Stories help us learn about ourselves and how we fit into the world. When stories connect us to people who may be very different from us, I believe they help us become more understanding, less judgmental and more accepting of others. And when we see ourselves in the story, we feel validated as human beings. Children need to find themselves in story, but they also need exposure to many different types of people.

There are still many fears and worries for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning youth. This list contains stories that include LGBTQ that are bullied or not accepted in their home or school, as well as those living in more supportive communities. Hopefully these stories will resonate for our students, regardless of their sexual orientation, or the sexual orientation of their parents and other family members or friends.

– Maria Martella

BOARD BOOK

DADDY PAPA & ME
NEWMAN, LESLEA
9781582462622 HC 2009 $7.60
Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.

MOMMY MAMA & ME
NEWMAN, LESLEA
9781582462639 HC 2009 $7.60
Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its mommies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.

PICTURE BOOK

MORRIS MICKLEWHITE & THE TANGERINE DRESS
BALDACCHINO, CHRISTINE
9781554983476 HC 2014 $13.56
Morris is a little boy who loves using his imagination. He dreams about having space adventures, paints beautiful pictures and sings the loudest during circle time. But most of all, Morris loves his classroom’s dress-up center – he loves wearing the tangerine dress. But the children in Morris’s class don’t understand. Dresses, they say, are for girls. And Morris certainly isn’t welcome in the spaceship some of his classmates are building. Astronauts, they say, don’t wear dresses.
OTIS AND ALICE
BERTROUILLE, ARIANE
9781554552948 HC MAY 2013 $15.16
Uncle Dan brought his nephew Otis a very special gift: a mouse with super-long, expressive whiskers! Otis can’t believe his eyes. He has wanted a pet mouse forever! But, how long can he keep Alice? Can he convince his cat Rocket and his two moms to keep the little mouse, so full of imagination and energy? The daily lives of many families—so different from each other—are often very much alike. Can Alice the mouse fit into Otis’s family?

OPERATION MARRIAGE
CHIN-LEE, CYNTHIA
9781604864229 HC 2011 $15.26
Set in the San Francisco Bay area months before the passage of Proposition 8 banned gay marriage in California, this heartwarming picture book tells the humorous story of two stubborn kids who take matters into their own hands. When Alex loses her best friend in an argument over her family not being “traditional,” she and her younger brother set out to convince their two mothers to have a real wedding. Though their parents are content with the commitment ceremony they had years earlier, their children’s determination prevails and the couple is able to become legally married before the proposition takes effect. Their love for each other proves contagious as their neighbours begin to see past their prejudice and accept them for who they have always been: a normal, affectionate family. Based on a true story, this is a touching tale about those who face real challenges in their struggle for equality.

KING & KING
DEHAAN, LINA
9781582460611 HC 2002 $14.40
When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.

WHO’S IN MY FAMILY
HARRIS, ROBIE
9780763636319 HC 2012 $15.20
Join Nellie and Gus and their family—plus all manner of other families—for a day at the zoo, where they see animal families galore! To top off their day, Nellie and Gus invite friends and relatives for a fun dinner at home. Accessible, humorous, and full of charming illustrations depicting families of many configurations, this engaging story interweaves conversations between the siblings and a matter-of-fact text, making it clear to every child that whoever makes up your family, it is perfectly normal— and totally wonderful.

Prices are net and subject to change
THE BOY WITH PINK HAIR
HILTON, PEREZ
9780451234209  HC  2011  $16.80
Life is not easy being pink. Adults stare at you, little children giggle behind your back and some kids are just mean. But when you have a best friend who appreciates your uniqueness and parents who are loving and supportive, you can do just about anything.

GREAT BIG BOOK OF FAMILIES
HOFFMAN, MARY
9781845079994  HC  2010  $15.16
In real life, families come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, and live in many different ways. This is an important book that children from around the world will be able to identify with. A must-have for all libraries.

JACOB’S NEW DRESS
HOFFMAN, SARAH
9780807563731  HC  2014  $17.60
Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can’t wear “girl” clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? This heartwarming story speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don’t identify with traditional gender roles.

MY PRINCESS BOY
KILODAVIS, CHERYL
9781442429888  HC  2010  $14.40
Dyson loves pink, sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses. Sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees. Inspired by the author’s son, and by her own initial struggles to understand, this is a heart-warming book about unconditional love and one remarkable family. It is also a call for putting an end to bullying and judgments. The world is a brighter place when we accept everyone for who they are.
MONDAY IS ONE DAY
LEVINE, ARTHUR
9780439789240 HC 2011 $16.00
One by one, the days of the week roll by. Monday is one day. Tuesday’s blue shoes day. Wednesday’s halfway day. Kids and parents count the perfect small moments of their weekday time together, looking forward to the weekend, when the days will be all theirs. This celebration of precious parent-child moments depicts many different types of families and lets children rejoice with their parents in the true meaning of quality time.

DONOVAN’S BIG DAY
NEWMAN, LESLEA
9781582463322 HC 2011 $14.40
Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ring bearer, he has a very important job to do. Any boy or girl with same-sex parents—or who knows a same-sex couple—will appreciate this picture book about love, family, and marriage. The story captures the joy and excitement of a wedding day while the illustrations show the happy occasion from a child's point of view.

IN OUR MOTHERS HOUSE
POLACCO, PATRICIA
9780399250767 HC 2009 $15.00
Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? But Marmee and Meema's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.

AND TANGO MAKES THREE
RICHARDSON, JUSTIN
9780689878459 HC 2005 $16.00
In the zoo there are all kinds of animal families. But Tango’s family is not like any of the others. This is based on the true story of two male penguins living in the Central Park Zoo.
MOM & MUM ARE GETTING MARRIED
SETTERINGTON, KEN
9781896764849 HC 2008 $11.96
When Rosie’s two mothers decide to get married, Rosie and her brother Jack want to be the ring-bearers. And when the rings are misplaced, Rosie comes up with a smart idea to prevent them from going missing again. Grade 1-3.

JUNIOR FICTION

BOY IN THE DRESS
WALLIAMS, DAVID
9780007279043 PB 2010 $8.00
The sparkling debut children’s novel from David Walliams, co-creator and co-star of the multi-award-winning Little Britain. Dennis was different. Why was he different, you ask? Well, a small clue might be in the title of this book! Charming, surprising and hilarious, David Walliams’s beautiful first novel will touch the hearts (and funny bones) of children and adults alike.

