Children and Youth: Cultivating Pride and Joy With Families in Transition

by Elijah Nealy (2017)

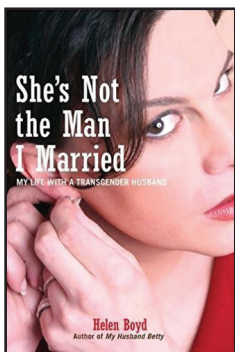
A comprehensive guide to the medical, emotional, and social issues of trans kids. These days, it is practically impossible not to hear about some aspect of transgender life. Whether it is the bathroom issue in North Carolina, trans people in the military, or on television, trans life has become front and center after years of marginalization. And kids are coming out as trans at younger and younger ages, which is a good thing for them. But what written resources are available to parents, teachers, and mental health professionals who need to support these children? Elijah C. Nealy, a therapist and former deputy executive director of New York City's LGBT Community Center, and himself a trans man, has written the first-ever comprehensive guide to understanding, supporting, and welcoming trans kids. Covering everything from family life to school and mental health issues, as well as the physical, social, and emotional aspects of transition, this book is full of best practices to support trans kids.



Transgender Role Models and Pioneers

by Barbra Penne (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. It includes historical pioneers, such as Christine Jorgensen, Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia Rivera, as well as present-day figures, such as Lana and Lilly Wachowski, Kye Allums, and Laverne Cox. A valuable resource for an underserved community.



She's Not the Man I Married: My Life With a Transgender Husband

by Helen Boyd (2007)

Helen Boyd's husband, who had long been open about being a cross-dresser, was considering living as a woman full time. Suddenly, Boyd was confronted with the reality of what it would mean if her husband were actually to become a woman - socially, legally, and medically. Would Boyd love and desire her partner the same way? Boyd's first book, *My Husband Betty*, explored the relationships of cross-dressing men and their partners. Now, *She's Not the Man I*

Married is both a sequel and a more expansive examination of gender in relationships. It's for couples who are homosexual or heterosexual, and for readers who fall anywhere along the gender continuum. As Boyd struggles to understand the nature of marriage, passion, and love, she shares her confusion and anger, providing a fascinating observation of the ways in which relationships are gendered, and how we cope, or don't, with the emotional and sexual pressures that gender roles can bring to our marriages and relationships.

LGBTQ Biographies and Autobiographies

At the Broken Places: A Mother and Trans Son Pick Up the Pieces

by Mary Collins (2017)

In this collaborative memoir, a parent and a transgender son recount wrestling with their differences as Donald Collins undertook medical-treatment options to better align his body with his gender identity. As a parent, Mary Collins didn't agree with her trans son's decision to physically alter his body, although she supported his right to realize himself as a person. Raw and uncensored, each explains her or his emotional mindset at the time: Mary felt she had lost a daughter; Donald activated his "authentic self." Both battled to assert their rights. A powerful memoir and resource, *At the Broken Places*, offers a road map for families in transition.

Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living

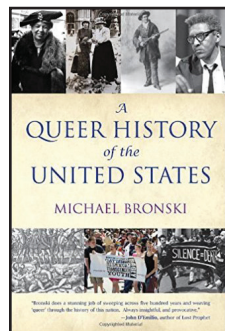
by Dan Savage (2011)

It Gets Better is a collection of expanded essays and new material from celebrities, everyday people, and teens who have posted videos of encouragement, as well as new contributors who have yet to post videos to the site. While many of these teens couldn't see a positive future for themselves, others can. We can show LGBT youth the levels of happiness, potential, and positivity their lives will reach if they can just get through their teen years. By sharing these stories, *It Gets Better* reminds teenagers in the LGBT community that they are not alone—and it WILL get better.

Transition: The Story of How I Became a Man by Chaz Bono (2011)

The adult child of Sonny Bono and Cher tells the story of the long road to discover the gender he truly identified with and his life-changing decision to have a sex-change operation.

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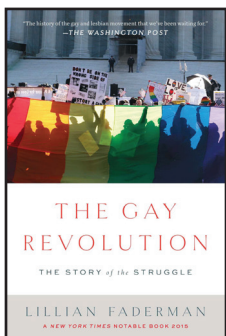
A Queer History of the United States

by Michael Bronski (2011)

A Queer History of the United States is groundbreaking and accessible. It looks at how American culture has shaped the LGBT, or queer, experience, while simultaneously arguing that LGBT people not only shaped but were pivotal in creating our country. Using numerous primary documents and literature, as well as social histories, Bronski's book takes the reader through the centuries--from Columbus' arrival and the brutal treatment the Native peoples received, through the American Revolution's radical challenging of sex and gender roles--to the violent, and liberating, 19th century--and the transformative social justice movements of the 20th.

Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights by Jerome Pohlen (2016)

Who transformed George Washington's demoralized troops at Valley Forge into a fighting force that defeated an empire? Who cracked Germany's Enigma code and shortened World War II? Who successfully lobbied the US Congress to outlaw child labor? And who organized the 1963 March on Washington? Ls, Gs, Bs, and Ts, that's who. Given today's news, it would be easy to get the impression that the campaign for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) equality is a recent development, but it is only the final act in a struggle that started more than a century ago. The history is told through personal stories and firsthand accounts of the movement's key events, like the 1950s "Lavender Scare," the Stonewall Inn uprising, and the AIDS crisis. Kids will learn about civil rights mavericks, like Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, founder of the first gay rights organization; Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, who turned the Daughters of Bilitis from a lesbian social club into a powerhouse for LGBT freedom; Christine Jorgensen, the nation's first famous transgender; and Harvey Milk, the first out candidate to win a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Also chronicled are the historic contributions of famous LGBT individuals, from General von Steuben and Alan Turing to Jane Addams and Bayard Rustin, among others. This up-to-date history includes the landmark Supreme Court decision making marriage equality the law of the land. Twenty-one activities enliven the history and demonstrate the spirited ways the LGBT community has pushed for positive social change. Kids can: write a free verse poem like Walt Whitman; learn "The Madison" line dance; remember a loved one with a quilt panel; perform a monologue from *The Laramie Project*; make up a song parody; and much more.



