

Middle School

Lesbian

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Angela James: The First Superstar of Women's Hockey Tom Bartsiakas, and Corey Long	This book, part of the Women Who Rock series, focuses on Canadian woman hockey player Angela James. "During a difficult childhood plagued by near-poverty and familial chaos, hockey was James's escape. Talent and determination eventually took this hockey pioneer from struggling for ice time on boys' teams to the Hockey Hall of Fame, where, in 2010, she became the first woman, first openly gay player and second black athlete to ever be inducted." (Publisher's note)	7-12
Ash Malinda Lo	In this variation on the Cinderella story, Ash grows up believing in the fairy realm that the king and his philosophers have sought to suppress, until one day she must choose between a handsome fairy cursed to love her and the King's Huntress whom she loves.	8-11
Asking about Sex and Growing Up: A Question-and- Answer Book for Kids Joanna Cole Illustrated by Bill Thomas	This book "offers straightforward information about topics such as physical changes in puberty, masturbation, birth control, pregnancy, homosexuality, and STDs. . . . Libraries . . . should consider adding it as a source of basic information for curious preteens." SLJ	4-6
Between Mom and Jo Julie Anne Peters	Fourteen-year-old Nick has a three-legged dog named Lucky 2, some pet fish, and two mothers, whose relationship complicates his entire life as they face prejudice, work problems, alcoholism, cancer, and finally separation.	7-10
Boy Minus Girl Richard Uhlig	When his charming but irresponsible uncle comes to visit his small Kansas hometown, fourteen-year-old Les Ekhardt hopes to get tips from him about succeeding with girls, but he learns much more important lessons from his stodgy, predictable parents and friendships with a lesbian classmate and one of Uncle Ray's former girlfriends.	7-10
Calli Jessica Lee Anderson	When fifteen-year-old Calli's two moms take in Cherish, a troubled teenager, and Calli tries to stand up to her antisocial behavior, things quickly begin to spiral downward before Calli can begin to regain some semblance of control.	7-12
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Far from Xanadu Julie Anne Peters	In a small Kansas town, sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo tries to come to terms with her father's suicide and her own homosexuality.	7-12
Finding H.F. Julia Watts	"Abandoned by her teenaged mother and raised in Kentucky by her religious grandmother, 16-year-old Heavenly Faith . . . knows she is different. She has a crush on Wendy, a local college professor's daughter, and the only person she can tell is her best friend Bo, a 'girlish boy' who is beaten regularly by the local jocks." SLJ	7-10
From the Notebooks of	Almost-fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.	7-10

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Hard Love Ellen Wittlinger	"John, cynical yet vulnerable, thinks he's immune to emotion until he meets bright, brittle Marisol, the author of his favorite zine. He falls in love, but Marisol, a lesbian, just wants to be friends. A love story of a different sort—funny, poignant, and thoughtful." Booklist	7-10
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If You Could Be Mine: A Novel Sara Farizan	This novel, set in Iran, 17-year-old Sahar, who has wanted to marry her best friend Nasrin since they were six years old, dreams of living openly with her lover. Nasrin prefers to accept an arranged marriage, while intending to continue their illicit affair. Exposed to a world of sexual diversity by her gay cousin and made desperate by Nasrin's impending marriage, Sahar explores the one legal option for the two of them to be together: her own sex reassignment surgery." (Publishers Weekly)	8-12
Let's Get This Straight: The Ultimate Handbook for Youth with LGBTQ Parents Tina Fakhrid-Deen	"This book is written for youth with a parent(s) that is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. Its purpose is informational, as well as introspective and affirming. . . . There are seven chapters focusing on a range of topics, from family dynamics, school, and social issues to religion and activism. . . . Quizzes add to the interactive feel. Youth and adults who were interviewed by the author share their experiences in their own words in a section called 'Our Voices.' These quotations, as well as original poetry, add to the feeling of community." Voice Youth Advocates	7-10
LGBT Youth in America's Schools Jason Cianciotto and Sean Cahill	In this book, "[Jason] Cianciotto and [Sean] Cahill use statistics and real-life anecdotes to show the pervasiveness of gender- and sexual orientation-based harassment in American schools, and argue for institutional reform and policy changes. . . . [R]esearch shows that . . . more young people are coming out . . . while still technically a minor, and thus subject to the rules of their educational institutions, and increasingly the abuse of their peers, teachers, and school administrators." (Publishers Weekly)	Adult Professional
LGBTQ Families: The Ultimate Teen Guide Eva Apelqvist	This book by Eva Apelqvist is part of the It Happened to Me series. This entry "begins with an overview of each letter of the iconic acronym and progresses into a more thorough look at LGBTQ adolescents, LGBTQ parents, and how trans individuals may affect family dynamics. Other chapters investigate same-sex marriage, other issues (e.g., rights of sperm donors), LGBTQ rights around the world, bullying, . . . and the ongoing debate between the LGBTQ community and various religious, political, and business groups." (Booklist)	7-12
Love & Lies: Marisol's Story Ellen Wittlinger	When Marisol, a self-confident eighteen-year-old lesbian, moves to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work and try to write a novel, she falls under the spell of her beautiful but deceitful writing teacher, while also befriending a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana.	7-10
M+O 4EVR Tonya Hegamin	In parallel stories, Hannah, a slave, finds love while fleeing a Maryland plantation in 1842, and in the present, Opal watches her life-long best friend, Marianne, pull	8-11

