

GLSEN's National Student Council put together a list of books that are focused on diverse stories and LGBTQ+ characters.

While this booklist showcases many LGBTQ+ Authors, not all of them may be part of the community, and instead, show solidarity through highlighting LGBTQ+ stories and characters. **This list is geared towards High School students**; however, the books can be enjoyed by anyone. We hope this helps educators, libraries, and book clubs incorporate more LGBTQ+ stories in their collections. Please be mindful that some of the books may address heavy topics.

DISCLAIMER: GLSEN's National Student Council has provided content warnings for books below the following line. These warnings may include some potentially triggering words. They are created to the best of our abilities as students, but they are by no means exhaustive. We hope they help you make more informed decisions in choosing literature!



HEARTSTOPPER

Purchase *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman

Homophobia, Bullying, Eating Disorders, Mild Violence

Heartstopper follows the story of Nick and Charlie, two students at a British all-boys grammar school. Nick is a rugby player who isn't really sure what he is yet. Charlie is high-strung and openly gay. As the two grow closer, their friendship blooms and starts to become something more. The comic tackles homophobia, ED, questioning your sexuality, and more with a brilliantly endearing cast of supporting characters (from across the LGBTQ+ spectrum). *Heartstopper*, perfect for any fans of the YA genre, is a comic that will make you laugh, cry, and everything in between.



THE MUSIC OF WHAT HAPPENS

Purchase *The Music of What Happens* by Bill Konigsberg • Available on Audiobook

S*xual assault, R*pe, Gambling Addiction

Jordan is a poet, a terrible cook, openly gay, and always hanging out with his best friends, who he calls his "wives." Max is, as Jordan says, a typical "dude-bro," a much better cook, also openly gay and always hanging out with his two best friends. The only thing is, they're both hiding secrets. Jordan worries that people will find out about his mother, quickly spiraling out of control, and Max worries about a bad encounter in his past with an older guy, something he never wants to think about again. The two meet up working on a rickety food truck called the Coq Au Vinny, begin to grow closer in unexpected ways, and maybe, just maybe, begin to open up. The YA novel's multidimensional characters and discussions of the pain we all hold on to will resonate with any reader.

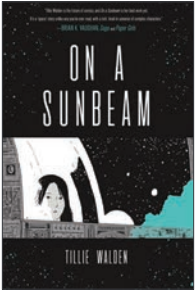


GEORGE

Purchase *George* by Alex Gino • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Transphobia, Mild Violence

George isn't a boy, but everyone else seems to think she is. She knows she's a girl. When her teacher announces that their class will be performing *Charlotte's Web*, George desperately wants to try out for Charlotte instead of Wilbur (the boy's role). Her teacher is dismissive, but George eventually finds allies in those around her and begins to show the world her true self. *George* is a beautiful story of discovery and the Trans experience which will resonate with readers of all ages. The novel portrays the experience in a way that is both authentic and understandable to young readers as well.



ON A SUNBEAM

Purchase *On a Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden

Enbyphobia, Bullying, Ableism

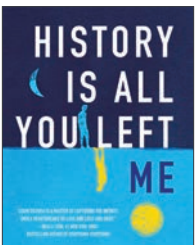
On a Sunbeam takes place in an all-women/enby, futuristic space world. The comic follows Mia in the past and present. In the past, she attends boarding school, never really fitting in but eventually falling in love with Grace, a writer with a mysterious past. In the present, she begins to find family as part of a ragtag crew that flies around space fixing broken monuments. The comic jumps back and forth between the two timelines, seamlessly interweaving romance, action, and personal growth. Walden draws a beautiful world with stunning visuals and whimsy reminiscent of Miyazaki. *On a Sunbeam* ties together into a single story, feeling more like a movie than a book.



CARRY ON

Purchase *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Carry On follows Simon Snow, a 7th-year student at the Watford School of Magicks. He is supposedly the chosen one, the only problem is that he's a terrible wizard. On top of that, his nemesis, frustrating former roommate (yes, they were roommates), and potential vampire, Baz, declined to show up to school this year. On top of that, there's an evil entity, wearing Simon's face, sucking up magic, and Simon has no clue how to stop it. This novel is about what to do when you are horribly unprepared for everything life throws at you, and how you will eventually make it out the other side (along with, of course, gay romance, mystery, ghosts, and more).



