

LGBTQ

Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

Titles located in YA Fiction or YA paperbacks by the author's last name

**Series*



Choirboy by Charlie Ander

As his home life deteriorates, 12 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+)



I am J by Cris Beam

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. (Grades 9+)



With or Without You by Brian Farrey

When 18 year old best friends Evan and Davis of Madison, Wisconsin, join a community center group called "chasers" to gain acceptance and knowledge of gay history, there may be fatal consequences. (Grades 9+)



The Difference Between You and Me by M. George Jesse is having trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president, but when they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue and Jesse becomes involved with a student activist, they are forced to make a difficult decision. (Grades 8+)



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+)



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 junior Mitchell after the principal gets a glimpse at it, in a coming-of-age story for young adult readers. (Grades 9+)



Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green

When 2 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+)



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+)



Jumpstart the World 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+)



Bermudez Triangle by Maureen Johnson

The friendship of 3 high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other. (Grades 9+)



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+)



Almost Perfect by Brian Katcher

With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, 18 year old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student arrives at his small-town Missouri high school, keeping a 'big secret. (Grades 9+)



Love Drugged by James Klise

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+)



My Most Excellent Year by Steve Kluger

Three teens in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own. (Grades 8+)



Openly Straight by Bill Konisberg

Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school-- but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences. (Grades 9+)



Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan

A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways. (Grades 8+)



Absolutely Postively Not by 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. (Grade 7+)



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+)



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+)



Shine by Lauren Myracle
When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, 16 year old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town. (Grades 10+)



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+)



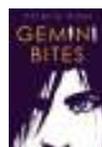
Luna by Luna by Julie Anne Peters
Gay teen Marcus helps his friend Frannie chat up her crush online, but then becomes convinced that the crush is falling for him instead. (Grades 8+)



She Loves You, She Loves You Not by J. Peters
When Alyssa is disowned by her father for being a lesbian, she is sent off to a small town in Colorado to live with the mother she has never known, where she is forced to come to terms with herself and her family. (Grades 9+)



Scars by Cheryl Rainfield
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+)



Gemini Bites by Patrick Ryan
Twins Kyle--who is gay--and Judy--who claims to be religious to get closer to a boy who runs a bible study group--are both attracted to Garret, a classmate who is finishing the school year with their family, and who says he is a vampire. (Grades 9+)



Empress of the World by Sara Ryan
While attending a summer institute, 15 year old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing. (Grades 8+)



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+)



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Suenz
Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents and his family that he has never asked before. (Grades 9+)



Freak Show by James St. James
Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, 17 year old 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+)



My Heartbeat by Garrett Weyr
As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, 14 year old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing. (Grades 7+)



Pink by Lili Wilkinson
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. (Grades 8+)



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+)



Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy by Bill Wright
Carlos, who 16 years old, is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate. (Grades 8+)