	away and eventually lose her life in the same Pennsylvania ravine where Hannah died.	
My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer Jennifer Gennari	This book focuses on twelve-year-old June, who "has led a carefree life with her mom in a small Vermont town on Lake Champlain. They run a small boating shop, selling supplies and homemade snacks, and June spends much of her time there or on the lake with her friend Luke. . . . But when her mom decides to marry her girlfriend, June is suddenly faced with the harsh backlash against Vermont's civil union law that affects her family, friendships, and sense of safety." (School Library Journal)	4-8
My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family Zach Wahls	In this book, "[Zach] Wahls writes about growing up as the son of gay parents in the heartland. In January 2011, the author, then a student at the University of Iowa, testified before the Iowa House Judiciary Committee as they considered a state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. . . . The speech was aimed at dismantling the myth that kids are damaged by having gay parents . . . Here the author expands on his speech, discussing the values that his parents helped to instill in him." (Kirkus)	7-12
Pearl Jo Knowles	Bean (née Pearl) and Henry, misfits and best friends, have the strangest mothers in town. Henry's mom Sally never leaves the house. Bean's mom Lexie, if she is home, is likely nursing a hangover or venting to her friend Claire about Bean's beloved grandfather Gus, the third member of their sunny household. Gus's death unleashes a host of family secrets that brings them all together. And they threaten to change everything—including Bean's relationship with Henry, her first friend, and who also might turn out to be her first love.	6-10
Pink Lili Wilkinson	Sixteen-year-old Ava does not know who she is or where she belongs, but when she tries out a new personality—and sexual orientation—at a different school, her edgy girlfriend, potential boyfriend, and others are hurt by her lack of honesty.	7-12
Same-sex Marriage Louise Spilsbury	This book by Louise Spilsbury discusses the legal debate of same-sex marriage, including the history of the gay rights movement, the arguments both in support and opposition of same-sex marriage, and how same-sex marriage is treated around the world." (WorldCat)	7-10
Serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens: A How-to-Do-It Manual for Librarians Hillias J. Martin, Jr. and James R. Murdock	"This volume offers abundant useful guidance not only for reaching the target audience, but also for planning and promoting library services to teens in general. . . . The tone is friendly and largely free of jargon. . . . All librarians should turn to this book for pertinent insight on the needs of 5 to 10 percent of the teen population." SLJ	Adult Professional
Sexual Harassment and Bullying: A Guide to Keeping Kids Safe and Holding Schools Accountable Susan L. Strauss	"[Susan L.] Strauss draws on her experiences as consultant, former high-school teacher, and parent of a child who was sexually harassed to advise parents, teachers, and other adults on how to protect children" from bullying and harassment. She gives definitions of bullying and harassment, "offers a particular focus on the kind of harassment of gay, bisexual, and transgendered students," and examines "how social media . . . have ramped up bullying and harassment." (Booklist)	Adult Professional
Silhouette of a	"Garnet, 16, has been sent . . . to spend the summer with a distant, wealthy	7-12

<p>Sparrow Molly Beth Griffin</p>	<p>relative to give her shellshocked World War I-veteran father space to heal. . . . She has sublimated her love of the outdoors into an uncanny talent to cut the silhouettes of birds. . . . [S]he finds herself bored by ladylike pursuits and both seeks employment with the milliner and falls in love with Isabella, a beautiful girl who performs in the forbidden dance hall." (Kirkus)</p>	
<p>Sister Mischief Laura Goode</p>	<p>Listen up: You're about to get rocked by the fiercest, baddest all-girl hip-hop crew in the Twin Cities - or at least in the wealthy, white, Bible-thumping suburb of Holyhill, Minnesota. Our heroine, Esme Rockett (aka MC Ferocious) is a Jewish lesbian lyricist. In her crew, Esme's got her BFFs Marcy (aka DJ SheStorm, the butchiest straight girl in town) and Tess (aka The ConTessa, the pretty, popular powerhouse of a vocalist). But Esme's feelings for her co-MC, Rowie (MC Rohini), a beautiful, brilliant, beguiling desi chick, are bound to get complicated. And before they know it, the queer hip-hop revolution Esme and her girls have exploded in Holyhill is on the line.</p>	7-10
<p>Starting From Here Lisa J. Bigelow</p>	<p>In this book by Lisa Jenn Bigelow, "Colby is about ready to give up on people: her girlfriend Rachel dumps her and immediately moves onto Colby's opposite (a nice Jewish guy who does well in school), her mom is dead, and her dad is a frequently absent truck driver to whom she still hasn't come out. Only her best friend, Van, can bring her out of her shell. Then she adopts Mo, a friendly but wary stray dog, and life starts to move again." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)</p>	7-12
<p>Teens and Gay Issues Hal Marcovitz</p>	<p>Marcovitz addresses the challenges affecting gay teens (like the decision to come out and homophobia in schools), as well as larger gay issues like the nature vs. nurture debate regarding whether sexual orientation is by choice or genetically assigned and recent controversies over gay marriage and adoption of children by gay and lesbian couples. . . . [This is] well documented." SLJ</p>	7-10
<p>Teens: Being Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender series</p> <p>Home and Family Relationships Tamra Orr</p> <p>Friendship, Dating, and Relationships Simone Payment</p> <p>Life at School and in the Community Richard Worth</p> <p>GLBT Teens and Society Jeanne Nagle</p>	<p>Gay teenagers; Sex role; Sexual minority youth; Sexual orientation; Gender role</p>	7-10
<p>Tessa Masterson Will Go to Prom Emily Franklin</p>	<p>In this book, "Lucas and Tessa have been best friends forever, but when Lucas . . . extends a very romantic, very public prom invitation, it forces Tessa to . . . tell him her secret: she's gay. . . . Lucas outs her and . . . creates a media firestorm around her prom plans, which involve wearing a tux and taking another girl as her date. . .</p>	7-12