TOTALLY JOE
HOWE, JAMES
9780689839580 PB 2007 $5.60
Twelve-year-old Joe knows he’s gay. Written in the form of an assignment—an "alphabiography"—the story takes readers through the school year, one letter at a time: G is for the Gang of Five, Joe’s misfit friends, who are utterly loyal when he falls for Colin. But Colin is less secure about his sexuality than Joe is, and when the rumor goes around that the boys have been seen kissing, he quashes the relationship. Joe has a supportive family who accepts his emerging sexuality. But unfortunately, not everyone at school is comfortable with it, and Joe must endure name-calling and the horrors of the school hallway, just because he’s different. Grade 6-8.

BOX GIRL
WITHROW, SARAH
9780888994363 PB 2001 $7.16
Gwen is dealing with lots of changes. Her mom who left five years ago, has started sending her postcards from Europe, with no return address. Gwen is convinced her mom will come back for her, but in the meantime, there are lots of other issues at school and home. After Gwen confides in her best friend that living with her father means putting up with Leon, his significant other, the best friend responds with homophobic revulsion. Gwen decides to shield herself from future relationships, until she meets Clara. Clara is socially awkward, sunny and determined to be Gwen’s friend. This is a very understanding look at how we try to protect ourselves from being rejected. Gr 6-8.

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

POPULARITY PAPERS #1
IGNATOW, AMY
9780810997233 PB 2011 $7.96
Lydia and Julie are best friends with one goal: to crack the code of popularity. Lydia’s the bold one: aspiring theater star, stick-fighting enthusiast, and human guinea pig. Julie’s the shy one: observer and artist, accidental field hockey jock, and faithful recorder. In this notebook they write down their observations and carry out experiments to try to determine what makes the popular girls tick. But somehow, the harder Lydia and Julie try to imitate the popular girls, the farther they get from their goal—and each other. Amy Ignatow understands friendship and the fifth grade, and she knows just how to wring humor out of ordinary and extraordinary moments.

POPULARITY PAPERS #2
IGNATOW, AMY
9781419701832 PB 2012 $7.96
Amy Ignatow’s signature sense of humor is on full display in this satisfying sequel. After spending all of fifth grade studying popularity together, Julie and Lydia are finally ready to put their hard-earned lessons to use in junior high. But before they can, disaster strikes: Lydia’s mom gets a job in London for six whole months! Before Lydia can say “Fancy a cup of tea?” she’s thrust into a new school, where she earns a reputation as “the Violent American.” Meanwhile Julie’s stuck navigating the cliques of American junior high on her own and is adopted by a group of troublemaking eighth graders known as the Bichons. The two best friends will have to learn to keep in touch and stand on their own, assisted as always by their trusty notebook.

POPULARITY PAPERS #3
IGNATOW, AMY
9781419700937 HC 2011 $14.36
After spending six months apart in Book Two, best friends Julie and Lydia are reunited at last! Julie has said good-bye to the mean girls, and Lydia is ready to apply her hard-earned friendship lessons to founding their own crew. But bad news interrupts their reunion: their friend Sukie’s mother, ill for many years, has passed away. This shakes Lydia and Julie, who reevaluate their goals and decide to focus more on being supportive of the friends they have. Unfortunately, their well-meaning schemes almost immediately start to go awry, and everyone seems to be mad at them for reasons beyond their control. How can they be better friends when no one seems to want to give them the chance? As always, Julie and Lydia’s hilarious back-and-forth notes form the backbone of the novel, in which Amy Ignatow reveals all-too-real truths about friendship and loyalty.
POPPULARITY PAPERS #4
IGNATOW, AMY
9781419701825 HC 2012 $14.36
It’s summertime, and the girls are going on a road trip! Papa Dad and Daddy will provide the transportation, and they’ll provide the entertainment. At first Julie and Lydia use their Powers of Observation to catalog the traditions and oddities of each new location they visit, but soon their attention turns to parents and family and negotiating sensitive family dynamics. By the time they hit familiar streets again, they may have to accept some uncomfortable truths, but their journey is infused with the humour, heart, and truthfulness that Amy Ignatow is known for.

KEVIN KELLER
PARENT,DAN
9781879794931 PB 2012 $18.40
Kevin Keller is a new student at Riverdale High, and he’s gay. Finally Archie comics are starting to reflect the 21st century!

SKIM
TAMAKI,MARIKO
9780888999641 PB 2010 $10.36
It’s the early nineties and "Skim" is Kimberly Keiko Cameron, a not-slim, would-be Wiccan Goth stuck in a private girls’ school in Toronto. When a classmate’s boyfriend kills himself, the school goes into mourning overdrive, each clique trying to find something to hold on to and something to believe in. It’s a weird time to fall in love, but that’s high school, and that’s what happens to Skim when she starts to meet in secret with her neo-hippie English teacher, Ms. Archer. But when Ms. Archer abruptly leaves, Skim struggles to cope with her confusion and isolation, armed with her trusty journal and a desire to shed old friendships while cautiously approaching new ones. Depression, love, sexual identity, crushes, manipulative peers--teen life in all its dramatic complexities is explored in this touching, pitch perfect, literary graphic masterpiece.

DRAMA
TELGEMEIER,RAINA
9780545326995 PB 2012 $9.60
9780545326988 HC 2012 $20.80
Eighth-grader Callie loves theatre. Even though she can’t sing, she does get an important part as set designer for her middle school performance. But Callie has lots to deal with onstage, as well as offstage. She has to make the set happen on a teeny budget, there’s gossip, problems with some of the crew, and it turns out that Callie’s crush likes boys instead of girls. Lots of middle school drama handled with finesse and authenticity.
MANGA

WANDERING SON #1
TAKAKO, SHIMURA
9781606994160 HC 2011 $20.00
In the first of eight volumes, readers are introduced to fifth graders Shuichi Nitori and his new friend Yoshino Takatsuki. They have happy homes, loving families, and are well liked by their classmates. But they share a secret that further complicates the already-complicated verge of puberty: Shuichi is a boy who wants to be a girl, and Yoshino is a girl who wants to be a boy. Wandering Son: Book One is written and drawn by one of today’s most critically acclaimed creators of manga, Shimura, who portrays Shuichi and Yoshino’s very private journey with affection, gentle humor, and unmistakable grace. Wandering Son: Book One is a sophisticated work of literary manga translated with rare skill and sensitivity by veteran translator and comics scholar Matt Thorn. [Volumes #2 – 8 also available]

INTERMEDIATE FICTION

STITCHES
HUSER, GLEN
9780888995780 PB 2003 $7.96
Travis has been waiting to get to junior high. When that time finally comes, things are both better, and worse, than he had hoped. On the plus side are two great new teachers. On the minus side there’s Shon Docker, Travis’s old tormenter from elementary school. Travis lives in a trailer park outside a small prairie town. His mother, a country-and-western singer, is on the road a lot; his father is long gone. When things get crazy at his house, he can always visit his best friend, Chantelle, a smart disabled girl with several wild biker brothers. Travis knows he’s different. He loves to sew and play with puppets. He wants to become a professional puppeteer. It all makes him a target for Shon and his friends. As Travis and his friends happily prepare a puppet production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream for the school graduation festivities, Shon’s anger and prejudice erupt in violence. A Red Maple 2005. Governor General 2003.

