

## Picture Books

Gabriel, Dani. *Sam!* Nobody knew Sam was a boy except for him. Sam loves riding his bike and learning about the American Revolution. He is full of laughter and joy. There's just one problem: Sam's family knows him as a girl named Isabel. Sam feels a sense of relief when he finally confides in his annoying but caring sister Maggie, and then his parents, even though it takes them a while to feel comfortable with it.

Gallaher, Jason. *Whobert Whoever, Owl Detective*. When Whobert Whoever finds Perry the Possum lying still on the ground, he sets out to determine who is responsible for his condition and questions the nearby wildlife.

Genhart, Michael. *Rainbow: A First Book of Pride*. Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colors in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade.

Haack, Daniel. *Maiden & Princess*. When a maiden reluctantly attends a ball for her friend, the prince, everyone considers her his perfect match until she surprises them—and herself—by finding true love with someone else.

Haack, Daniel. *Prince & Knight* (series). A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together.

Joosten, Michael. *My Two Moms and Me and My Two Dads and Me* (Board Books). Happy, loving, diverse families and their adorable kids!

June, Jason. *Porcupine Cupid*. Porcupine is determined to play Cupid for his forest friends, but his "arrows" only anger them until he finds another way to bring them together.

Labelle, Sophie. *My Dad Thinks I'm a Boy?!: A Trans Positive Children's Book*. Stephanie is 7 years old. She likes bugs, books and spaghetti. Also, she's a girl... which should be pretty easy to understand, right? Well, not for her Dad! He's been mistaking her for a boy since she was born and struggles to see her for who she is.

Lil Miss Hot Mess. *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish*. A quirky twist on the classic 'The Wheels on the Bus,' this book follows a drag queen who performs her routine in front of an awe-struck audience. A fun, freewheeling celebration of how to be your most dazzling self.

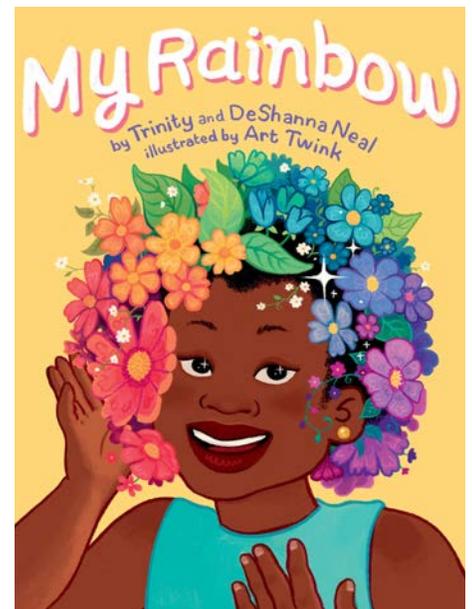
Lukoff, Kyle. *Call Me Max* (series). When Max starts school, the teacher hesitates to call out the name on the attendance sheet. Something doesn't seem to fit. Max lets her know the name he wants to be called by—a boy's name. This begins Max's journey as he makes new friends and reveals his feelings about his identity to his parents.

Lukoff, Kyle. *When Aidan Became a Brother*. Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

Manushkin, Fran. *Plenty of Hugs*. This cheerful book follows a family from morning to night in lively rhyme that rolls off the tongue. There's a buzz for each bug, and a breeze for each tree, and plenty of hugs for you and me. The toddler and mommies take a morning bike ride to a farm stand, an afternoon visit to the zoo, and finish the day with a cozy bedtime routine.

Mercurio, Peter. *Our Subway Baby*. This gentle and incredibly poignant picture book tells the true story of how one baby found his home. "Some babies are born into their families. Some are adopted. This is the story of how one baby found his family in the New York City subway." So begins the true story of Kevin and how he found his Daddy Danny and Papa Pete. Written in a direct address to his son, Pete's moving and emotional text tells how his partner, Danny, found a baby tucked away in the corner of a subway station on his way home from work one day.

Narvankar, Ameya. *Ritu Weds Chandni*. Ayesha is excited to attend her cousin Ritu's wedding. She can't wait to dance at the baraat ceremony! But not everyone is happy that Ritu is marrying her girlfriend Chandni. Some have even vowed to stop the celebrations. Will Ayesha be able to save her cousin's big day?



Neal, Trinity. *My Rainbow*. A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter.