	. Tessa is harassed, her parents' business boycotted, and her identity trotted out for . . . public debate." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)	
The Alliance Gabriel Goodman	This teen novel, by Gabriel Goodman, is part of the "Surviving Southside" series. "One Down . . . You're Next.' Or so said the note Carmen Mendoza found in her locker. Carmen is out, loud, and proud, so the threat doesn't faze her . . . much. . . . Jamie Ballard is the 'one down.' Jamie was Scott King's best friend. . . . Now Scott has to do something, even if it costs him his reputation. If Carmen and Scott can figure out how to get along, they'll be an unstoppable alliance." (Publisher's note)	7-12
The Bermudez Triangle Maureen Johnson	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.	8-12
The Difference Between You and Me Madeleine George	This young adult novel uses a trio of alternating narrators to tell the story of "self-proclaimed misfit and outspoken manifesto-author Jesse [who] deals daily with the hazards of being out and proud in high school. She's also carrying on a secret affair with image-conscious Emily, the girlfriend of a popular boy at school. Meeting weekly in the bathroom of the local public library, the two experience an inexplicable chemistry, even though Emily will barely acknowledge Jesse at any other time. Switching perspective among Emily, Jesse and a third girl, Esther, this . . . tale . . . explor[es] . . . attraction and shame. Jesse hides her relationship from her warmly quirky and accepting parents not because it is with a girl, but because she knows they will disapprove of its secrecy." (Kirkus)	7-12
The Ethnic and Group Identity Movements: Earning Recognition Ann Malaspina	Book explains how leaders within the Asian, disability, Chicano, senior, gay, American Indian, and Muslim communities drew on models of the successful civil and women's rights movements to build group identity and improve the political and social treatment of their members. SLJ	6-10
The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities edited by David Levithan & Billy Merrell	Teens are more aware of sexuality and identity than ever, and they're looking for answers and insights, as well as a community of others. In order to help create that community, YA authors David Levithan and Billy Merrell have collected original poems, essays, and stories by young adults in their teens and early 20s. <i>The Full Spectrum</i> includes a variety of writers—gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, transitioning, and questioning—on a variety of subjects: coming out, family, friendship, religion/faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many others.	8-12
The Heart Has Its Reasons: Young Adult Literature with Gay/Lesbian/Queer Content 1969-2004 Michael Cart and Christine A. Jenkins	"Both a comprehensive overview and a lively, detailed discussion of individual landmark books, this highly readable title . . . discusses 35 years of YA books with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (GLBTQ) content. . . . With fully annotated bibliographies, including a chronological list, this is a valuable YA and adult resource, sure to be in great demand for personal reference and group discussion." Booklist	Adult Professional
The House You	When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage,	7-10

Pass on the Way Jacqueline Woodson	spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.	
The Year They Burned the Books Nancy Garden	While trying to come to terms with her own lesbian feelings, Jamie, a high-school senior and editor of the school newspaper, finds herself in the middle of a battle with a group of townspeople over the new health education curriculum.	7-10
What If Someone I Know Is Gay?: Answers to Questions About What It Means to Be Gay and Lesbian Eric Marcus	The content . . . stands strong, and readers will appreciate Marcus's gentle tone and the careful candor that he uses to describe the sometimes-rocky LGB experience. Helpful information about gay-straight alliances and marriage and partnership issues are all addressed." SLJ	7-12
What Is a Family? Shelia Stewart	This discusses traditional and non-traditional families, including single-parent families, blended families, gay or lesbian-parent families, and grandparents raising grandchildren and addresses questions such as: 'Are non-traditional families new?' 'What makes some families strong, while others struggle?' and 'Are some families so non-traditional that they can't really even be considered families?'	6-9
Who I Am M.L. Rice	When Devin Kelly moves to Los Angeles and is confronted by a bully named Jason, Jason's sister Melanie comes to her rescue and befriends her, but things become complicated when Jason's bullying increases, and Devin's feelings for Melanie grow beyond friendship.	6-9