KEVIN
KUPPERBERG, PAUL
9780448458526 HC 2013 $8.25
Kevin Keller is the first openly gay character in the history of Archie Comics and currently stars in his own best-selling series of comic books. This sweet and funny coming-of-age story features a strong anti-bullying message and is a perfect gift for Archie fans, parents, and anyone who has—or is—struggling to find their place.
DAYS THAT END IN Y
VANSICKLE, VIKKI
9781443124324 PB 2013 $7.20

One summer. That's all the time it takes to set your world spinning — or so Clarissa learns. Feeling abandoned by Mattie (camp), Benji (drama school), and even Michael (babysitting), Clarissa feels even more alone when her mother tells her she's marrying Doug. This announcement gets Clarissa thinking about her father, and her search for answers leads to her stumbling upon information about the secret teenage life of her mother, and more importantly, about Bill, her absentee father.

KISS
WILSON, JACQUELINE
9780552554411 PB 2008 $9.56

Sylvie and Carl have been friends since they were children. They've always played together, eaten with each other's families, called each other boyfriend and girlfriend and deep down, Sylvie has always believed that they'd end up married to each other. But as they become teenagers, things start to change. Carl has a new friend, Paul, who is taking all his attention. And he seems much less happy to be called Sylvie's boyfriend. Sylvie can tell his feelings have changed, but can she guess at the true reasons behind it all?

FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF MELANIN SUN
WOODSON, JACQUELINE
9780142416419 PB 2010 $7.50
9780399252808 HC 2010 $16.88

Melanin Sun has a lot to say. But sometimes it's hard to speak his mind, so he fills up notebooks with his thoughts instead. He writes about his mom a lot. They're about as close as they can be, because they have no other family. So when she suddenly tells him she's gay, his world is turned upside down. And if that weren't hard enough for him to accept, her girlfriend is white. Melanin Sun is angry and scared. How can his mom do this to him?

PUTTING MAKEUP ON THE FAT BOY
WRIGHT, BIL
9781416940043 PB 2012 $10.40

Carlos Duarte knows that he's fabulous. He's got a better sense of style than half the fashionistas in New York City, and he can definitely apply makeup like nobody's business. He may only be in high school, but when he lands the job of his dreams — makeup artist at the FeatureFace counter in Macy's — he's sure that he's finally on his way to great things. But the makeup artist world is competitive and cutthroat, and for Carlos to reach his dreams, he'll have to believe in himself more than ever. A good exploration of courage and overcoming stereotyping. Gr 8+
YOUNG ADULT

GIRL FROM MARS
BACH, TAMARA
9780888997258  PB  2008  $10.36
Miriam is 15-years-old, and trying to figure out where she fits in. Her mother drives her crazy, she's bored, and she wishes she could move to a big city and meet new people. But then she meets Laura, her new classmate and everything changes.

DAVID INSIDE OUT
BANTLE, LEE
9780805081220  HC  2009  $17.06
David Dahlgren, a high-school senior, finds solace in running with the track team; he's a fast runner, and he enjoys the camaraderie. But team events become a source of tension when he develops a crush on one of his teammates, Sean. Scared to admit his feelings, David does everything he can to suppress them: he dates a girl, keeps his distance from his best friend who has become openly gay, and snaps a rubber band on his wrist every time he has “inappropriate” urges. Before long, Sean expresses the thoughts David has been trying to hide, and everything changes for the better. Or so it seems. In this thoughtful yet searing coming-of-age novel, Lee Bantle offers a raw, honest, and incredibly compelling account of a teenager who learns to accept himself for who he is.

KILLING MISS KITTY
BAUER, MARION
9780618690008  HC  2007  $17.56
Life in Claire’s typical Midwestern town is quiet; some would even say boring. But this is the 1950s, and things that seem calm on the surface are often churning underneath. When Claire takes a new black friend, dressed as “Liberty,” to the Fourth of July parade in the town park, she realizes there can be no liberty for either girl in her all-white town. And as she grows older, she discovers that her world is more complicated than she ever imagined. Being the “new girl” in school isn’t the fresh start she was hoping for. Getting a pet involves sacrifices. And falling in love is more confusing than fulfilling—especially when it is not a love that can be spoken of, least of all by Claire. Teenage sexuality, northern segregation, differing religious beliefs, and animal cruelty are just a few of the controversial topics explored in this collection of five interrelated stories, told in a voice that is both refreshingly naive and darkly humorous. With this book, Marion Dane Bauer lives up to her reputation as a writer who is not afraid to delve into difficult material in search of the truth.
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**I AM J**

BEAM, CRIS  
9780316053600 PB 2012 $7.00

J had always felt different. He was certain that eventually everyone would understand who he really was: a boy mistakenly born as a girl. Yet as he grew up, his body began to betray him; eventually J stopped praying to wake up a “real boy” and started covering up his body, keeping himself invisible — from his parents, from his friends, from the world. But after being deserted by the best friend he thought would always be by his side, J decides that he’s done hiding — it’s time to be who he really is. And this time he is determined not to give up, no matter the cost.

**SOAMES ON THE RANGE**

BELGUE, NANCY  
978000207689 PB 2007 $12.00

All his life, fifteen-year-old San Francisco Soames has been told he is just like his father. But when his father announces that he's moving in with another man, Cisco starts questioning the resemblance. To top it off, he's suspended from school for fighting - even though all he did was provide his face as the punching bag for the school bully - and then accused of putting an old man in a coma. Things go from bad to worse when his parents want to send him from their small town in Vermont to British Columbia to keep him out of trouble.

**MY INVENTED LIFE**

BJORKMAN, LAUREN  
9780805089509 HC 2009 $20.70

With Roz and Eva everything becomes a contest — who can snag the best role in the school play, have the cutest boyfriend, pull off the craziest prank. Still, they're as close as sisters can be. Until Eva deletes Roz from her life, which leaves Roz confused. Roz has a suspicion about Eva. In turn, Eva taunts Roz with a dare, which leads to an act of total insanity. A realistic cast of adult and teen characters representing a wide variety of viewpoints and sexual preferences.

