

## Picture Books

Ayala-Kronos, Chris. *The Pronoun Book* (Board Books). How do you know what someone wants to be called? Ask! A joyful celebration of people and their pronouns.

Barnes, Elly and Louie Stowell. *ABC Pride* (J 306.76 BAR). A is for Acceptance! B is for Belonging! C is for Celebrate! ABC Pride introduces young readers to the alphabet through the colourful world of Pride.

Blue, Jaryn. *Payden's Pronoun Party*. Payden has always used he/him pronouns, until one day Payden realizes those words might not fit. Payden's parents promise to throw a big party to introduce whatever pronouns Payden chooses--but which pronouns are the best match?

Ceilley, Mark and Rachel Smoka-Richardson. *Cinderelliot*. Cinderelliot enters a royal baking competition, hoping to win the heart of the prince.

Corrigan, Cassandra Jules. *The Pronoun Book: She, He, They, Me!*. Join Ellie and Casey as they introduce you to the wonderful world of pronouns. Learn about what pronouns are, how they relate to us, and why it's so important to get them right!

Dale, Laura Kate. *Me & My Dysphoria Monster: An Empowering Story to Help Children Cope with Gender Dysphoria*. Nisha's monster follows her everywhere. When people refer to her as a boy, or when she tries to hide her gender identity, Nisha's dysphoria monster grows larger and larger. One day, Nisha meets Jack - a trans man - who shows Nisha how she can shrink her dysphoria monster back down to size.

Dapier, Jarrett. *Mr. Watson's Chickens*. Mr. Watson loves his three chickens, and every morning he and Mr. Nelson count them; but when they start to multiply, his house and tiny yard are soon overrun, so the couple set out to find a new home for the chickens.

Geron, Eric. *Bye, Bye, Binary* (Board Books). A joyful baby refuses to conform to the gender binary and instead chooses toys, colors, and clothes that make them happy.

GLAAD and Little Bee. *Our Rainbow* (Board Books). Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black, and brown . . . These are the colors of our rainbow flag. Do you know what they stand for?

Green, Simon James. *Llama Glamarama*. When he stumbles upon the Llama Glamarama, a carnival of music and dancing, Larry, who marches to the beat of his own drum, finally finds the courage to be himself.

Hillman, Jonathan. *Big Wig*. When a child dresses in drag to compete in a neighborhood costume competition, he becomes B. B. Bedazzle!

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 likes bugs, books, and spaghetti. Also, she's a girl... which should be pretty easy to understand, right? Her dad's been mistaking her for a boy since she was born and struggles to see her for who she is.

Lacour, Nina. *Mamma and Mommy and Me in the Middle*. A little girl stays home with Mama when Mommy goes off on a work trip.

Lil Miss Hot Mess. *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish*. A drag queen performs her routine in front of an awestruck audience. Also by Lil Miss Hot Mess: *If You're a Drag Queen and You Know It*.

Locke, Katherine. *What Are Your Words?: A Book about Pronouns*. Whenever Ari's Uncle Lior comes to visit, they ask Ari one question: "What are your words?" Some days Ari uses she/her. Other days Ari uses he/him. But on the day of the neighborhood's big summer bash, Ari doesn't know what words to use.

Madison, Megan and Jessica Ralli. *Being You: A First Conversation about Gender* (Board Books/J 305.3 MAD). An interactive first exploration of gender, self-expression, and identity. Also by Megan Madison and Jessica Ralli: *Together: A First Conversation about Love*.

Manushkin, Fran. *Plenty of Hugs*. There's a buzz for each hug, and breeze for each tree, and plenty of hugs for you and me. A toddler and mommies spend the day together.

McClintick, Joanna. *'Twas the Night before Pride*. On the night before Pride, families everywhere are preparing to partake. As one family gets ready, an older sibling shares the importance of the march with the newest member of the family

McGinty, Alice B. *Bathe the Cat*. It's cleaning day, but the family cat will do anything to avoid getting a bath.

Membrino, Anna. *My Moms Love Me*. Two mommies share a perfect day with their little one.

Mercurio, Peter. *Our Subway Baby*. The true story of how one baby found his home with Daddy Danny and Papa Pete.

Narvankar, Ameya. *Ritu Weds Chandni*. Ayesha is excited to attend her cousin's wedding, 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.

Neilson, Emily. *The Rainbow Parade*. A sweet and celebratory story of a family's first time at Pride.

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.

Sima, Jessie. *Harriet Gets Carried Away*. When Harriet dons her special errand-running penguin costume, she gets carried away with a flock of real penguins! She may look like a penguin, but she's not so sure she belongs in the arctic.

Stevenson, Robin. *Pride Puppy!* A child and their family are celebrating Pride Day, but then something terrible happens: their dog gets lost in the parade! Luckily, there are lots of people around to help reunite the pup with his family.