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7 Days at the Hot Corner Terry Trueman	Varsity baseball player Scott Latimer struggles with his own prejudices and those of others when his best friend reveals that he is gay.	7-10
A Really Nice Prom Mess Brian Sloan	Cameron doesn't want to go to prom. Not with his boyfriend, Shane, and definitely not with his fake date, Virginia. Sure, it's senior prom, it's the end of high school, and Virginia's drop-dead gorgeous. But none of that matters to Cam, who's never liked any high school dance. Ever. Then an unexpected kiss changes everything, and Cam needs to make a quick exit. After teaming up with a waiter who's been dealing drugs in the bathroom, Cam leaves the prom. But his night is far from over. From a high-speed car chase, to a stop at the after-prom party, to a bar with a wild dance contest...Cam's night finally ends in the most unlikely of romances.	7-12
Absolute Brightness James Lecesne	In the beach town of Neptune, New Jersey, Phoebe's life is changed irrevocably when her gay cousin moves into her house and soon goes missing.	7-10
Absolutely, Positively Not... David LaRochelle	Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, Playboy pinup-displaying heterosexual.	7-10
Adoption David M. Haugen and Matthew J. Box	"The book explores such diverse issues as gay adoptive parents, open and transracial adoptions, the search for and reunion with birthparents, custody battles, and more. The editors have done an excellent job of selecting 16 lively, articulate, and poignant essays by birthparents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, all offering different perspectives on the process." SLJ	8-12
After Tupac & D Foster Jacqueline Woodson	The day D Foster enters Neeka and Her best friend's lives, the world opens up for them. Through her, the girls see another side of life. They share a passion for the rap music of Tupac Shakur. They also deal with discrimination directed at the gay brother of one of the girls.	5-9
Alan Turing Jim Corrigan	"Corrigan's descriptions of English mathematician Turing as sporting 'ragged, wrinkled clothes' and few social graces will fit many readers' mental image of a numbers genius. But other aspects of this portrait push against stereotypes. . . . Throughout, candid mentions of Turing's homosexuality help readers contextualize the scandal he endured after running afoul of the era's discriminatory legislation. Equal sensitivity distinguishes Corrigan's handling of Turing's death, officially (but not decisively) a suicide." Booklist	7-10
Another Kind of Cowboy Susan Juby	In Vancouver, British Columbia, two teenage dressage riders, one a spoiled rich girl and the other a closeted gay sixteen-year-old boy, come to terms with their identities and learn to accept themselves.	7-12

As You Wish Jackson Pearce	When a genie arrives to grant sixteen-year-old Viola's wish to feel she belongs, as she did before her best friend/boyfriend announced that he is gay, her delay in making wishes gives her and the mysterious Jinn time to fall in love. (Bull Cent Child Books)	6-9
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Better Nate Than Ever Five, Six, Seven, Nate! Tim Federle	Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York for an open casting call for <i>E.T.: The Musical</i> , knowing this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom. In the sequel, Five, Six, Seven, Nate! , Nate finds out that Broadway rehearsals are nothing like he expects: full of intimidating child stars, cut-throat understudies, and a secret admirer!	5-9
Bi-Normal M.G. Higgins	In this book, "a teen football player with a girlfriend discovers he has feelings for another boy. When Brett first notices his attraction to Zach, a boy who sits next to him in art class, he wants to push it away Brett and his friends are the kind of guys who ogle girls' bodies and pick on boys they perceive as gay. As his feelings intensify, however, Brett is torn between acting on his attraction and acting out of his denial." (Kirkus Reviews)	7-12
Black Rabbit Summer Kevin Brooks	When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening—and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet.	7-12
Boy Girl Boy Ron Koertge	Three troubled high school seniors, who plan to run away together from Illinois to California after graduation, try to figure out who they are who they want to be.	7-10
Coming Out: Telling Family and Friends Jaime Seba	This discusses revealing one's homosexuality to friends and family.	8-12
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Drama Raina Telgemeier	Graphic novel through drama—a play—and drama between characters explores middle school feelings with boyfriends and girlfriends, and boyfriends and boyfriends.	5-8
Earthshine Theresa Nelson	"Slim—real name Margery—is twelve, living with her actor father and her father's lover, Larry; her father is dying of AIDS, and Slim participates in a church youth group for kids close to people with the disease." Bull Cent Child Books	5-8

Forgotten Victims of the Holocaust Linda Jacobs Altman	This focuses on the non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including Poles, Russians, Slavs, gypsies, homosexuals, and the disabled This "will fill a gap even in large Holocaust collections, with statistics and searing eyewitness accounts." Booklist	6-9
Freak Show James St. James	Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, Christianity expressed as persecution, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.	8-12
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Gemini Bites Patrick Ryan	"Writing with humor and empathy in equal measure, Ryan . . . presents a touching gay romance as well as a pair of well-rounded and entertaining narrators who come to respect each other." Publ Wkly	8-12
Girl Nearly 16: Absolute Torture Katherine Kellgren	Tess knows her summer plans are ruined but little could she imagine the huge surprise that awaits her when she visits her dad's home for the first time in years.	7-10