HISTORY IS ALL YOU LEFT ME

Purchase *History is All You Left Me* by Adam Silvera • Available in Spanish
Available on Audiobook

OCD, Depression, Death

When Griffin's ex-boyfriend Theo dies, he is thrown into a destructive spiral. They weren't together at the time, but Griffin always believed that would change. Then out of nowhere, Theo's boyfriend at the time, Jackson, shows up to his funeral. Griffin is forced to confront himself, his jealousy of Jackson, and the imperfect parts of his relationship with Theo in order to move on and heal. This YA novel features its fair share of heartwarming moments but also goes to some darker places in a way that resonates.

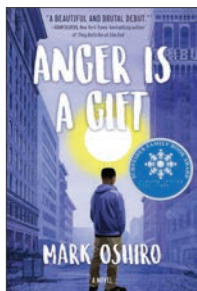


THE MAGIC FISH

Purchase *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Nguyen

Religious Homophobia, Violence, Death, Blood, Mild Gore

Every night, Tiến and his mother, a refugee from post-war Vietnam, read fairy tales together while she works to tailor her clients' clothing. They read about great romances that always seem to have a happy ending, something that simultaneously gives them hope and hopelessly contrasts their own life. Tiến grapples with his feelings for his friend, Julian, while attending his Christian middle school, and his mother struggles to find who she is after her connection to Vietnam is severed. *The Magic Fish* is a story about belonging, connection, and how we use stories to communicate the things words cannot.



ANGER IS A GIFT

Purchase *Anger is A Gift* by Mark Oshiro • Available on Audiobook

Ableism, Death, Racial Profiling, Racism, Police Violence/Brutality (often graphic), Panic Attacks, Violence (often graphic)

Six years ago, Moss Jefferies' father was murdered by an Oakland police officer. Along with losing a parent, the media's vilification of his father and lack of accountability has left Moss with near crippling panic attacks. Now, in his sophomore year of high school, Moss and his fellow classmates find themselves increasingly treated like criminals in their own school. New rules. Random locker searches. Constant intimidation and Oakland Police Department stationed in their halls. Despite their youth, the students decide to organize and push back against the administration. When tensions hit a fever pitch and tragedy strikes, Moss must face a difficult choice: give in to fear and hate or realize that anger can actually be a gift.

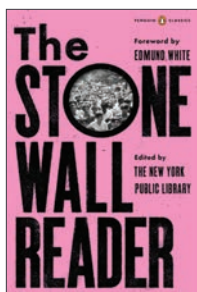


CHECK, PLEASE!

Purchase *Check, Please!* by Ngozi Ukazu

Internalized Homophobia, Swearing, Medication Misuse, Drinking, Sports-type Violence

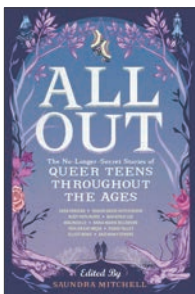
Eric Bittle may be a former junior figure skating champion, vlogger extraordinaire, and very talented amateur pâtissier, but being a freshman on the Samwell University hockey team is a whole new challenge. It is nothing like co-ed club hockey back in Georgia! First of all? There's checking (anything that hinders the player with possession of the puck, ranging from a stick check all the way to a physical sweep). And then, there is Jack — his very attractive but moody captain.



