

# LGBTQ

## Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

All titles located in YA Fiction or YA Paperbacks by the author's last name .

-  **Choirboy** by *Charlie Ander*  
As his home life deteriorates, twelve-year-old Berry decides to remain a choir boy forever and, after trying to perform surgery on himself, obtains testosterone-inhibiting drugs from a clinic, leading to huge, unexpected consequences. (Grades 10 & up)
-  **Gravel Queen** by *Tea Benduin*  
All Aurin wants to do the summer before her senior year in high school is hang out with her friends Kenney and Fred, but when she falls in love with Neila, everything changes. (Grades 8 & up)
-  **My Invented Life** by *Lauren Bjorkman*  
During rehearsals for Shakespeare's "As You Like It," sixteen-year-old Roz, jealous of her cheerleader sister's acting skills and heartthrob boyfriend, invents a new identity, with unexpected results. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Debbie Harry Sings in French** by *Megan Brothers*  
Having always been different from others and viewed as a freak for his unusual style and mascara-wearing ways, Johnny finds new inspiration in the female lead singer of a punk band, but not considering himself gay, Johnny begins to question his connection to Debbie Harry and wonder how his new glamorous look will be accepted by the girlfriend he loves. (Grades 8 & up)
-  **Down to the Bone** by *Mayra Lazara Dole*  
Laura is thrown out of her house when her mother discovers she is a lesbian, but after trying to change her heart and hide from the truth, Laura finally comes to terms with who she is and learns to love and respect herself. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Annie On My Mind** by *Nancy Garden*  
Liza begins to doubt her feelings for Annie after someone finds out about their relationship, and realizes, after starting college, that her denial of love for Annie was a mistake. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Two Parties, One Tux, and a Very Short Film About the Grapes of Wrath** by *Steven Goldman*  
After handing in a short film in lieu of the assigned writing paper, problems arise for 11th-grader Mitchell after the principal gets a glimpse at it, in a coming-of-age story for young adult readers. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Will Grayson, Will Grayson** by *John Green*  
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, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Last Exit to Normal** by *Richard Harmon*  
After moving from Spokane, Washington, to a small Montana town with his father and his father's boyfriend, Ben notices that something is not quite right with the little boy next door and determines to do something about it. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Jumpstart** by *Catherine Ryan Hyde*  
Elle is a loner. She doesn't need people. Which is a good thing, because now she has to move out of her apartment so her mother's boyfriend won't have to deal with her. (Grades 8 & up)
-  **Tips on Having a Gay (ex) Boyfriend** by *Carrie Jones*  
Belle believes that Dylan is her soulmate until he drops the bomb that he is gay, and she must suddenly look at him in a different light while coming to terms with what that revelation means to her. (Grades 9 & up)
-  **Love Drugged** by *James Klise*  
Fifteen-year-old Jamie is dismayed by his attraction to boys, and when a beautiful girl shows an interest in him, he is all the more intrigued by her father's work developing a drug called Rehomoline. (Grades 7 & up)
-  **My Most Excellent Year** by *Steve Kluger*  
Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own. (Grades 8 & up)
-  **Boy Meets Boy** by *David Levithan*  
When Paul falls hard for Noah, he thinks he has found his one true love, but when Noah walks out of his life, Paul has to find a way to get him back and make everything right once more. (Grades 8 & up)

**Ash** by Malinda Lo

Forced into becoming an indentured servant when her family dies, Ash lives a lonely and desperate life with no hopes for the future, until she meets Kaisa, the King's royal Huntress, who teaches her to love, live, and dream once again. (Grades 7 & up)

**The Less Dead** by April Lurie

Believing that his father's evangelical radio program promotes intolerance and that one of his father's listeners is behind the murders of two gay teens, Noah is horrified when a gay foster youth he rebuffed becomes the next victim, a situation that rallies Noah to identify the killer. (Grades 9 & up)

**Kissing Kate** by Lauren Myracle

Having kissed her friend Lissa one summer evening, Kate becomes confused and so decides to keep her distance from her once-close friend while she tries to get a grip on her feelings and make sense of it all. (Grades 9 & up)

**M or F** by Lisa Papademetriou

Gay teen Marcus helps his friend Frannie chat up her crush online, but then becomes convinced that the crush is falling for him instead. (Grades 8 & up)

**Scars** by Cheryl Rainfield

Fifteen-year-old Kendra, a budding artist, has not felt safe since she began to recall devastating memories of childhood sexual abuse, especially since she cannot remember her abuser's identity, and she copes with the pressure by cutting herself. (Grades 9 & up)

**Empress of the World** by Sara Ryan

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing. (Grades 8 & up)

**Rainbow Boys** by Alex Sanchez

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. (Grades 9 & up)

**Freak Show** by James St. James

Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (Grades 9 & up)

**Boy Minus Girl** by Richard Uhlig

When his irresponsible uncle comes to visit, Les Eckhardt hopes to get tips from him about succeeding with girls, but he learns more from his parents and friendships with a lesbian classmate and one of his uncle's ex-girlfriends. (Grades 7 & up)

**My Heartbeat** by Garrett 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. (Grades 7 & up)

**Parrotfish** by Ellen Wittlinger

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. (Grades 9 & up)