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Hero Perry Moore	Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father, and it is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust.	7-12
Homosexuality Emma Bernay	Subjects include gay couples and same-sex marriage	7-10
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I'll Get There. It Better Be Worth The Trip.: 40th Anniversary Edition John Donovan	While trying to cope with his alcoholic mother and absent father, a lonely New York City teenager develops a confusing crush on another boy.	7-11
James Baldwin: Voice from Harlem Ted Gottfried	This "biography of a great American writer discusses his childhood, his politics, his gay identity, and his influential books." Booklist	7-12
Keeper Kathi Appelt	To ten-year-old Keeper, this moon is her chance to fix all that has gone wrong. When the riptide pulls at her boat, panic sets in, and the fairy tales that lured her out there go tumbling in the waves. Includes a tender romance between two boys years earlier. One turns out to be a merboy.	4-7
Keesha's House Helen Frost	Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.	7-10
Let's Get This Straight: The Ultimate Handbook for Youth with LGBTQ Parents Tina Fakhrid-Deen	"This book is written for youth with a parent(s) that is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. Its purpose is informational, as well as introspective and affirming. . . . There are seven chapters focusing on a range of topics, from family dynamics, school, and social issues to religion and activism. . . . Quizzes add to the interactive feel. Youth and adults who were interviewed by the author share their experiences in their own words in a section called 'Our Voices.' These quotations, as well as original poetry, add to the feeling of community." Voice Youth Advocates	7-10
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Love Is the Higher Law David Levithan	Three New York City teens express their reactions to the bombing of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and its impact on their lives and the world.	8-12
M or F? Lisa Papademetriou and Chris Tebbetts	Gay teen Marcus helps his friend Frannie chat up her crush online, but then becomes convinced that the crush is falling for him instead.	8-12
Magic and Misery Peter Marino	TJ, a sturdy teenaged girl with little self-confidence, becomes best friends with a new, gay student in her high school, and when he is bullied and she tries to convince him to tell the authorities, he refuses.	8-12
My Awesome/Awful Popularity Plan Seth Rudetsky	Chubby, Jewish, and gay high school sophomore Justin Goldblatt plans to become popular by the end of the year, but instead of dating the star quarterback he catches the eye of Becky, the quarterback's girlfriend, while his best friend, Spencer, stops speaking to him.	7-10
My Dad's a Punk: 12 Stories About Boys and Their Fathers Edited by Tony Bradman	"Authors explore father-son relationships in moving stories set in the past, present, and future. From bird watching to bird slaughter, divorced dads to gay dads, and close conversations to clandestine meetings on street corners, the situations and characters in each of these stories convey the depth and breadth of what it means to be a male in a family. A strong collection." Booklist	7-10
My Heartbeat Garret Freymann-Weyr	As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.	7-10
Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List Rachel Cohn and David Levithan	Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year at New York University.	7-12
No Castles Here A.C.E. Bauer	Augie knows how to get by-be invisible. Then, a book of fairy tales, participation in a school chorus, and a gay big brother combine to give 11-year-old Augie the confidence he needs to handle bullies and become an activist.	5-7
No Compromise: The Story of Harvey Milk David Aretha	This is a biography of the gay-rights activist and San Francisco politician who was killed in 1973.	7-12
Nothing Pink Mark Hardy	Vincent Harris, the teenaged son of a Baptist minister, has always known he is gay and uses his faith to avoid any sinful thoughts or acts, but when his family moves to a new church in the late 1970s he meets Robert Ingle, falls in love, and begins to wonder if God is really asking him to repent and change.	8-12
Openly Straight Bill Konigsberg	"Rafe is sick of being the poster child for all things gay at his uber-liberal Colorado high school, so when he gets into a Massachusetts boarding school for his junior year, he decides to reboot himself as "openly straight." Konigsberg slyly demonstrates how thoroughly assumptions of straightness are embedded in everyday interactions. For a thought-provoking take on the coming-out story, look no further." (Horn Book)	8-11
Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy Bil Wright	"Obviously, there's a whole lot going on in Wright's novel, but it's handled deftly and, for the most part, believably. Best of all, Carlos is not completely defined by his homosexuality." Booklist	7-12

<p>Saints of Augustine P.E. Ryan</p>	<p>In St. Augustine, Florida, former best friends Charlie Perrin and Sam Findley, now both sixteen, come to realize that their friendship is the only thing that will keep them afloat when each of their worlds is turned upside down through death, divorce, and the seemingly out-of-control direction of their lives.</p>	<p>8-12</p>
<p>Same-sex Marriage Louise Spilsbury</p>	<p>This book discusses the legal debate of same-sex marriage, including the history of the gay rights movement, the arguments both in support and opposition of same-sex marriage, and how same-sex marriage is treated around the world." (WorldCat)</p>	<p>7-10</p>
<p>See You at Harry's Jo Knowles</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and his emerging homosexuality, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.</p>	<p>7-9</p>