THE STONEWALL READER

Purchase *The Stonewall Reader* by New York Public Library

June 28, 2019, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, which is considered the most significant event in the gay liberation movement, and the catalyst for the modern fight for LGBTQ rights in the United States. Drawing from the New York Public Library's archives, *The Stonewall Reader* is a collection of first accounts, diaries, periodic literature, and articles from LGBTQ magazines and newspapers that documented both the years leading up to and the years following the riots. Most importantly the anthology spotlights both iconic activists who were pivotal in the movement, such as Sylvia Rivera, co-founder of Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries (STAR), as well as forgotten figures like Ernestine Eckstein, one of the few out, African American, lesbian activists in the 1960s. The anthology focuses on the events of 1969, the five years before, and the five years after. Jason Baumann, the NYPL coordinator of humanities and LGBTQ collections, has edited and introduced the volume to coincide with the NYPL exhibition he has curated on the Stonewall uprising and gay liberation movement of 1969.



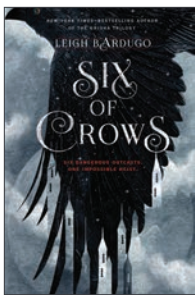
ALL OUT: THE NO-LONGER SECRET STORIES OF QUEER TEENS THROUGHOUT THE AGES

Purchase *All Out: The No-Longer Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages* by Sandra Mitchell

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

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

From a retelling of *Little Red Riding Hood* set in war-torn 1870s Mexico featuring a transgender soldier...to two girls falling in love while mourning the death of Kurt Cobain...to forbidden love in a sixteenth-century Spanish convent...and an asexual girl discovering her identity amid the 1970s roller-disco scene, *All Out* tells a diverse range of stories across cultures, time periods, and identities, shedding light on an area of history often ignored or forgotten.



SIX OF CROWS

Purchase *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price — and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone. . .

A convict with a thirst for revenge.

A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager.

A runaway with a privileged past.

A spy known as the Wraith.

A Heartreder using her magic to survive the slums.

A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction — if they don't kill each other first.

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo returns to the breathtaking world of the Grishaverse in this unforgettable tale about the opportunity — and the adventure — of a lifetime.



THE COLOR PURPLE

Purchase *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Child Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, Rape, Incest, Violence

A powerful cultural touchstone of modern American literature, *The Color Purple* depicts the lives of African American women in early twentieth-century rural Georgia. Separated as girls, sisters Celie and Nettie sustain their loyalty to and hope in each other across time, distance, and silence. Through a series of letters spanning twenty years, first from Celie to God, then the sisters to each other despite the unknown, the novel draws readers into its rich and memorable portrayals of Celie, Nettie, Shug Avery, and Sofia and their experience. *The Color Purple* broke the silence around domestic and sexual abuse, narrating the lives of women through their pain and struggle, companionship and growth, resilience, and bravery. Deeply compassionate and beautifully imagined, Alice Walker's epic carries readers on a spirit-affirming journey towards redemption and love.



THE DEEP AND DARK BLUE

Purchase *The Deep and Dark Blue* by Niki Smith

Transphobia, Mild Violence

After a terrible political coup usurps their noble house, Hawke and Grayson flee to stay alive and assume new identities, Hanna and Grayce. Desperation and chance lead them to the Communion of Blue, an order of magical women who spin the threads of reality to their will.

As the twins learn more about the Communion, and themselves, they begin to hatch a plan to avenge their family and retake their royal home. While Hawke wants to return to his old life, Grayce struggles to keep the threads of her new life from unraveling and realizes she wants to stay in the one place that will allow her to finally live as a girl.



THE BLACK FLAMINGO

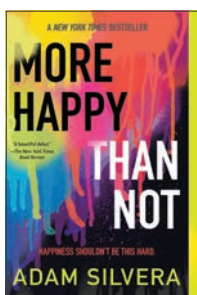
Purchase *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta • Available on Audiobook

Homophobia

Michael is a mixed-race gay teen growing up in London. All his life, he's navigated what it means to be Greek-Cypriot and Jamaican — but never quite feeling Greek or Black enough.

As he gets older, Michael's coming out is only the start of learning who he is and where he fits in. When he discovers the Drag Society, he finally finds where he belongs — and the Black Flamingo is born.

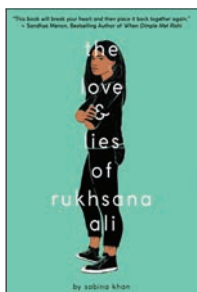
Told with raw honesty, insight, and lyricism, this debut explores the layers of identity that make us who we are — and allow us to shine.