**BEAUTY QUEENS**

BRAY, LIBBA  
9780439895989 PB 2012 $8.80

When a plane carrying 50 contestants for the Miss Teen Dream Pageant crashes on a deserted island, most of them don't survive. But the few that do are not really prepared for what happens next. This is a witty satire that explores gender, sexuality and self-esteem. Gr 9+.
NAOMI & ELY'S NO KISS LIST
COHN, RACHEL
9780375844416 PB 2008 $8.00
Naomi and Ely are best friends. Naomi loves and is in love with Ely, and Ely loves Naomi, but prefers to be in love with boys. So they create their "No Kiss List" of people neither of them is allowed to kiss. And this works fine - until Bruce. Bruce is Naomi's boyfriend, so there's no reason to put him on the List. But Ely kissed Bruce even though he is boring. The result: a rift of universal proportions and the potential end of "Naomi and Ely: the institution." Can these best friends come back together again?

MISEDUCATION OF CAMERON POST
DANFORTH, EMILY
9780062020567 HC 2012 $16.00
When Cameron Post's parents die suddenly in a car crash, her shocking first thought is relief. Relief they'll never know that, hours earlier, she had been kissing a girl. But that relief doesn't last, and Cam is soon forced to move in with her conservative aunt Ruth and her well-intentioned but hopelessly old-fashioned grandmother. She knows that from this point on, her life will forever be different. Survival in Miles City, Montana, means blending in and leaving well enough alone (as her grandmother might say), and Cam becomes an expert at both. A stunning and unforgettable literary debut about discovering who you are and finding the courage to live life according to your own rules.

HAPPY FAMILIES
DAVIS, TANITA S.
9780375869662 HC 2012 $15.20
Teenage twins Ysabel and Justin Nicholas are lucky. Ysabel's jewelry designs have already caught the eyes of the art world and Justin's intelligence and drive are sure to gain him entrance into the most prestigious of colleges. They even like their parents. But their father has a secret—one that threatens to destroy the twins' happy family and life as they know it. Over the course of spring break, Ysabel and Justin will be forced to come to terms with their dad's new life, but can they overcome their fears to piece together their happy family again?

OF ALL THE STUPID THINGS
DIAZ, ALEXANDRA
9781606841884 PB 2011 $8.00
When a rumor starts circulating that Tara's boyfriend Brent has been sleeping with one of the guy cheerleaders, the innuendo doesn't just hurt Tara. It marks the beginning of the end for an inseparable trio of friends. And then new-girl Riley arrives in school with her long black hair, athletic body, and her blasé attitude, and suddenly Tara starts to feel things she's never felt before for a girl--and to reassess her feelings about Brent and what he may/may not have done. Is Tara gay—or does she just love Riley? And can her deepest friendships survive when all of the rules have changed?
SUICIDE NOTES
FORD, MICHAEL
978060737573 PB 2010 $8.00
Fifteen-year-old Jeff wakes up on New Year’s Day to find himself in the hospital. Make that the psychiatric ward. Never mind the bandages on his wrists, clearly this is all a huge mistake. Jeff is perfectly fine, perfectly normal—not like the other kids in the hospital with him. They’ve got problems. But a funny thing happens as Jeff’s forty-five-day sentence drags on: the crazies start to seem less crazy.

SECRETS OF TRUTH & BEAUTY
FRAZER, MEGAN
9781423117117 HC 2009 $14.00
When 17-year-old Dara discovers she has an older sister that her parents tried to erase from their lives, she decides to break away from her parents and reach out to her sister. Dara has been overweight for most of her life and she’s tired of people judging her. She’s tired of her parent’s rules and criticism. Dara’s sister Rachel is lesbian and lives on a goat farm. Here, Dara learns about self-acceptance and how it feels to be supported by others.

MY HEARTBEAT
FREYMANN-WEYR, GARRET
9780547722054 PB 2012 $7.96
Ellen loves her older brother Link, and his friend James. She’s actually madly in love with James. But when someone at school suggests that Link and James are in love with each other, Ellen is confused. She tries talking to Link, but he won’t talk. This is an understanding story about love and the complexities of families.

IN THE GARAGE
FULLERTON, ALMA
978089953710 PB 2006 $3.96
Barbara Jean (BJ) has a port wine birthmark on her face, feels overweight and has repeated suffered the taunts of others. One of the few people who have treated her with respect and affection, is Alex, her best friend. But when Alex seems to display more affection for David (his new band member), he becomes the target of gossip and discrimination. BJ drifts away from Alex and gets caught up in the popular girls’ group. As the story begins, BJ is full of remorse because she has betrayed Alex in the worst possible way.
ANNE ON MY MIND
GARDEN, NANCY
9780374400118 PB 2007 $8.40
This beautifully written book, first published in 1982, is the story of two teenage girls whose friendship blossoms into love and who, despite pressures from family and school that threaten their relationship, promise to be true to each other and their feelings. Of the author and the book, the Margaret A. Edwards Award committee said, "Nancy Garden has the distinction of being the first author for young adults to create a lesbian love story with a positive ending. The 25th Anniversary Edition features a full-length interview with the author by Kathleen T. Horning, Director of the Cooperative Children's Book Center. Ms. Garden answers such revealing questions as how she knew she was gay, why she wrote the book, censorship, and the book's impact on readers - then and now.

SAY THE WORD
GARSEE, JEANNINE
9781599906133 PB 2011 $8.25
Perfectionist Shawna dates the right boys, gets good grades, and follows her father's every rule. So when her estranged lesbian mother dies, Shawna needs to figure out how to have the perfect reaction. But anger from being abandoned ten years ago, combined with the introduction of her mother's other family, threatens to leave Shawna spinning out of control. A relatable and honest teen voice-and a shocking secret-make this novel a true page-turner.

KING OF THE SCREWUPS
GOING, K.L.
9780547331669 PB 2010 $8.00
Liam Geller, who knows all about fashion from his model-mom's fashion shows and boutique, is Mr. Popularity, a chic magnet, who is well-liked by everyone he meets. So why can't he gain his father's approval? When Liam's father kicks him out, his uncle, who lives in a trailer in upstate New York--takes him in. What could a teenage girl-magnet possibly have in common with his gay, glam rocker, D.J. uncle? A lot more than you'd think. And when Liam nearly joins the army in a desperate attempt to impress his father, it's his uncle who saves him.