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<p>Shadow Walkers Brent Hartinger</p>	<p>Living with his grandparents on a tiny island off the Washington coast, Zach feels cut off from the world, but when his little brother, Gilbert, is kidnapped Zach and a new friend, Emory, seek him in the astral realm, where a centuries-old creature hungers for Zach's soul.</p>	<p>6-9</p>
<p>So Hard to Say Alex Sanchez</p>	<p>Thirteen-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.</p>	<p>6-9</p>
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<p>Talk Kathe Koja</p>	<p>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 relationships. Told from two points of view.</p>	<p>7-12</p>
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<p>The Alliance Gabriel Goodman</p>	<p>This teen novel, by Gabriel Goodman, is part of the "Surviving Southside" series. "'One Down . . . You're Next.' Or so said the note Carmen Mendoza found in her locker. Carmen is out, loud, and proud, so the threat doesn't faze her . . . much. . . . Jamie Ballard is the 'one down.' Jamie was Scott King's best friend. . . . Now Scott has to do something, even if it costs him his reputation. If Carmen and Scott can figure out how to get along, they'll be an unstoppable alliance." (Publisher's note)</p>	<p>7-12</p>
<p>The Eagle Kite Paula Fox</p>	<p>Liam's father has AIDS, and his family cannot talk about it until Liam reveals a secret that he has tried to deny ever since he saw his father embracing another man at the beach.</p>	<p>6-9</p>
<p>The Ethnic and Group Identity Movements: Earning Recognition Ann Malaspina</p>	<p>Book explains how leaders within the Asian, disability, Chicano, senior, gay, American Indian, and Muslim communities drew on models of the successful civil and women's rights movements to build group identity and improve the political and social treatment of their members. SLJ</p>	<p>6-10</p>
<p>The Fight Elizabeth Karre</p>	<p>This urban teen novel, by Elizabeth Karre, is an entry in the "Surviving Southside" series. "Bella doesn't know if Dominic was gay or not, but she knows he was bullied. And she knows the adults who could have helped didn't because of some stupid policy. Now Dominic's dead. And he's not the only one in the district. Somebody should do something, right? It's never been Bella's thing to stand up for a cause, but for some reason, this fight has become her fight." (Publisher's note)</p>	<p>7-12</p>
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<p>The Less-Dead April Lurie</p>	<p>Sixteen-year-old Noah Nordstrom, whose father is the host of a popular evangelical Christian radio program, believes that the person who has been killing gay teenagers in the Austin, Texas, foster care system, is a regular caller on his dad's show.</p>	<p>8-12</p>
<p>The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher Dana Alison Levy</p>	<p>In this middle grades book by Dana Alison Levy, "With four brothers, a dog, a cat, school projects, soccer matches, and a grumpy neighbor, the Fletchers are your typical American family . . . with two dads, and siblings who are adopted kids from various ethnic backgrounds. While 12-year-old Sam ponders . . . trying out for the school play . . . , 10-year-old Jax negotiates changing friendships and a veteran project that involves talking to the unfriendly Vietnam vet next door." (SLJ)</p>	<p>4-7</p>
<p>The Misfits Totally Joe Addie on the Inside Also Known as Elvis James Howe</p>	<p>Four best friends try to survive seventh grade in the face of all-too-frequent taunts based on their weight, height, intelligence and sexual orientation/gender expression.</p> <p>The characters are not cast as victims, but as self-empowered agents of change who will stand as solid role models. The story of the four friends continues with Totally Joe, Addie on the Inside, and Also Known as Elvis.</p> <p>"Joe, one of the characters in The Misfits (2001), has his say, in a voice uniquely his own. Twelve-year-old Joe knows he is gay. He played with Barbies as a young child, prefers cooking to sports, and has a crush on a male classmate...Joe himself often comes off as a cross between Niles Crane and Harvey Fierstein. But he also reacts like a kid, and readers in his situation will wish for the love and support he receives from friends and family, as well as the happy life he so clearly envisions." Booklist</p>	<p>6-9</p>
<p>The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World. E. L. Konigsburg</p>	<p>Two boys find themselves caught up in a story that links a young boy's life, an old man's reminiscence, and a painful secret dating back to Nazi Germany. Includes the victimization of artists and gays during the Holocaust.</p>	<p>5-7</p>
<p>The Sweet Revenge of Celia Door Karen Finneyfrock</p>	<p>In this teen novel, by Karen Finneyfrock, "Celia Door enters her freshman year . . . with giant boots, dark eyeliner, and a thirst for revenge against Sandy Firestone. . . . But then Celia meets Drake, the cool new kid from New York City who entrusts her with his deepest, darkest secret. When Celia's quest for justice threatens her relationship with Drake, she's forced to decide which is sweeter: revenge or friendship." (Publisher's note)</p>	<p>7-10</p>

The Traitor Game B.R. Collins	Fifteen-year-old Michael and his friend Francis both feel betrayed when someone at their private school learns of Evgard, a secret fantasy world they created together, but when a sadistic bully becomes involved in Michael's plan for revenge, the boys and Evgard itself face grave danger.	8-11
Tips on Having a Gay (ex) Boyfriend Carrie Jones	Belle is a high school junior who expects to marry her long-term boyfriend one day, until he tells her and their entire small Maine town that he is gay. In the aftermath of his announcement, both face prejudice and violence even as they enter new relationships and try to remain friends.	8-12
Two Boys Kissing David Levithan	In this book, students Craig and Henry are trying to set a world record for the longest kiss They "are no longer dating, throwing an element of uncertainty into an act that's romantic, political, and personal. Neil and Peter have been dating for a year and are beginning to wonder what's next. Avery, 'born a boy that the rest of the world saw as a girl,' and Ryan are caught up in the dizzying excitement of meeting someone new. And Cooper is rapidly losing himself into a digital oblivion." (Publishers Weekly)	8-12
Two Parties, One Tux, and a Very Short Film about the Grapes of Wrath Steven Goldman	Mitch, a shy and awkward high school junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.	7-10
What I Know Now Rodger Larson	In 1957 in California, having fallen in love with a young man who has come to his house to build a garden, a fourteen-year-old gay boy finds his life and his world view changing.	7-12
What If Someone I Know Is Gay?: Answers to Questions About What It Means to Be Gay and Lesbian Eric Marcus	The content . . . stands strong, and readers will appreciate Marcus's gentle tone and the careful candor that he uses to describe the sometimes-rocky LGB experience. Helpful information about gay-straight alliances and marriage and partnership issues are all addressed." SLJ	7-12
What Is a Family? Shelia Stewart	This discusses traditional and non-traditional families, including single-parent families, blended families, gay or lesbian-parent families, and grandparents raising grandchildren and addresses questions such as: 'Are non-traditional families new?' 'What makes some families strong, while others struggle?' and 'Are some families so non-traditional that they can't really even be considered families?'	6-9
When Love Comes to Town Tom Lennon	In this novel, by Tom Lennon, "the year is 1990, and in his hometown of Dublin, Ireland, Neil Byrne plays rugby, keeps up with the in-crowd at his school, and is just a regular guy. A guy who's gay. It's a secret he keeps from the wider world as he explores the city at night and struggles to figure out how to reveal his real self--and to whom." (Publisher's note)	8-12
Wide Awake David Levithan	In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world.	7-12
Will Maria Boyd	Seventeen-year-old Will's behavior has been getting him in trouble at his all-boys school in Sydney, Australia, but his latest punishment, playing in the band for a musical production, gives him new insights into his fellow students and helps him cope with an incident he has tried to forget.	8-12
Witch Eyes Scott Tracey	After a terrifying vision, Braden retreats to an old city divided by two feuding witch dynasties, where he learns that the head of one dynasty is his father and the guy for whom he is falling is the son of the head of the other dynasty.	6-10