Newman, Lesléa. *Heather Has Two Mommies*. Heather's favorite number is two. She has two arms, two legs, and two pets. And she also has two mommies. When Heather goes to school for the first time, someone asks her about her daddy, but Heather doesn't have a daddy. Then something interesting happens. When Heather and her classmates all draw pictures of their families, not one drawing is the same.

Pitman, Gayle E. *My Maddy*. A child celebrates her Maddy, who is neither mommy nor daddy but a little bit of both, like so many things in nature.

Pitman, Gayle E. *This Day in June*. A wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community which welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united.

Stevenson, Robin. *Pride Colors* (Board Book). In this photographic concept book, babies and toddlers are introduced to the PRIDE flag and the meaning behind each color.

Thom, Kai Cheng. *From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea*. A magical gender variant child brings transformation and change to the world around them thanks to their mother's enduring love.



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## Graphic Novels

Ellis, Grace. *Moonstruck* (Tween series). Werewolf barista Julie and her new girlfriend go on a date to a close-up magic show, but all heck breaks loose when the magician casts a horrible spell on their friend Chet. Now it's up to the team of mythical pals to stop the illicit illusionist before it's too late.

Graley, Sarah. *Glitch*. Izzy has an incredible secret—she can enter the world of her new video game! How is this possible?! And how can she fight in the virtual world when she's got a whole real life to keep up with?

Gros, Kathleen. *Jo: An Adaptation of Little Women (Sort of)*. With the start of eighth grade, Jo March decides it's time to get serious about her writing and joins the school newspaper. But even with her new friend Freddie cheering her on, becoming a journalist is a lot harder than Jo imagined.

Johnson, Cathy G. *The Breakaways*. Quiet, sensitive Faith starts middle school already worrying about how she will fit in. She joins the soccer team, but never having played the game in her life, Faith ends up on the C team, a ragtag group that's way better at drama than at teamwork.

Layne, Aliza. *Beetle & the Hollowbones*. In the eerie town of 'Allows, some people get to be magical sorceresses, while other people have their spirits trapped in the mall for all ghostly eternity.

Leyh, Kat. *Snapdragon*. Snap's town had a witch. At least, that's how the rumor goes. But in reality, Jacks is just a Crocs-wearing, internet-savvy old lady who sells roadkill skeletons online—after doing a little ritual to put their spirits to rest.

Smith, Niki. *The Deep & Dark Blue*. After a political coup usurps their noble house, a pair of twins flees to stay alive and assume new identities under the protection of a mystical and mysterious order of women.

O'Neill, K. *The Tea Dragon Society* (series). After discovering a lost Tea Dragon in the marketplace, apprentice blacksmith Greta learns about the dying art form of Tea Dragon caretaking from the kind tea shop owners. Also by Kay O'Neill: *Aquicorn Cove* and *Princess, Princess Everafter*.

Ostertag, Molly. *The Witch Boy* (series). In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted... and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be.

Sell, Chad. *The Cardboard Kingdom* (series). A neighborhood of kids transform ordinary cardboard into fantastical costumes as they explore conflicts with friends, family, and their own identity. There is room for everyone and everything you want to be in the Cardboard Kingdom!

Stevenson, Noelle. *Nimona*. Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc.

Tagame, Gengoroh. *My Brother's Husband* (Tween series). Yaichi is a suburban dad in Tokyo, living with his young daughter. Their lives change with the arrival at their door of an affable Canadian named Mike Flanagan, who declares himself the widower of Yaichi's estranged gay twin.

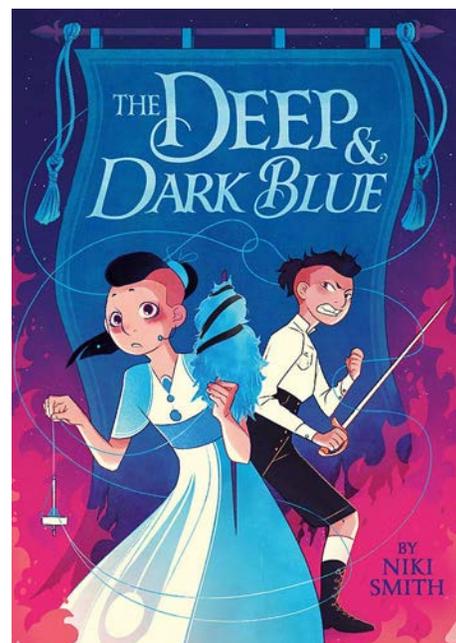
Watters, Shannon. *Lumberjanes* (series). Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five rad, butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together at camp—and they're not gonna let a magical quest or supernatural critters get in their way!

