

NONFICTION

GLBTQ*: The Survival Guide for Queer & Questioning Teens

Huegel, Kelly

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

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Growing Up Gay in America

Rick, Jason R.

Informative and entertaining, this book provides answers to common questions and offers positive and accurate advice on a wide range of topics and issues currently facing gay, questioning, and bisexual teen guys as well as their parents, relatives, and friends.

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The Full Spectrum : A New Generation of Writing About Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities

Levithan, David & Merrell, Billy

YA authors Levithan and Merrell have collected original poems, essays, and stories by young adults in their teens and early 20s. The Full Spectrum 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.

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What if Someone I Know Is Gay?: Answers to Questions About What It Means to Be Gay or Lesbian

Marcus, Eric

No question goes unanswered in this important book about being gay. All the basics -and not-so-basics- are covered in more than one hundred questions asked by real teens just like you. So the answers contain all the info you want to know.

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The Rainbow List

The Rainbow Book List is a joint project of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table and the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association. The Rainbow Book List presents an annual bibliography of quality books with significant and authentic GLBTQ content, which are recommended for people from birth through eighteen years of age.

glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/rainbow-books-lists

RESOURCES

Want more information?

Look in the **Teen Health and Wellness** database under *Sexual Identity and Orientation*

www.mtlaurel.lib.nj.us/research/databases.html

Or check out the web sites of these organizations:

GLAAD: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

www.glaad.org

GLBT National Help Center

www.glnh.org

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network

www.glsen.org

Gay Straight Alliance Network

www.gsanetwork.org

Intersex Society of North America

www.isna.org

PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

www.pflag.org



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LGBTQ* Reading

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, Questioning

Suggested Reading for Young Adults

I Am J

Beam, Cris

J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.

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Weetzie Bat

Block, Francesca Lia

Follows the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles friends, Dirk, Duck, and My-Secret-Agent-Lover-Man.

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Beauty Queens

Bray, Libba

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on an island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.

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The Vast Fields of Ordinary

Burd, Nick

The summer after graduating from an Iowa high school, 18 year-old Dade Hamilton watches his parents' marriage disintegrate, ends his long-term, secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love.

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Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You

Cameron, Peter

Eighteen-year-old James living in New York City with his older sister and divorced mother struggles to find a direction for his life.

Young Adult Fiction Cameron

Annie on My Mind

Garden, Nancy

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

Young Adult Fiction Garden

Will Grayson, Will Grayson

Green, John & Levithan, David

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend.

Young Adult Fiction Green

Geography Club

Hartinger, Bret

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

Young Adult Fiction Hartinger

Totally Joe

Howe, James

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

Young Adult Fiction Howe

The Bermudez Triangle

Johnson, Maureen

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.

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Absolute Brightness

Lecesne, James

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.

Young Adult Fiction Lecesne

Ash

Lo, Malinda

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.

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Boy Meets Boy

Levithan, David

In "this" school, the gay kids and the straight kids all get along just fine, the quarterback is a cross-dresser, and the cheerleaders ride Harleys-- yet the road to true love is still a strange and winding path, as Paul discovers when he meets the boy of his dreams.

Young Adult Fiction Levithan

Hero

Moore, Perry

Thom Creed is not your normal teenager. He has superhuman powers, and he's gay.

Young Adult Fiction Moore

Kissing Kate

Myracle, Lauren

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

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Luna

Peters, Julie Ann

Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.

Young Adult Fiction Peters

Rainbow Boys

Sanchez, Alex

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

Young Adult Fiction Sanchez

One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies

Sones, Sonya

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.

Young Adult Fiction Sones

Freak Show

St. James, 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 way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen.

Young Adult Fiction St. James

Hard Love

Wittlinger, Ellen

After starting to publish a zine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets an unusual girl and begins to develop a healthier personality.

Young Adult Fiction Wittlinger



This author has more LGBTQ titles