Middle School

Bisexual

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Asking about Sex and Growing Up: A Question-and-Answer Book for Kids Joanna Cole Illustrated by Bill Thomas	This book "offers straightforward information about topics such as physical changes in puberty, masturbation, birth control, pregnancy, homosexuality, and STDs. . . . Libraries . . . should consider adding it as a source of basic information for curious preteens." SLJ	4-6
Doing It Right: Making Smart, Safe, and Satisfying Choices About Sex Bronwen Pardes	This book presents sex education for teenagers. "Chapters, which often use a question-and-answer format based on teens' actual queries, delve into sexual anatomy, questions to consider before sex, contraception, safe-sex practices, homosexuality, masturbation, and sexual violence. Throughout, Pardes avoids a heterosexual bias, and her discussion of sexual activity is explicit and inclusive." (Publisher's note)	7-12
Gay America: Struggle for Equality Linas Alsenas	This eminently readable work highlights the history of gays and lesbians in the U.S. Beginning with the Victorian period and following with five more chapters covering the 20th and 21st centuries through 2006. . . . A good index, excellent notes, and a selected bibliography of resources, into which the author encourages readers to 'dig deeper,' only increase the usefulness of Gay America. SLJ	7-10
Gays in the Military Debra A. Miller	This new addition to the Current Controversies series examines issues related to gay members of the armed forces. The title explores the question of whether or not gays should be permitted to serve openly in the U.S. military, the impact of Congress's rep; Each anthology is composed of a wide spectrum of sources written by many of the foremost authorities in their respective fields.	8-12
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Freakboy Kristin Elizabeth Clark	"Brendan . . . seems to have it pretty easy. He's a star wrestler . . . and a loving boyfriend to . . . Vanessa. But on the inside, Brendan struggles to understand why his body feels so wrong. Clark folds three narratives into one powerful story: Brendan trying to understand his sexual identity, Vanessa fighting to keep her and Brendan's relationship alive, and Angel struggling to confront her demons." (Publisher's note)	8-12
Gender Danger : Survivors of Rape, Human Trafficking, and Honor Killings Rae Simons	The author discusses "the issues faced by women in this and other cultures. The book looks at rape as a weapon of war, honor killings, female circumcision, and the complex and often dangerous world of transgender individuals." SLJ	7-10
George Alex Gino	In this novel by Alex Gino, "when people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all." (Publisher's note)	4-7
GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens Kelly Huegel	Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.	7-12
Gracefully Grayson Ami Polonsky	In this novel by Ami Polonsky "Grayson Sender has been holding onto a secret for what seems like forever: 'he' is a girl on the inside, stuck in the wrong gender's body. The weight of this secret is crushing, but sharing it would mean facing ridicule, scorn, rejection, or worse. Despite the risks, Grayson's true self itches to break free. Will new strength from an unexpected friendship and a caring teacher's wisdom be enough to help Grayson?" (Publisher's note)	6-9
Hear Me Out!: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia Project of Planned Parenthood of Toronto Frances Rooney	A project of Planned Parenthood of Toronto, this collection of personal accounts of sexual self-discovery by volunteers in the organization's peer-based T.E.A.C.H. program (Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia) is remarkable for the diversity of social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds represented. The 20 stories included demonstrate the wide spectrum of gay, lesbian, queer, transgender, transsexual, and questioning young-adult experiences. . . . An important and emotionally powerful collection that is sure to encourage thought and discussion. Booklist	8-12

Homosexuality Around the World: Safe Havens, Cultural Challenges Jaime A. Seba	This book looks at global views on homosexuality. Readers can "explore different countries and learn about their cultural attitudes toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, as gay men and women from around the globe share their personal stories and experiences. Find out how American policies compare with our North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, [and] discover how gay equal rights are beginning to emerge in places such as India and South Africa." (Publisher's note)	6-10
Let's Get This Straight: The Ultimate	"This book is written for youth with a parent(s) that is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. Its purpose is informational, as well as	7-10