LAST EXIT TO NORMAL
HARMON, MICHAEL
9780440239949 PB 2009 $7.20
After 17-year-old Ben's father announces he's gay and the family splits apart, Ben does everything he can to tick him off: skip school, smoke pot, skateboard nonstop, get arrested. But he never thinks he'll end up yanked out of his city life and plunked down into a small Montana town with his dad and Edward, the Boyfriend. As if it's not bad enough living in a hick town with spiked hair, a skateboard habit, and two dads, he soon realizes something's not quite right with Billy, the boy next door. He's hiding a secret about his family, and Ben is determined to uncover it and set things right.
TILT
HOPKINS, ELLEN
9781416983309 HC 2012 $17.60
Three teens, three stories—all interconnected through their parents’ family relationships. Mikayla, almost eighteen, is over-the-top in love with Dylan, who loves her back jealously. But what happens to that love when Mikayla gets pregnant the summer before their senior year—and decides to keep the baby? Shane turns sixteen that same summer and falls hard in love with his first boyfriend, Alex, who happens to be HIV positive. Shane has lived for four years with his little sister’s impending death. Can he accept Alex’s love, knowing that his life, too, will be shortened? Harley is fourteen—a good girl searching for new experiences, especially love from an older boy. She never expects to hurdle toward self-destructive extremes in order to define who she is and who she wants to be.

FREAKS & REVELATIONS
HURWIN, DAVIDA
9780316044962 HC 2009 $14.00
9780316049979 PB 2012 $6.97
This raw, moving novel follows two teenagers—one, a Mohawk-wearing 17-year-old violent misfit; the other, a gay 13-year-old cast out by his family, hustling on the streets and trying to survive. Acclaimed author Davida Wills Hurwin creates a riveting narrative told in alternating perspectives of their lives before and after the violent hate crime that changed both their futures. This tragic but ultimately inspirational journey of two polarized teens, their violent first meeting, and their peaceful reunion years later is an unforgettable story of survival and forgiveness. This story is inspired by the real lives of Matthew Boger and Timothy Zaal, who have shared their story on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

JUMPSTART THE WORLD
HYDE, CATHERINE
9780375866654 HC 2010 $16.00
Elle is a loner. She doesn’t need people. Which is a good thing, because she’s on her own: she had to move into her own apartment so her mother’s boyfriend won’t have to deal with her. Then she meets Frank, the guy who lives next door. He’s older and has a girlfriend, but Elle can’t stop thinking about him. Frank isn’t like anyone Elle has ever met. He listens to her. He’s gentle. And Elle is falling for him, hard.

ANOTHER KIND OF COWBOY
JUBY, SUSAN
9781554682607 PB 2009 $8.00
Alex Ford wishes his father had seen the movie Brokeback Mountain. Because then he might understand that it’s possible to be a gay cowboy. Trouble is, Alex doesn’t even want to be a cowboy; his dream is to ditch Western-style riding and take up dressage. But Alex knows that his dream is highly unlikely. Juby weaves growing up, coming out and fitting in into a hilarious but always compassionate story set against the fascinating world of dressage riding.
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning

**ALMOST PERFECT**
KATCHER, BRIAN  
9780385736657 PB 2010 $8.80
Logan Witherspoon recently discovered that his girlfriend of three years cheated on him. But things start to look up when a new student breezes through the halls of his small-town high school. Sage Hendricks befriends Logan at a time when he no longer trusts or believes in people. Sage has been homeschooled for a number of years and her parents have forbidden her to date anyone, but she won’t tell Logan why. One day, Logan acts on his growing feelings for Sage. Moments later, he wishes he never had. Sage finally discloses her big secret: she’s actually a boy. Enraged, frightened, and feeling betrayed, Logan lashes out at Sage and disowns her. But once Logan comes to terms with what happened, he reaches out to Sage in an attempt to understand her situation. But Logan has no idea how rocky the road back to friendship will be.

**ARIZONA KID**
KOERTGE, RON  
9780763626952 PB 2005 $7.50
From the moment sixteen-year-old Billy steps off the train in Tucson, he knows this will be a summer unlike any he’s seen in small-town Bradleyville, Missouri. For starters, he’s staying with his cool gay uncle, who has managed to get him a job at the racetrack caring for horses. Still, Billy doesn’t expect the horseracing world to be quite as rough and tumble as this — toiling side by side with a macho survivalist and falling hard for the feisty, romance-shy “exercise girl” Cara Mae. With his trademark fast-paced dialogue filled with wit and compassion, Ron Koertge tells the tale of an insecure teen who discovers that gaining stature involves more than Stetsons and boots — and that lessons on love and manhood come from the places you least expect.

**BOY MEETS BOY**
LEVITHAN, DAVID  
9780375832994 PB 2005 $7.96
This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance.

**EVERY DAY**
LEVITHAN, DAVID  
9780307931887 HC 2012 $16.00
What if you woke up every morning in a different person’s body? A girl, boy, gay, straight, drug addict, geek... this is a thought-provoking novel that addresses many issues and perspectives.

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GRAVITY
LIEBERMAN, LEANNE
9781554690497 PB 2008 $8.42
Ellie Gold is an orthodox Jewish teenager living in Toronto in the late eighties. Ellie has no doubts about her strict religious upbringing until she falls in love with another girl at her grandmother's cottage. Aware that homosexuality clashes with Jewish observance, Ellie feels forced to either alter her sexuality or leave her community. Meanwhile, Ellie's mother, Chana, becomes convinced she has a messianic role to play, and her sister, Neshama, chafes against the restrictions of their faith. Ellie is afraid there is no way to be both gay and Jewish, but her mother and sister offer alternative concepts of God that help Ellie find a place for herself as a queer Jew.

ASH
LO, MALINDA
9780316040105 PB 2010 $7.00
In this retelling of Cinderella, Ash is left at the mercy of her cruel stepmother, as she grieves her father's death. Her only solace comes from re-reading the fairy tales her mother once told her. When she meets the dangerous fairy Sidhean, she begins to believe that her wish of being rescued may come true. But then she meets Kaisa, and learns to hunt with her. Though their friendship is as delicate as a new bloom, it reawakens Ash's capacity for love — and her desire to live. But Sidhean has already claimed Ash for his own, and she must make a choice between fairy tale dreams and true love.