Williams, Lily. *Go with the Flow*. Abby, Brit, Christine, and Sasha are fed up because their high school never has enough tampons, or pads, or adults who will listen. Sick of an administration that puts football before menstrual health, the girls band together to make a change.

## Teen Graphic Novels

Chii. *The Bride Was a Boy* (Teen Manga). Chii and her husband are like any other happily married couple, except Chii was assigned male at birth. Here is Chii's autobiographical account of growing up with gender dysphoria and the decision to transition in her early adult years.

Curato, Mike. *Flamer*. It's the summer between middle school and high school, and Aiden Navarro is away at camp. He navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can't stop thinking about).



Frasier, Crystal. *Cheer Up: Love and Pompoms*. Annie is a smart, antisocial lesbian who's under pressure to join the cheerleader squad to make friends and round out her college applications. Her former friend BeeBee is a people-pleaser—a trans girl who must keep her parents happy with her grades and social life to keep their support of her transition. Through the rigors of squad training and amped up social pressures, the two girls rekindle a friendship they thought they'd lost and discover there may be other feelings springing up between them.

Gillman, Melanie. *Stage Dreams*. Join Flor and Grace, a Latinx outlaw and a trans runaway, as they team up to thwart a Confederate plot in the New Mexico Territory. Also by Melanie Gillman: *As the Crow Flies*.

North, Ari. *Always Human*. In the near-future, people use technology to give the illusion of all kinds of body modifications—but some people have "Egan's Syndrome," a highly sensitive immune system that rejects these "mods" and are unable to use them.

Tynion IV, James. *Wynd* (series). In a world where magical heritage is punishable by death, a young boy named Wynd must hide his true identity—and pointy ears—from everyone in Pipetown, even if it means he'll never have the normal life he wants. Also by James Tynion IV: *The Backstagers* (series).

Walker, Suzanne. *Mooncakes*. Nova knows more about magic than your average teen witch. She works at her grandmothers' bookshop, where she helps them loan out spell books and investigate supernatural occurrences in their New England town.

## Fiction

Arlow, Jake Maia. *Almost Flying*. A week-long amusement park road trip becomes a true roller coaster of emotion when Dalia realizes she has more-than-friend feelings for her new bestie.

Bean, Lexie. *The Ship We Built*. Rowan has too many secrets to write down in the pages of a diary. He understands who he is and what he likes, but it's not safe for others to find out. But Rowan discovers another way to share his secrets—letters. He attaches those letters to balloons and releases them into the universe, hoping someone new will read them and understand.

Bigelow, Lisa Jenn. *Drum Roll, Please*. Quiet Melly loves playing the drums. It's the only time she doesn't feel like a mouse. Now she and her best friend are about to spend the next two weeks at band camp. But this summer brings a lot of big changes for Melly: her parents split up, her best friend ditches her, and Melly finds herself unexpectedly falling for another girl at camp. Will she be able to make music from all the noise in her heart? Also by Lisa Jenn Bigelow: *Hazel's Theory of Evolution*.

Blake, Ashley Herring. *Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea*. Hazel Bly used to live in the perfect house with the perfect family in sunny California. But when a kayaking trip goes horribly wrong, Mum is suddenly gone forever and Hazel is left with crippling anxiety and a jagged scar on her face. After Mum's death, Hazel, her other mother, Mama, and her little sister, Peach, needed a fresh start. So for the last two years, the Bly girls have lived all over the country. When the family arrives in Rose Harbor, Maine, there's a wildness to the small town that feels like magic. Also by Ashley Herring Blake: *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World* and *The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James*.

Bunker, Lisa. *Zenobia July*. Zenobia July is starting a new life. She used to spend most of her time behind a computer screen, improving her impressive coding and hacking skills; now she's coming out of her shell and discovering a community of friends at Monarch Middle School. When someone anonymously posts hateful memes on her school's website, Zenobia knows she's the one with the abilities to solve the mystery.

Callender, Kacen. *King and the Dragonflies*. Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his brother Khalid turned into a dragonfly when he unexpectedly passed away. Khalid still visits in dreams. It would be easier if King could talk with his best friend, Sandy Sanders. But, just

days before he died, Khalid told King to end their friendship after over hearing a secret that Sandy might be gay. When Sandy goes missing, sparking a town-wide search, and King finds his former best friend hiding in a tent in his backyard, he agrees to help Sandy escape from his abusive father. As King's friendship with Sandy reignites, he's forced to confront questions about himself and the reality of his brother's death. Also by Kacen Callender: *Hurricane Child*.