MORE HAPPY THAN NOT

Purchase *More Happy than Not* by Adam Silvera • Available on Audiobook

Happiness shouldn't be this hard. When it first gets announced, the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure seems too good to be true to Aaron Soto — miracle cure-all's don't tend to pop up in the Bronx projects. Aaron can't forget how he's grown up poor, how his friends all seem to shrug him off, and how his father committed suicide in their one-bedroom apartment. He has the support of his patient girlfriend, if not necessarily his distant brother and overworked mother, but it's not enough. Then Thomas shows up. He doesn't mind Aaron's obsession over the Scorpius Hawthorne books and has a sweet movie set up on his roof. There are nicknames. Aaron's not only able to be himself, but happiness feels easy with Thomas. The love Aaron discovers may cost him what's left of his life, but since Aaron can't suddenly stop being gay Leteo may be the only way out.



THE LOVE AND LIES OF RUKHSANA ALI

Purchase *The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali* by Sabrina Khan • Available on Audiobook

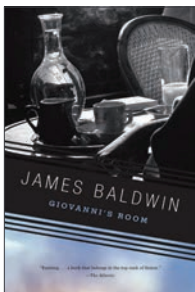
Seventeen-year-old Rukhsana Ali is looking forward to going to Caltech and getting away from her conservative Muslim parents' expectation that she will marry, especially since she is in love with her girlfriend Ariana — but when her parents catch her kissing Ariana, they whisk Rukhsana off to Bangladesh and a world of tradition and arranged marriages, and she must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path.



YOU BROUGHT ME THE OCEAN

Purchase *You Brought Me the Ocean* by Alex Sánchez and Julie Maroh

Jake Hyde yearns for the ocean and is determined to leave his hometown in New Mexico for a college on the coast, and while his family and friends encourage him to stay, he must deal with his secrets of being gay and some strange new blue markings on his skin giving him a glow when he touches water.



GIOVANNI'S ROOM

Purchase *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

In the 1950s Paris of American expatriates, liaisons, and violence, a young man finds himself caught between desire and conventional morality. With a sharp, probing imagination, James Baldwin's now-classic narrative delves into the mystery of loving and creates a moving, highly controversial story of death and passion that reveals the unspoken complexities of the human heart.



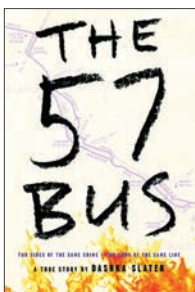
ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE

Purchase *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M Johnson • Available on Audiobook

Death, Homophobia, Transphobia, Incest, S*xual Assault

In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys.

Both a primer for teens eager to be allies as well as a reassuring testimony for young queer men of color, *All Boys Aren't Blue* covers topics such as gender identity, toxic masculinity, brotherhood, family, structural marginalization, consent, and Black joy. Johnson's emotionally frank style of writing will appeal directly to young adults.



THE 57 BUS

Purchase *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater • Available on Audiobook

Homophobia, Targeted Violence, Transphobia, Fire

One teenager in a skirt.

One teenager with a lighter.

One moment that changes both of their lives forever.

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from

school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.



RED WHITE AND ROYAL BLUE

Purchase *Red White and Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Sex Under the Influence of alcohol (not in a predatory context, but still), Forced Outing, Attempted R*pe (talked about, not in scene), Drug Abuse (not in scene), Parent Death, Rare instances of Homophobia, Racism, Xenophobia.

When his mother became President, Alex Claremont-Diaz was promptly cast as the American equivalent of a young royal. Handsome, charismatic, genius — his image is pure millennial-marketing gold for the White House. There's only one problem: Alex has a beef with the actual prince, Henry, across the pond. And when the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an Alex-Henry altercation, U.S./British relations take a turn for the worse.