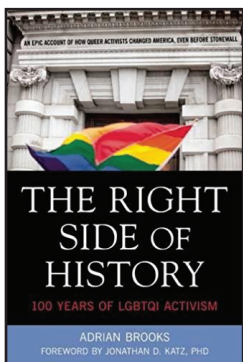
The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle

by Lillian Faderman (2015)

A chronicle of the modern struggle for gay, lesbian and transgender rights draws on interviews with politicians, military figures, legal activists and members of the LGBT community to document the cause's struggles since the 1950s.

The Other Side of Silence: Men's Lives and Gay Identities: A Twentieth Century History by John Lougherty (1998)

The only study of gay male history covering the United States since World War I. Based on hundreds of interviews, new and classic texts, and little-known archival sources, an award-winning writer offers the first narrative history to consider signal moments, general trends, and the multiple meanings of "gay identity" in the whole United States from World War I to the AIDS era and "queer" activism.



The Right Side of History: 100 Years of LGBTQI Activism

by Adrian Brooks (2015)

The Right Side of History tells the 100-year history of queer activism in a series of revealing close-ups, first-person accounts, and intimate snapshots of LGBT pioneers and radicals. This diverse cast stretches from the Edwardian period to today. It references heroes like Abraham Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bayard Rustin, Harvey Milk, and Edie Windsor. Equally, the book honors names that aren't in history books, from participants in

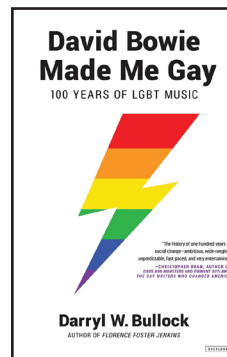
the Names Project, a national phenomenon memorializing 94,000 AIDS victims, to underground agitprop artists.

The Stonewall Riots: The Fight for LGBT Rights

by Tristan Poehlmann (2017)

The Stonewall Riots discusses how in 1969, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people stood up for their rights against a society that criminalized their natural feelings, launching a movement whose legacy continues to this day. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards.

The Arts



David Bowie Made Me Gay: 100 Years of LGBT Music

by Darryl Bullock (2017)

With the advent of recording technology, LGBT messages were for the first time brought to the forefront of popular music. Bullock covers the history of recorded music by and for the LGBT community, and shows how those records influenced the evolution of the music we listen to today. He discusses how gay, lesbian, and bisexual performers influenced jazz and blues; examines the almost forgotten Pansy Craze in the years between the two World Wars; chronicles the dark years after the depression when gay life was driven deep underground; celebrates the re-emergence of LGBT performers in the post-Stonewall years; and highlights today's most legendary out-gay pop stars.

Queer Images: A History of Gay and Lesbian Film in America

by Harry Benshoff (2006)

From Thomas Edison's first cinematic experiments to contemporary Hollywood blockbusters, *Queer Images* chronicles the representation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer sexualities over one hundred years of American film. The most up-to-date and comprehensive book of its kind, it explores not only the ever-changing images of queer characters onscreen, but also the work of queer filmmakers and the cultural histories of queer audiences.

The Queer Composition of America's Sound: Gay Modernists, American Music, and National Identity by Nadine Hubbs (2004)

In this vibrant and pioneering book, Nadine Hubbs shows how a gifted group of Manhattan-based gay composers were pivotal in creating a distinctive "American sound" and in the process served as architects of modern American identity. Focusing on a talented circle that included Aaron Copland, Virgil Thomson, Leonard Bernstein, Marc Blitzstein, Paul Bowles, David Diamond, and Ned Rorem, *The Queer Composition of America's Sound* homes in on the role of these artists' self-identification--especially with tonal music, French culture, and homosexuality--in the creation of a musical idiom that even today signifies "America" in commercials, movies, radio and television, and the concert hall.

The Queerest Art: Essays on Lesbian and Gay Theater

No author, Alisa Solomon and Framji Minwalla (editors)

From Shakespeare's gender-bending play *Twelfth Night* to the the critically-acclaimed Broadway hit *Angels in America*, from 17th century kabuki theater of Japan--performed by cross-dressing prostitutes--to the NEA-denounced performance art of Holly Hughes, theater has long been--as co-editor Alisa Solomon terms it--the queerest art. *The Queerest Art* is a pioneering collection of essays by and conversations among a diverse range of leading theater academics and artists. The first anthology to bring scholars and makers of queer theater into direct dialogue, the volume explores such subjects as same-sex desire in Restoration comedy, the racialized impact of colonial Shakespeare, the cuerpo politizado of a performance artist in contemporary Los Angeles, and the nitty-gritty of getting a queer show presented in Peoria. *The Queerest Art* rereads the history of performance as a celebration and critique of dissident sexualities, exploring the politics of pleasure and the pleasure of politics that drive the theater. Lively and accessible, *The Queerest Art* will be useful to scholars, students, artists, and theater-goers alike interested in what makes queer theater . . . and what makes theater queer. Contributors include: Jill Dolan, Brian Freeman, Randy Gener, George E. Haggerty, Holly Hughes, Ania Loomba, Tim Miller, José Esteban Muñoz, Deb Parks-Satterfield, Lola Pashalinski, Everett Quinton, David Román, David Savran, Laurence Senelick, Don Shewey, Carmelita Tropicana, Valerie Traub, Paula Vogel, Doric Wilson, and Stacy Wolf.



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