Federle, Tim. *Better Nate Than Ever* (series). Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he's wanted to star in a Broadway show. But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one except his best pal Libby appreciates a good show tune? With Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There's an open casting call for E.T.: The Musical, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom.

Gino, Alex. *Melissa's Story*. Melissa knows she's a girl, even if no one else does. She thinks she'll have to keep this secret forever until her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. Melissa wants to play Charlotte, but her teacher says she can't even try out for the part. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, Melissa comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte—but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all. (This book was originally released with the title *George*, which may still appear in the catalog and on the cover.)

Gino, Alex. *Rick*. Rick's never questioned much. He hasn't given his own identity much thought, because everyone else around him seemed to have figured it out. But now Rick's gotten to middle school, and new doors are opening. One of them leads to the school's Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and identities congregate.

Grehan, Meg. *The Deepest Breath*. Stevie is an avid reader and she knows a lot of things about a lot of things. Knowing things makes Stevie feel safe, powerful, and in control should anything bad happen. But there's one thing Stevie doesn't know, one thing she wants to understand above everything else, and one thing she isn't quite ready to share with her mom: the fizzy feeling she gets in her chest when she looks at her friend, Chloe.

Holt, K. A. *Redwood and Ponytail*. Kate and Tam meet, and both of their worlds tip sideways. At first, Tam figures Kate is your stereotypical cheerleader; Kate sees Tam as another tall jock. But the more they keep running into each other, the more they surprise each other.



Howard, Greg. *Middle School's a Drag*. Twelve-year-old Mikey Pruitt—president, founder, and CEO of Anything, Inc.—has always been an entrepreneur at heart, but he's still looking for his million-dollar idea. It isn't until kid drag queen Coco Caliente, Mistress of Madness and Mayhem (a.k.a. eighth grader Julian Vasquez) walks into his office (a.k.a. his family's storage/laundry room) looking for an agent that Mikey thinks he's finally found it. Also by Greg Howard: *The Whispers*.

Lucas, Chad. *Thanks a Lot, Universe*. Brian has always been anxious, whether at home, or in class, or on the basketball court. Ezra's always been popular. He's friends with most of the kids on his basketball team—even Brian, who usually keeps to himself. But now, some of his friends have been acting differently, and Brian seems to be pulling away. Ezra wants to help, but he worries if he's too nice to Brian, his friends will realize that he has a crush on him. But when Brian and his brother run away, Ezra has no choice but to take the leap and reach out. Both boys have to decide if they're willing to risk sharing parts of themselves they'd rather hide.

Lukoff, Kyle. *Too Bright to See*. It's the summer before middle school and Bug's best friend Moira has decided the two of them need to use the next few months to prepare. For Moira, this means figuring out the right clothes to wear, learning how to put on makeup, and deciding which boys are cuter in their yearbook photos than in real life. But none of this is all that appealing to Bug. Besides, there's something more important to worry about: A ghost is haunting Bug's eerie old house in rural Vermont, and maybe haunting Bug in particular.

## Fiction cont.

McDonald, Briana. *Pepper's Rules for Secretly Sleuthing*. Amateur detective Pepper Blouse, a rising seventh-grader, cannot resist investigating when her Great Aunt Florence passes away under mysterious circumstances, but strictly following her mother's Detective Rulebook may not be the best plan.

Melleby, Nicole. *How to Become a Planet*. The two most important things to know about Pluto Timoney: (1) she's always loved outer space (obviously); and (2) her favorite season is summer, the time to go to the boardwalk, visit the planetarium, and work in her mom's pizzeria. This summer is different. Pluto has just been diagnosed with depression, and she feels like a black hole is sitting on her chest. When Pluto's dad threatens to make her move to the city—where he believes his money could help her get better—Pluto comes up with a plan to do whatever it takes to be her old self again. Also by Nicole Melleby: *Hurricane Season* and *In the Role of Brie Hutchens*.

Pancholy, Maulik. *The Best at It*. Rahul Kapoor is anxious about starting middle school, so his favorite person in the whole world, his grandfather, Bhai, gives him some well-meaning advice: Find one thing you're really good at and become the BEST at it. While he's not quite sure what his special thing is, he is convinced that once he finds it, bullies like Brent Mason will stop torturing him at school... and he won't be worried about staring too long at his classmate Justin Emery.