Heads of family, state, and other handlers devise a plan for damage control: staging a truce between the two rivals. What at first begins as a fake, Instagramable friendship grows deeper and more dangerous than either Alex or Henry could have imagined. Soon Alex finds himself hurtling into a secret romance with a surprisingly unstuffy Henry that could derail the campaign and upend two nations and begs the question: Can love save the world after all? Where do we find the courage, and the power, to be the people we are meant to be? And how can we learn to let our true colors shine through? Casey McQuiston's *Red, White & Royal Blue* proves: true love isn't always diplomatic.



CEMETERY BOYS

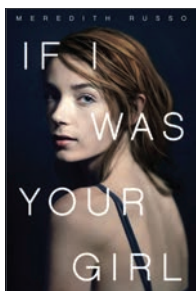
Purchase *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas • Available on Audiobook

Violence, Death

Yadriel has summoned a ghost, and now he can't get rid of him.

When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free.

However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He's determined to find out what happened and tie off some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian, so that they can both get what they want. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave.



IF I WAS YOUR GIRL

Purchase *If I Was Your Girl* by Meredith Russo • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Attempted R*pe, Homophobic Slurs, Transphobia, Suicide Attempt

Amanda Hardy is the new girl at school. Like everyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is holding back. Even from Grant, the guy she's falling in love with. Amanda has a secret. At her old school, she used to be called Andrew. And secrets always have a way of getting out...

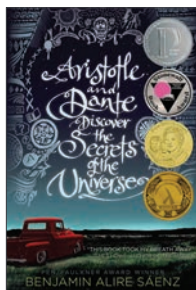


BIRTHDAY

Purchase *Birthday* by Meredith Russo • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Homophobia, PTSD, Mentioned Transphobia, Alcohol and Drug Use, Car Accident

Meet Morgan and Eric: born on the same day, at the same time, and bonded for life. In this moving dual narrative, we meet them every birthday from the age of thirteen, as Eric figures out who he is, as Morgan decides to live as her true self, and as they realize they are inextricably part of each other.



ARISTOTLE AND DANTE DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE

**Purchase *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook**

Alcoholism, Dysphoria, Transphobia, Homophobia, Parental Abuse, Suicide Attempt

This Printz Honor Book is a “tender, honest exploration of identity” (Publishers Weekly) that distills lyrical truths about family and friendship.

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship — the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.



MASK OF SHADOWS

**Purchase *Mask of Shadows* by Benjamin Linsey Miller • Available in Spanish
Available on Audiobook**

Abuse, Gore, Violence, Familial Death, Mentioned Genocide, Transphobia

I Needed to Win.
They Needed to Die.

Salot Leon is a thief and a good one at that. But Sal wants nothing more than to escape the life of highway robber and get closer to the upper-class — and the nobles who destroyed their home.

When Sal steals a flyer for an audition to become a member of The Left Hand — the Queen’s personal assassins, named after the rings she wears — Sal jumps at the chance to infiltrate the court and get revenge.

But the audition is a fight to the death filled with clever circus acrobats, lethal apothecaries, and vicious ex-soldiers. And as Sal succeeds in the competition, and wins the heart of Elise, an intriguing scribe at court, they start to dream of a new life and a different future, but one that Sal can have only if they survive.

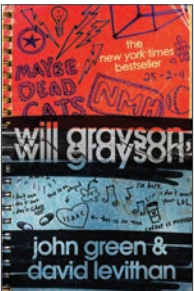


WHEN THE MOON WAS OURS

Purchase *When the Moon was Ours* by Anna-Marie McLemore

Homophobia, Transphobia, Slurs, Dysphoria

To everyone who knows them, best friends Miel and Sam are as strange as they are inseparable. Roses grow out of Miel's wrist, and rumors say that she spilled out of a water tower when she was five. Sam is known for the moons he paints and hangs in the trees and for how little anyone knows about his life before he and his mother moved to town. But as odd as everyone considers Miel and Sam, even they stay away from the Bonner girls, four beautiful sisters rumored to be witches. Now they want the roses that grow from Miel's skin, convinced that their scent can make anyone fall in love. And they're willing to use every secret Miel has fought to protect to make sure she gives them up.

