

LGBTQIA+ Resource List

Provided by [JCFS Response for Teens](#)

For Parents:

[Gender Spectrum](#) is a wonderful resource for all topics related to gender and sexuality.

[Talking to your Child about Identity: A Resource for Parents](#) - A resource from Planned Parenthood that gives tips about talking to your children at different ages.

[Support Resources for Families of Gender Diverse Youth](#) - A strong list of linked resources for families with gender diverse youth.

[Parenting a Gender Diverse Child: Hard Questions Answered](#) - This webpage has a lot of frequently asked questions and helpful answers with links to other resources.

[Trans Safer Sex Guide](#) - This guide is put out by the Human Rights Campaign and the Whittaker Institute. Although not created for youth, this guide is full of important information.

[Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Illinois](#) - A wonderful resource for families of LGBTQIA+ youth.

For Teens

[Gender Spectrum Teens](#)

[Scarleteen](#)

- [STI Risk Assessment: The Cliff's Notes](#) - Discusses which STIs are transferable by different types of sex
- [Safe, Sound & Sexy: A Safer Sex How-To](#) - General safer sex how to from Scarleteen.
- [Figuring Out How to be a Lesbian Safer Sexpert](#) - Personal journey to learning about safer sex practices for Female Assigned at Birth (FAAB) sex.
- [MTV- It's Your Sex Life](#) - MTV Its Your Sex Life has information on a variety of topics including LGBTQ+ topics from coming out to safer sex practices. It is a mix of personal stories and informational sections.
- [Sex, etc.:](#) Sex, etc. is on a mission to improve teen sexual health across the country! They have an LGBT specific section, complete with stories and resources.

- [Go Ask Alice!](#) : Go Ask Alice! is a health question & answer internet resource with reliable, accurate, accessible, culturally competent information and a range of thoughtful perspectives, enabling youth to make responsible decisions concerning their health and well-being. Information provided by Go Ask Alice! is not medical advice and not meant to replace consultation with a healthcare professional.
- [Everyone is Gay](#) - Everyone Is Gay is a collection of voices gathered from 2010-2018 to give advice and support to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA) youth.

Booklists

PFLAG New York has a wonderful page that has multiple books - divided by topic - for parents who want to learn how to support their LGBTQIA+ youth. [Parent Resources](#)

The American Library Association has a yearly [LGBTQIA+ booklist](#) that contains everything from children's board books to YA fiction and nonfiction.

[Welcoming Schools Picture Books \(k-1\)](#)

[Welcoming Schools Middle Grades \(3-8\) Book list](#)

[Young Adult Fiction](#)

[New YA Books](#)

The ALA also has the [Over the Rainbow](#) List for adults.

[Queer Comic Database](#) allows readers to choose their audience among other options to specify their search for comics and graphic novels.

Children/Picture books

- **Be Who You Are** by Jennifer Carr
- **Gender Now Coloring Book** by Maya Gonzalez
- **I Am Jazz** by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
- **Jacob's New Dress** by Sarah Hoffman
- **Julian is a Mermaid** by Jessica Love
- **Meet Polkadot** by Talcott Broadhead
- **Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress** by Christine Baldacchino **My**
- **Princess Boy** by Cheryl Kilodavis
- **Pinky and Rex and the Bully** by James Howe
- **Pugdog** by Andrea U'Ren

- **Sissy Duckling** written by Harvey Fierstein and Illustrated by Henry Cole
- **The Story of Ferdinand** by Munro Leaf, Illustrated by Robert Lawson
- **What Makes a Baby** by Cory Silverberg, illustrated by Fiona Smyth
- **Red: A Crayon's Story** by Michael Hall

Middle Years

- **The Whispers** by Greg Howard (4-7)
- **Ashes to Asheville.** Sarah Dooley. (5 – 7)
- **If You Believe in Mermaids...Don't Tell** by A. A. Phillips (5-7)
- **Drama.** Raina Telgemeier. (5 – 8)
- **Drum Roll, Please.** Lisa Jenn Bigelow. (3 – 7)
- **Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights.** Jerome Pohlen. (5 – 9)
- **The House of Hades.** Rick Riordan. (4 – 6)
- **Hurricane Child.** Kheryn Callender. (4 – 8)
- **Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World.** Ashley Herring Blake. (5 – 7)
- **The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.** Dana Alison Levy. (3 – 5)
- **The Misfits.** James Howe. (6 – 9)
- **The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World.** E. L. Konigsburg. (5 – 7) T
- **Not Your Sidekick.** C.B. Lee. (5 – 8)
- **The Pants Project.** Cat Clarke. (3 – 6)
- **The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang.** Amy Ignatow. (4 – 6)
- **Princess Princess Ever After.** Katie O'Neill. (2 – 5)
- **Riding Freedom.** Pam Muñoz Ryan. (4 – 6)
- **Zenobia July.** Lisa Bunker. (5 – 9)
- **The House You Pass on the Way** by Jacqueline Woodson (6-9)
- **Totally Joe** by James Howe (6-8)

YA Literature

- **Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe** by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- **Lies We Tell Ourselves** by Robin Talley
- **Carry On** by Rainbow Rowell
- **All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens throughout the Ages** by Sandra Mitchell
- **Let's Talk About Love** by Claire Kann
- **What If It's Us** by Becky Albertalli, Adam Silvera
- **Gay Love and Other Fairy Tales** by Dylan James
- **They Both Die at the End** by Adam Silvera
- **This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story** by Kheryn Callender **The Meaning of**

- **Birds** by Jaye Robin Brown
- **The Disasters** by M.K. England
- **Birthday** by Meredith Russo
- **Nobody Real** by Steven Camden

Nonfiction

- **Hidden from History: Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past** by Martin Bauml Duberman, Martha Vicinus, & George Chauncey
- **Queer (in)justice: The Criminalization of LGBTQ People in the United States** by Joey I. Mogul
- **Queer America: A People's GLBT History of the United States** by Vicki Eaklor
- **Queer: a Graphic History** by Dr. Meg-John Barker
- **Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth-Century America** by Lillian faderman
- **A History of Bisexuality** by Steven Angelides
- **As egi Stories: Cherokee Queer and Two-Spirit Memory** by Qwo-li Driskill
- **The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle** by Lillian Faderman
- **And the Band Played On** by Randy Shilts
- **Love Wins** by Debbie Cenziper and Jim Obergefell
- **How to Survive a Plague** by David France
- **Sister Outsider** by Audre Lorde
- **The Men With the Pink Triangle** by Heinz Heger
- **The Lavender Scare** by David E. Johnson
- **The Celluloid Closet** by Vito Russo
- **Transgender Warriors** by Leslie Feinberg
- **Transgender History: The Roots of Today's Revolution** by Susan Stryker
- **Real Queer America: LGBT Stories From Red States** by Samantha Allen
- **The Stonewall Reader** by Edmund White (foreword) and The New York Public Library (edited)
- [More Nonfiction Texts](#)