LEAP
LUNDGREN, JODI
9781897187852 PB 2011 $9.56
Fifteen-year-old Natalie uses her passion for dance to navigate the unpredictable world of older boys, moody friends, and absentee parents. Her father lives in another city and has a new family, and her mother is increasingly distant. Over the course of the summer, she falls in love (or is it just lust?) with her best friend's older brother, learns her mother's big secret, and discovers a new world when a teacher introduces her to the power and freedom of modern dance.

CRUSH
MAC, CARRIE
9781551435268 PB 2006 $6.47
Because of a moment of indiscretion, Hope's parents send her to New York to spend the summer with her hipster sister while they travel to Thailand. Miserable, Hope ends up meeting Nat, and developing a powerful crush. The only problem is that Nat is a girl. Hope is pretty sure she isn’t gay. Or is she? Struggling with new feelings, fitting in and a strange city far from home, Hope finds that love — and acceptance — comes in many different forms.
TWELVE LONG MONTHS
MALLOY, BRIAN
9780439877633 PB 2010 $10.40
Molly Swain is hopelessly in love. Mark is broody, mysterious, funny, attractive, artistic...basically, the only interesting thing in her small Minnesota town. She wonders to herself if they'll ever become more than lab partners, until that fateful day that she discovers that they'll both be moving to New York City after they graduate. They're clearly meant to be together...right? Wrong. In Minnesota, Mark has a secret. And in New York, Molly discovers it. Not only is she not his type, she's not even the right gender. But does she immediately fall out of love with him? If only it were that easy.

MAGIC & MISERY
MARINO, PETER
9780823421336 HC 2009 $18.00
TJ, a sturdy teenage 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.

HERO
MOORE, PERRY
9781423101963 PB 2009 $9.20
Thom Creed, a gay superhero teen who is also a basket ball star, faces many challenges as he comes to terms with his sexual orientation. Thom runs away from his father (who he doesn't think will understand) and his homophobic community, only to find himself in a situation where he is forced to come out, in order to save lives. To survive, Thom will face challenges he never imagined. To find happiness, he'll have to come to terms with his father's past and discover the kind of hero he really wants to be.

GONE GONE GONE
MOSKOWITZ, HANNAH
9781442407534 PB 2012 $9.60
It's a year after 9/11. Sniper shootings throughout the D.C. area have everyone on edge and trying to make sense of these random acts of violence. Meanwhile Craig's crushing on quiet, distant Lio, and preoccupied with what it meant when Lio kissed him...and if he'll do it again...and if kissing Lio will help him finally get over his ex-boyfriend, Cody. Lio feels most alive when he's with Craig. He forgets about his broken family, his dead brother, and the messed up world. But being with Craig means being vulnerable...and Lio will have to decide whether love is worth the risk. This intense, romantic novel from the author of Break and Invincible Summer is a poignant look at what it is to feel needed, connected, and alive.
KISSING KATE
MYRACLE, LAUREN
9780142408698 PB 2007 $6.75
Kate was Lissa’s best friend; they’ve shared everything for four years. Then one night at a drunken party, Kate leaned in to kiss Lissa, and Lissa kissed her back. And now Kate is pretending Lissa doesn’t exist. Confused and alone, Lissa’s left questioning everything she thought she knew about herself, and about life. But with the help of a free-spirit new friend, Lissa’s beginning to find the strength to realize that sometimes falling in love with the wrong person is the only way to find your footing.

SHINE
MYRACLE, LAUREN
9780810984172 HC 2011 $15.96
When her friend Patrick falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover who in her small town did it. Richly atmospheric, this daring mystery mines the secrets of a tightly knit Southern community and examines the strength of will it takes to go against everyone you know in the name of justice. Cat feels guilt over not having been a better friend to Patrick, who was the victim of abuse from school bullies every day. She was afraid if she stood up for him, she would also become a victim.

OCTOBER MOURNING
NEWMAN, LESLEA
9780763658076 HC 2012 $15.20
On the night of October 6, 1998, a gay twenty-one-year-old college student named Matthew Shepard was lured from a Wyoming bar by two young men, savagely beaten, tied to a remote fence, and left to die. Gay Awareness Week was beginning at the University of Wyoming, and the keynote speaker was Lesléa Newman, discussing her book Heather Has Two Mommies. Shaken, the author addressed the large audience that gathered, but she remained haunted by Matthew’s murder. October Mourning, a novel in verse, is her deeply felt response to the events of that tragic day. Using her poetic imagination, the author creates fictitious monologues from various points of view, including the fence Matthew was tied to, the stars that watched over him, the deer that kept him company, and Matthew himself.

LUNA
PETERS, JULIE
9780316011273 PB 2006 $6.30
Regan’s brother Liam can’t stand the person he is during the day. Like the moon from whom Liam has chosen his female namesake, his true self, Luna, only reveals herself at night. In the secrecy of his basement bedroom Liam transforms himself into the beautiful girl he longs to be, with help from his sister’s clothes and makeup. Now, everything is about to change–Luna is preparing to emerge from her cocoon. But are Liam’s family and friends ready to welcome Luna into their lives?
IT'S OUR PROM (SO DEAL WITH IT)
PETERS, JULIE ANNE
9780316131582  PB  2012  $16.00
Told in two voices and filled with comical missed connections, It's Our Prom (So Deal With It) explores the ups and downs of planning an alternative prom -- while dealing with an unrequited crush on your best friend -- and shines with National Book Award finalist Julie Anne Peters's unmistakable wit and insight.

SHE LOVES YOU, SHE LOVES YOU NOT
PETERS, JULIE ANNE
9780316078757  PB  2012  $8.00
Seventeen-year-old Alyssa thought she knew who she was. She had her family and her best friends and, most important, she had Sarah. Sarah, her girlfriend, with whom she dreamed about the day they could move far away and live out and proud and accepted for themselves, instead of having to hide their relationship. Alyssa never thought she would have to make that move by herself. But disowned by her father and cut out from everyone she loves, she is forced to move hundreds of miles away to live with Carly, the biological mother she barely knows, in a town where everyone immediately dismisses her as "Carly's girl." As Alyssa struggles to forget her past and come to terms with her future, will she be able to build a new life for herself and believe in love again? Or will she be forced to relive the mistakes that have cost her everything and everyone she cared about?

PRETEND YOU LOVE ME
PETERS,JULIE
9780316127417  PB  2011  $7.00
In this fresh, poignant novel, Mike is struggling to come to terms with her father's suicide and her mother's detachment from the family. Mike (real name: Mary Elizabeth) is gay and likes to pump iron, play softball, and fix plumbing. When a glamorous new girl, Xanadu, arrives in Mike's small Kansas town, Mike falls in love at first sight. Xanadu is everything Mike is not -- cool, confident, feminine, sexy.... straight.