Rosewater, Kit. *The Derby Daredevils: Kenzie Kickstarts a Team* (series). Ever since they can remember, fifth-graders Kenzie (aka Kenzilla) and Shelly (aka Bomb Shell) have dreamed of becoming roller derby superstars. When Austin's city league introduces a brand-new junior league, the dynamic duo celebrates! But they'll need to try out as a five-person team and have just one week to convince three other girls that roller derby is the coolest thing on wheels.

Sass, A.J. *Ana on the Edge*. Twelve-year-old Ana Jin, the reigning US Juvenile figure skating champion, is not a frilly dress kind of kid. So, when Ana learns that next season's program will be princess themed, doubt forms fast. Still, Ana tries to focus on training and putting together a stellar routine worthy of national success. Once Ana meets Hayden, a transgender boy new to the rink, thoughts about the princess program and gender identity begin to take center stage. With a major competition approaching, Ana must

decide whether telling everyone the truth is worth risking years of hard work and sacrifice.

Van Otterloo, Ash. *Cattywampus*. In the town of Howler's Hollow, conjuring magic is strictly off-limits. Only nothing makes Delpha McGill's skin crawl more than rules. So when she finds her family's secret book of hexes, she's itching to use it to banish her mama's money troubles. Trouble is, Katybird Hearn, the daughter of a rival witching family, is hankering to get her hands on the spell book, too, and she's not going to let an age-old feud or Delpha's contrary ways stop her.

## Nonfiction and Biographies

Baker, Leo. *Skate for Your Life*. (Teen B BAKER)

Bongiovanni, Archie. *A Quick & Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns*. (Nonfiction Graphic Novels, 306.76 BON)

Branfman, Jonathan. *You Be You!: The Kid's Guide to Gender, Sexuality, and Family*. (306.76 BRA)

Bronski, Michael. *A Queer History of the United States for Young People*. (306.76 CHE)

Burgess, Matthew. *Drawing on Walls: Keith Haring*. (B HARING)

Desmond Is Amazing. *Be Amazing: A History of Pride*. (306.76 NAP)

Ellison, Joy Michael. *Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution!: The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History*. (306.76 ELL)

G, Mady. *A Quick & Easy Guide to Queer & Trans Identities*. (Nonfiction Graphic Novels, 306.76 G)

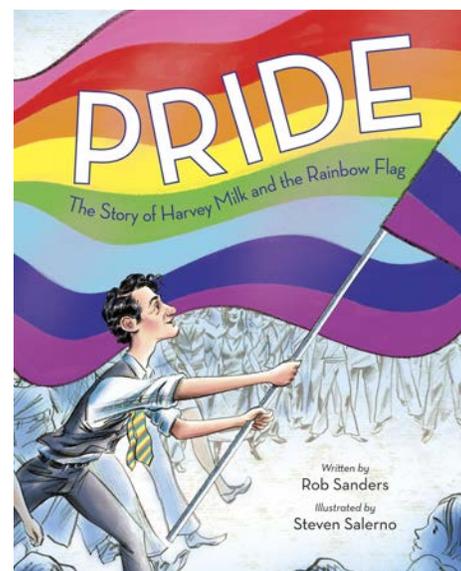
Man, Chella. *Continuum*. (Teen, 306.76 MAN)

Medina, Nico. *What Was Stonewall?* (SERIES WHO)

Pitman, Gayle E. *Sewing the Rainbow: the Story of Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag*. (B BAKER)

Pitman, Gayle E. *The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets*. (306.76 PIT)

Pitman, Gayle E. *When You Look out the Window: How Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin Built a Community*. (979.461 PIT)



Prager, Sarah. *Rainbow Revolutionaries: Fifty LGBTQ+ People Who Made History*. (306.76 PRA)

Sanders, Rob. *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*. (306.766 SAN)

Sanders, Rob. *Two Grooms on a Cake*. (306.76 SAN)

Sicardi, Arabelle. *Queer Heroes*. (306.76 SIC)

Silverberg, Cory. *Sex Is a Funny Word*. (612.6 SIL)

Simon, Rachel E. *The Every Body Book: The LGBTQ+ Inclusive Guide for Kids about Sex, Gender, Bodies, and Families*. (306.7 SIM)

Stevenson, Robin. *Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community*. (306.766 STE)

Thorn, Theresa. *It Feels Good to be Yourself: A Book about Gender Identity*. (306.76 THO)