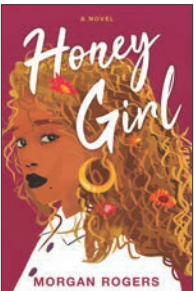


WILL GRAYSON, WILL GRAYSON

Purchase *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan
Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

Fatphobia, Homophobia

One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, Will Grayson crosses paths with . . . Will Grayson. Two teens with the same name, running in two very different circles, suddenly find their lives going in new and unexpected directions, and culminating in epic turns-of-heart and the most fabulous musical ever to grace the high school stage. Told in alternating voices from two YA superstars, this collaborative novel features a double helping of the heart and humor that have won them both legions of fans.

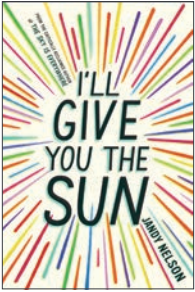


HONEY GIRL

Purchase *Honey Girl* by Morgan Rogers • Available on Audiobook

Mild Instances of Self-Harm

With her newly completed Ph.D. in astronomy in hand, twenty-eight-year-old Grace Porter goes on a girls' trip to Vegas to celebrate. She's a straight-A, work-through-the-summer certified high achiever. She is not the kind of person who goes to Vegas and gets drunkenly married to a woman whose name she doesn't know...until she does exactly that. This one moment of departure from her stern ex-military father's plans for her life has Grace wondering why she doesn't feel more fulfilled from completing her degree. Staggering under the weight of her parent's expectations, a struggling job market, and feelings of burnout, Grace flees her home in Portland for a summer in New York with the wife she barely knows. In New York, she's able to ignore all the constant questions about her future plans and falls hard for her creative and beautiful wife, Yuki Yamamoto. But when reality comes crashing in, Grace must face what she's been running from all along — the fears that make us human, the family scars that need to heal, and the longing for connection, especially when navigating the messiness of adulthood.



I'LL GIVE YOU THE SUN

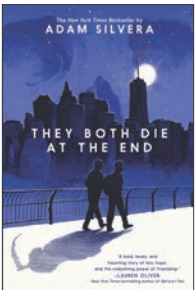
Purchase *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson • Available in Spanish • Available on Audiobook

R*pe, Homophobia, Suicidal Ideation, Familial Death

At first, Jude and her twin brother are Noah and Jude; inseparable. Noah draws constantly and is falling in love with the charismatic boy next door, while daredevil Jude wears red-red lipstick, cliff-dives, and does all the talking for both of them.

Years later, they are barely speaking. Something has happened to change the twins in different yet equally devastating ways . . . but then Jude meets an intriguing, irresistible boy and a mysterious new mentor.

The early years are Noah's to tell; the later years are Jude's. But they each have only half the story, and if they can only find their way back to one another, they'll have a chance to remake their world.



THEY BOTH DIE AT THE END

Purchase *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera • Available in Spanish Available on Audiobook

Death, Gun Violence, Suicidal Ideation, Minor Homophobia, Child Death

On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today.

Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure — to live a lifetime in a single day.



FAT CHANCE, CHARLIE VEGA

Purchase *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* by Crystal Maldonado • Available on Audiobook

Gaslighting, Fatphobia, Emotional Abuse

Charlie Vega is a lot of things. Smart. Funny. Artistic. Ambitious. Fat.

People sometimes have a problem with that last one. Especially her mom. Charlie wants a good relationship with her body, but it's hard, and her mom leaving a billion weight loss shakes on her dresser doesn't help. The world and everyone in it has ideas about what she should look like: thinner, lighter, slimmer-faced, straighter-haired. Be smaller. Be whiter. Be quieter.

But there's one person who's always in Charlie's corner: her best friend Amelia. Slim. Popular. Athletic. Totally dope. So when Charlie starts a tentative relationship with cute classmate Brian, the first worthwhile guy to notice her, everything is perfect until she learns one thing — he asked Amelia out first. So is she his second choice or what? Does he even really see her?

Because it's time people did.