RAGE: A LOVE STORY
PETERS,JULIE
9780375844119  PB  2010  $8.00
A National Book Award Finalist offers an intense portrait of an abusive relationship between two teenage girls.
BETWEEN MOM & JO
PETERS, JULIEANNE
9780316067102  PB  2008  $6.30
Fourteen-year-old Nick has two moms. His biological mom is strong, reliable and responsible, while Mom’s partner Jo is the opposite. This is the story of a boy who has a lot to deal with - being teased at school, his mom’s cancer, Jo being an alcoholic, and eventually, the two moms divorcing. All family breakups are difficult and Nick must come to terms with his own strengths to get through this difficult time.

KEEPING YOU A SECRET
PETERS, JULIEANNE
9780316009850  PB  2005  $6.30
With a steady boyfriend, the position of Student Council President, and a chance to go to an Ivy League college, high school life is just fine for Holland Jaeger. At least it seems to be. But when Cece Goddard comes to school, everything changes. Cece and Holland have undeniable feelings for each other, but how will others react to their developing relationship? This moving love story between two girls is a worthy successor to Nancy Garden’s classic young adult coming out novel, Annie on My Mind. With her characteristic humor and breezy style, Peters has captured the compelling emotions of young love.

CROSSOVER
RUD, JEFF
9781551439815  PB  2008  $6.47
Fifteen-year-old Kyle Evans has been a jock for years—a triple threat basketball player who can dribble, pass or shoot with considerable skill. But once he decides to try out for the school musical production at Sainsbury High, Kyle finds there is much more to life than high-tops and hook shots. Conflicting priorities cause problems between Kyle and his coaches, teachers, teammates and friends. And when his buddy Lukas becomes the target of homophobic hatred, Kyle is left with some difficult choices to make.

WAY TO GO
RYAN, TOM
9781459800779  PB  2012  $8.42
Danny thinks he must be the only seventeen-year-old guy in Cape Breton—in Nova Scotia, maybe—who doesn’t have his life figured out. His buddy Kierce has a rule for every occasion, and his best friend Jay has bad grades, no plans and no worries. Danny’s dad nags him about his post-high-school plans, his friends bug him about girls and a run-in with the cops means he has to get a summer job. Worst of all, he’s keeping a secret that could ruin everything.
GETTING IT
SANCHEZ, ALEX
9781416908982 PB 2007 $8.40
Fifteen-year-old Carlos Amoroso is a virgin -- and he isn't happy about it. He’d love to hook up with gorgeous Roxy, but she has no idea he's alive. Watching a TV show one night gives Carlos an idea: What if he got a makeover from Sal, a senior at his school who’s gay? Sal agrees -- but only if Carlos helps him start a Gay-Straight Alliance. Carlos doesn’t expect the catch. What are his friends going to think? And is he ever going to get what he wants?

GOD BOX
SANCHEZ, ALEX
9781416909002 PB 2009 $10.40
Paul, a religious teen living in a small conservative town, finds his world turned upside down when he meets Manuel—a young man who says he’s both Christian and gay, two things that Paul didn’t think could coexist in one person. Doesn’t the Bible forbid homosexuality? As Paul struggles with Manuel’s interpretation of the Bible, thoughts that Paul has long tried to bury begin to surface, and he finds himself re-examining his whole life. This is an unforgettable book on an extremely timely topic that strives to open minds on both ends of the spectrum.

RAINBOW BOYS
SANCHEZ, ALEX
9780689857706 PB 2003 $8.40
Jason Carrillo is a jock with a steady girlfriend, but he can’t stop dreaming about sex...with other guys. Kyle Meeks doesn’t look gay, but he is. And he hopes he never has to tell anyone -- especially his parents. Nelson Glassman is "out" to the entire world, but he can’t tell the boy he loves that he wants to be more than just friends. Three teenage boys, coming of age and out of the closet. In a revealing debut novel that percolates with passion and wit, Alex Sanchez follows these very different high-school seniors as their struggles with sexuality and intolerance draw them into a triangle of love, betrayal, and ultimately, friendship.

RAINBOW ROAD
SANCHEZ, ALEX
9781416911913 PB 2007 $10.40
Jason Carrillo came out to his basketball team and lost his university scholarship. Now that he’s graduated, he’s been asked to speak at the opening of a gay and lesbian high school across the country -- but what is he going to say? Kyle Meeks is getting ready to go to Princeton in the fall. When his boyfriend, Jason, mentions the speaking invitation, he jumps at the chance to go with him -- but can their romance survive two weeks crammed together in a car? Nelson Glassman is happy that his best friend, Kyle, has found love with Jason. Now he wants to find a soul mate of his own and is going to start looking during the road trip -- but will being "third wheel" ruin his friendship with Kyle and Jason?
SWIMMING IN THE MONSOON SEA
SELVADURAI, SHYAM
9780887768347 PB 2007 $12.00
Nominated for the Governor General's Literary Awards 2005. The setting is Sri Lanka, 1980, and it is the season of monsoons. Fourteen-year-old Amrith is caught up in the life of the cheerful, well-to-do household in which he is being raised by his vibrant Auntie Bundle and kindly Uncle Lucky. He tries not to think of his life “before,” when his doting mother was still alive. Amrith’s holiday plans seem unpromising: he wants to appear in his school’s production of Othello and he is learning to type at Uncle Lucky’s tropical fish business. Then, like an unexpected monsoon, his cousin arrives from Canada and Amrith’s ordered life is storm-tossed. He finds himself falling in love with the Canadian boy. Othello, with its powerful theme of disastrous jealousy, is the backdrop to the drama in which Amrith finds himself immersed.

CHANCE TO DANCE FOR YOU
SOBAT, GAIL
9781926531113 PB 2011 $10.47
When Paul meets Noah, he thinks he’s found the one his heart is made for. Until he blows it. The school bookie says the odds are 12-to-1 against him getting Noah back, but Paul’s not giving up without playing his love really loud. His best friend Joni might be drifting away, his other best friend Tony might be dealing with ultra-religious parents, and his ex-boyfriend Kyle might not be going away anytime soon, but sometimes everything needs to fall apart before it can really fit together right. This is a happy-meaningful romantic comedy about finding love, losing love, and doing what it takes to get love back in a crazy-wonderful world.