<p>Handbook for Youth with LGBTQ Parents Tina Fakhrid-Deen</p>	<p>introspective and affirming. . . . There are seven chapters focusing on a range of topics, from family dynamics, school, and social issues to religion and activism. . . . Quizzes add to the interactive feel. Youth and adults who were interviewed by the author share their experiences in their own words in a section called 'Our Voices.' These quotations, as well as original poetry, add to the feeling of community." Voice Youth Advocates</p>	
<p>LGBT Youth in America's Schools Jason Cianciotto and Sean Cahill</p>	<p>In this book, "[Jason] Cianciotto and [Sean] Cahill use statistics and real-life anecdotes to show the pervasiveness of gender- and sexual orientation-based harassment in American schools, and argue for institutional reform and policy changes. . . . [R]esearch shows that . . . more young people are coming out . . . while still technically a minor, and thus subject to the rules of their educational institutions, and increasingly the abuse of their peers, teachers, and school administrators." (Publishers Weekly)</p>	<p>Adult Professional</p>
<p>LGBTQ Families: The Ultimate Teen Guide Eva Apelqvist</p>	<p>This book by Eva Apelqvist is part of the It Happened to Me series. This entry "begins with an overview of each letter of the iconic acronym and progresses into a more thorough look at LGBTQ adolescents, LGBTQ parents, and how trans individuals may affect family dynamics. Other chapters investigate same-sex marriage, other issues (e.g., rights of sperm donors), LGBTQ rights around the world, bullying, . . . and the ongoing debate between the LGBTQ community and various religious, political, and business groups." (Booklist)</p>	<p>7-12</p>
<p>My Gender Workbook: How to Become a Real Man, a Real Woman, the Real You, or Something Else Entirely Kate Bornstein with illustrations by Diane DiMassa</p>	<p>Written by Kate Bornstein and illustrated by Diane DiMassa, this book "brings theory down to Earth and provides a practical approach to living with or without a gender. Bornstein starts from the premise that there are not just two genders performed in today's world, but countless genders lumped under the two-gender framework. Using a . . . workbook format, Bornstein gently but firmly guides you to discover your own unique gender identity." (Publisher's note)</p>	<p>7-12</p>
<p>Parrotfish Ellen Wittlinger</p>	<p>Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.</p>	<p>7-10</p>
<p>Riding Freedom Pam Muñoz Ryan</p>	<p>A fictionalized account of the true story of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, move to California, drove stagecoaches and continued to pass as a man her whole life.</p>	<p>4-6</p>
<p>Serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens: A How-to-Do-It Manual for Librarians Hillias J. Martin, Jr. and James R. Murdock</p>	<p>"This volume offers abundant useful guidance not only for reaching the target audience, but also for planning and promoting library services to teens in general. . . . The tone is friendly and largely free of jargon. . . . All librarians should turn to this book for pertinent insight on the needs of 5 to 10 percent of the teen population." SLJ</p>	<p>Adult Professional</p>
<p>Sexual Harassment and Bullying: A Guide to Keeping Kids Safe and Holding Schools Accountable Susan L. Strauss</p>	<p>"[Susan L.] Strauss draws on her experiences as consultant, former high-school teacher, and parent of a child who was sexually harassed to advise parents, teachers, and other adults on how to protect children" from bullying and harassment. She gives definitions of bullying and harassment, "offers a particular focus on the kind of harassment of gay, bisexual, and transgendered students," and examines "how social media . . . have ramped up bullying and harassment." (Booklist)</p>	<p>Adult Professional</p>
<p>Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight for Gay Rights</p>	<p>Author Ann Bausum presents this "exploration of the Stonewall Riots and the national Gay Rights movement that followed. In 1969 being gay in the United States was a criminal offense. It meant living a closeted life or surviving on the</p>	<p>8-12</p>

Ann Bausum	fringes of society. The Stonewall Inn, a Mafia-run, filthy, overpriced bar in New York City's Greenwich Village, was one of them." (Publisher's note)	
<p>Teens: Being Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender series</p> <p>Home and Family Relationships Tamra Orr</p> <p>Friendship, Dating, and Relationships Simone Payment</p> <p>Life at School and in the Community Richard Worth</p> <p>GLBT Teens and Society Jeanne Nagle</p>	Gay teenagers; Sex role; Sexual minority youth; Sexual orientation; Gender role	7-10
<p>The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities edited by David Levithan & Billy Merrell</p>	Teens are more aware of sexuality and identity than ever, and they're looking for answers and insights, as well as a community of others. In order to help create that community, YA authors David Levithan and Billy Merrell have collected original poems, essays, and stories by young adults in their teens and early 20s. <i>The Full Spectrum</i> includes a variety of writers—gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, transitioning, and questioning—on a variety of subjects: coming out, family, friendship, religion/faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many others.	8-12
<p>The Heart Has Its Reasons: Young Adult Literature with Gay/Lesbian/Queer Content 1969-2004 Michael Cart and Christine A. Jenkins</p>	"Both a comprehensive overview and a lively, detailed discussion of individual landmark books, this highly readable title . . . discusses 35 years of YA books with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (GLBTQ) content. . . . With fully annotated bibliographies, including a chronological list, this is a valuable YA and adult resource, sure to be in great demand for personal reference and group discussion." Booklist	Adult Professional
<p>Wandering Son: Book One Shimura Takako Translated by Matt Thorn</p>	This manga "tells the story of a friendship between Shuichi, a young boy who wishes he were a girl, and Yoshino, a young girl who wishes she were a boy. . . . Shuichi's impulses toward a female identity feel confusing and shameful to him, and it's the girls in his life—first Yoshino, and then Saori—who point out his difference and encourage it. . . . Both children are teased mercilessly by their classmates, whose sexual development, while perhaps more socially normative, is just as confusing to them." (Publishers Weekly)	7-10