A sensitive, funny, and painful coming-of-age story with a wry voice and tons of chisme, *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* tackles our relationships to our parents, our bodies, our cultures, and ourselves.

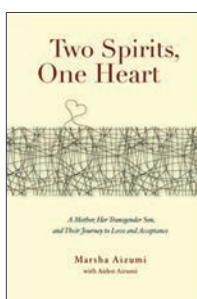


I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST

Purchase *I Wish You All the Best* by Mason Deaver • Available on Audiobook

Suicidal Ideation, Being Disowned, Child Abuse, Homophobia, Transphobia, Dysphoria

When Ben De Backer comes out to their parents as nonbinary, they're thrown out of their house and forced to move in with their estranged older sister, Hannah, and her husband, Thomas, whom Ben has never even met. Struggling with an anxiety disorder compounded by their parents' rejection, they come out only to Hannah, Thomas, and their therapist and try to keep a low profile in a new school. But Ben's attempts to survive the last half of senior year unnoticed are thwarted when Nathan Allan, a funny and charismatic student, decides to take Ben under his wing. As Ben and Nathan's friendship grows, their feelings for each other begin to change, and what started as a disastrous turn of events looks like it might just be a chance to start a happier new life. At turns heartbreaking and joyous, *I Wish You All the Best* is both a celebration of life, friendship, and love, and a shining example of hope in the face of adversity.



TWO SPIRITS, ONE HEART

Purchase *Two Spirits, One Heart* by Marsha Aizumi

"Marsha shares her journey from fear and uncertainty to acceptance, support, and unconditional love of Aiden as he reconciled his gender identity...I recommend their co-written memoir *Two Spirits, One Heart*."-George Takei

When this book was first published in 2012, it was the first book of its kind-mother, educator, and LGBT activist Marsha Aizumi shares her compelling story of parenting a young woman who came out as a lesbian, then transitioned to male. *Two Spirits, One Heart* chronicles Marsha's personal journey from fear, uncertainty, and sadness to eventual unconditional love, acceptance, and support of her child who struggled to reconcile his gender identity. Told with honesty and warmth, this book is a must-read for parents and loved ones of LGBT individuals everywhere.

In the past decade, Marsha has traveled the world sharing her journey and joy of parenting her trans son to diverse places such as religious groups, colleges, and LGBT and PFLAG organizations.



OUT! HOW TO BE YOUR AUTHENTIC SELF

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The ultimate coming out survival guide by queer and trans activist — and social media superstar — Miles McKenna. Activist Miles McKenna came out on his YouTube channel in 2017, documenting his transition to help other teens navigate their identities and take charge of their own coming-out stories. From that wisdom comes *Out!*, the ultimate coming-out survival guide. Find validation, inspiration, and support for your questions big and small — whether you're exploring your identity or seeking to understand the experience of an awesome queer person in your life.



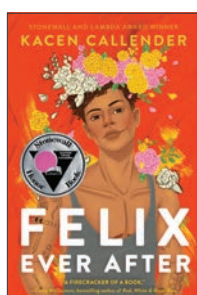
SORTED

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Dysphoria

When Jackson Bird was twenty-five, he came out as transgender to his friends, family, and anyone in the world with an internet connection.

Assigned female at birth and raised as a girl, he often wondered if he should have been born a boy. Jackson didn't share this thought with anyone because he didn't think he could share it with anyone. Growing up in Texas in the 1990s, he had no transgender role models. He barely remembers meeting anyone who was openly gay, let alone being taught that transgender people existed outside of punchlines.



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Felix is attending an ultra-competitive arts summer program to have a better shot at a full scholarship to Brown when someone posts Felix's dead name beside photos of him, pre-transition, in the school's lobby. Felix's plot to get revenge throws him onto the path of love and self-discovery.

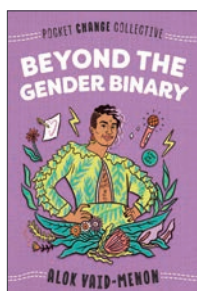


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BEYOND THE GENDER BINARY

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