BIG GUY
STEVENSON, ROBIN
9781551439105 PB 2008 $6.47
Derek thinks he might be falling in love. The problem is, he hasn’t been entirely honest with his online boyfriend. Derek sent Ethan a photo taken before he got depressed and gained eighty pounds. Derek hasn’t been honest with his employer either. When he lied about his age and experience to get a job with disabled adults, the last thing he expected was to meet a woman like Aaliyah. Smart, prickly and often difficult, Aaliyah challenges Derek’s ideas about honesty and trust. Derek has to choose whether to risk telling the truth or to give up the most important relationship in his life.
FREAK SHOW
ST.JAMES,JAMES
9780142412312 PB  2008  $7.50
Meet Billy Bloom, new student at the ultra-white, ultra-rich, ultra-conservative Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy and drag queen extraordinaire. Actually, “drag queen” does not begin to describe Billy and his fabulousness. Any way you slice it, Billy is not a typical seventeen-year-old, and the Bible Belles, Aberzombies, and Football Heroes at the academy have never seen anyone quite like him before. But thanks to the help and support of one good friend, Billy’s able to take a stand for outcasts and underdogs everywhere in his own outrageous, over-the-top, sad, funny, brilliant, and unique way.

HER & ME & YOU
STRASNICK,LAUREN
9781416982661 HC  2010  $17.60
(Kirkus review) Strasnick’s slim second offering [HER AND ME AND YOU] packs a lot into its short chapters: divorce, broken friendships, crushes, the lines between love and sex and more. Characterization, scenes, dialogue and setting are seamlessly distilled into so few sharp, image-rich phrases that the novel reads almost as if it were written in verse. Less is definitely more here, and readers are plunged into Alex’s physical and emotional world within three to four words. Although the plot moves swiftly, the author’s ability to capture Alex’s inner world in so few words give the novel depth and balance. Complex and thought-provoking.

(YOU) SET ME ON FIRE
TAMAKI,MARIKO
9780143180937 PB  2012  $12.80
Allison Lee is seventeen and off to college in the fall. So far, she’s been in love once (total catastrophe) and on fire twice (also pretty bad). Both love and fire have left their scars. Looking a little more burnt chicken and a little less radiant phoenix, Allison takes up residence in Dylan Hall (a.k.a. Dyke Hall) at St. Joseph’s College, where she discovers the true gift of freshman year: the opportunity to reinvent yourself. Miles away from the high school she’s happy to leave behind, her all-female dorm is a strange new world, home to new social circles and challenges. Allison still feels like the odd girl out ... until Shar appears. Beautiful and blinding, Shar quickly becomes the sun at the centre of Allison’s universe, drawing her in with dangerous allure. Will Allison get burned again? And, if she does ... what kind of scars will she earn this time?
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CROSSING LINES
VOLPONI, PAUL
9780670012145  HC  2011  $15.75
Adonis is a jock. He's on the football team and he's dating one of the prettiest girls in school. Alan is the new kid. He wears lipstick and joins the Fashion Club. Soon enough the football team is out to get him. Adonis is glad to go along with his teammates . . . until they come up with a dangerous plan to humiliate Alan. Now Adonis must decide whether he wants to be a guy who follows the herd or a man who does what's right.

PINK
WILKINSON, LILI
9780061926549  PB  2012  $8.80
Ava is tired of wearing nothing but black, and not fitting in. She's ready to try something new—she's even ready to be someone new. Someone with a gorgeous boyfriend, someone who wears pink. Transferring to Billy Hughes School for Academic Excellence is the perfect chance to try on a new identity. But just in case things don't work out, Ava is hiding her new interests from her parents, and especially from her old girlfriend. Secrets have a way of being hard to keep, though, and Ava finds that changing herself is more complicated than changing her wardrobe. Even getting involved in the school musical raises issues she never imagined. As she faces surprising choices and unforeseen consequences, Ava wonders if she will ever figure out who she really wants to be.

PARROT FISH
WITTLINGER, ELLEN
9781442406216  PB  2011  $8.80
Angela Katz-McNair has never felt quite right as a girl, but it's a shock to everyone when she cuts her hair short, buys some men's clothes, and announces she'd like to be called by a new name, Grady. Although Grady is happy about his decision to finally be true to himself, everybody else is having trouble processing the news. Grady's parents act hurt; his sister is mortified; and his best friend, Eve, won't acknowledge his existence. On top of that, there are more practical concerns—for instance, which locker room is he supposed to use for gym class? Grady didn't expect his family and friends to be happy about his decision, but he also didn't expect kids at school to be downright nasty about it. But as the victim of some cruel jokes, Grady also finds unexpected allies, including the school geek Sebastian, and Kita Charles, who's a gorgeous senior.

MONEY BOY
YEE, PAUL
9781554980932  PB  2011  $10.36
It's bad enough fitting in as a young Chinese immigrant in a new country. But what happens when your father finds out you're gay and kicks you out of the house? A gritty look at life on the street, prostitution and discrimination.

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LITERATURE ANTHOLOGY

ANGRY MANAGEMENT
CRUTCHER, CHRIS
9780060502485 PB 2011 $8.80
Welcome to Angry Management. It’s a place for misfits. For stories that will rip out your heart and give you back one better than what you started with. Stories about prejudice, rage, and hope. About surviving it all and showing the world that what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger. In three novellas, Chris Crutcher brings together some of his most unforgettable characters—among them Sarah Byrnes, Angus Bethune, and Montana West—to bare their souls. No sugarcoating here. Just the truth.

THE LETTER Q: QUEER WRITERS’ NOTES TO THEIR YOUNGER SELVES
MOON, SARAH
9780545399326 HC 2012 $16.00
The Letter Q takes the “it gets better” YouTube campaign one step further by telling a deeper and more personal story for each of its contributors. Each letter is like a tightly focused biography, where the writer reveals an aspect of his or her self that speaks to the heart of what’s important to LGBT teens. With moving stories from contributors such as Brian Selznic, Michael Cunningham, Amy Bloom, David Levithan, and Rakesh Satyal, this is a book that should be available to every LGBT kid coming of age today and fans of this stellar list of authors.

NON-FICTION

HEAR US OUT
GARDEN, NANCY
9780374317591 HC 2007 $15.96
What was it like being young and gay during the closeted 1950s, the exuberant beginnings of the modern gay rights movement in the 1970s, or the frightening outbreak of HIV and AIDS in the 1980s? In this unique history, Nancy Garden uses both fact and fiction to explore just what it has meant to be young and gay in America during the last fifty years. For each decade from the 1950s on, she discusses in an essay the social and political events that shaped the lives of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people during that era. Then, in two short stories, she explores the emotional experiences of young gay people coming of age during those times, giving vivid insight into what it really felt like.
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