Wai Lin, Josephine. *Whoever You Are: A Baby Book on Love & Gender* (Board Books). Quiet and loud, soft and strong. You being you, there's no way to be wrong.

Wild, Charlotte Sullivan. *Love Violet*. Of all the kids in Violet's class, only Mira leaves her speechless. As Valentine's Day approaches, Violet is determined to tell Mira just how special she is.

Woodgate, Harry. *Grandad's Camper*. Gramps and Grandad were adventurers. But after Gramps died, granddad hasn't felt like traveling anymore. So, their granddaughter comes up with a plan to get Grandad excited to explore again.

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## Fiction

Arlow, Jake Maia. *Almost Flying*. Dalia only has two items on her summer bucket list: (1) finally ride a roller coaster and (2) figure out how to make a new best friend. Luckily, Dalia has a plan to invite Rani, the new girl from swim team, on an amusement park road trip with her step-sister Alexa.

Bailar, Schuyler. *Obie Is Man Enough*. An aspiring transgender Junior Olympian swimmer finds the strength and pride in his identity to race toward his dreams.

Blake, Ashley Herring. *Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea*. After Mum's death, Hazel, her other mother, Mama, and her little sister, Peach, needed a fresh start. When the family arrives in Rose Harbor, Maine, there's a wildness to the small town that feels like magic. But, when Mama runs into an old childhood friend, Hazel's tight-knit world is infiltrated.

Bowman, Akemi Dawn. *Where the Lost Ones Go*. After the death of her grandmother, Eliot is searching for a sign, any sign, that ghosts are real. With the help of her new crush Hazel, she attempts to uncover the mystery of the presumably haunted Honeyfield Hall.

Callender, Kacen. *King and the Dragonflies*. Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his brother turned into a dragon fly when he unexpectedly passed away. It would be easier if he could talk to his best friend, but Khalid told King to end their friendship after overhearing that Sandy might be gay. When Sandy goes missing, King finds him hiding in a tent in his backyard and agrees to help him escape his abusive father. Also by Kacen Callender: *Hurricane Child*.

Dairman, Tara. *The Girl from Earth's End*. To save her papa, aspiring botanist Henna is determined to find the last seeds of a legendary, long-extinct plant with miraculous healing powers.

Gino, Alex. *Rick*. Rick Ramsey doesn't like to make waves, and he never gave much thought to his own identity until he discovers the Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and identities can express themselves. Also by Alex Gino: *Melissa*.

Gow, Robin. *Dear Mothman*. After his best friend dies, Noah is determined to prove that Mothman is real for his sixth grade science fair project.

Howard, Greg. *Middle School's a Drag*. Mikey Pruitt is waiting for his million-dollar idea. It isn't until kid drag queen Coco Caliente, walks into his office looking for an agent that he's finally found it. Also by Greg Howard: *The Whispers*.

Lucas, Chad. *Thanks a Lot, Universe*. Ezra has always had a lot of friends on the basketball team, but now some of his friends are acting differently, and Brian seems to be pulling away. Ezra wants to help, but he's worried if he's too nice to Brian, his friends will realize he has a crush on him.

Lukoff, Kyle. *Different Kinds of Fruit*. Annabelle Blake expects this school year to be the same as every other, so she's elated to discover there's a new kid in town. When her irascible father shares that he and Bailey have something big--and surprising--in common, Annabelle begins to see herself, and her family, in a whole new light. Also by Kyle Lukoff: *Too Bright to See*.

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*. After an entire summer trying to figure out how to go back to being the person she was before her depression and anxiety diagnosis, twelve-year-old Pluto finds out--with the help of the Hayden Planetarium hotline, a new tutor, and a new friend--that there is no old or new Pluto, there's just Pluto, growing up. Also by Nicole Melleby: *In the Role of Brie Hutchins*.

Melleby, Nicole and A.J. Sass. *Camp QUILTBAG*. After a bit of a rocky start at Camp QUILTBAG, an inclusive retreat for queer and trans kids, Abigail and Kai make a pact to help each other find their footing, all while navigating crushes, their queer identities, and a competition pitting cabin against cabin.

Oshiro, Mark. *You Only Live Once, David Bravo*. After eleven-year-old David Bravo wishes for a do-over of a disastrous day of middle school, he and a shapeshifting spirit guide try to right a wrong in his past. Also by Mark Oshiro: *The Sun and the Star*.

Pancholy, Maulik. *Nikhil Out Loud*. Thirteen-year-old Nikhil Shah is the beloved voice actor for Raj Reddy on the hit animated series Raj Reddy in Outer Space. But being a star on TV doesn't mean you have everything figured out behind the scenes. Also by Maulik Pancholy: *The Best at It*.

Parker, Natalie C. *The Devouring Wolf* (series). To find out why twelve-year-old Riley and the rest of the sapling pack did not transform into werewolves on the first full moon of the summer, they must unearth their community's deepest secrets and face a terrifying legendary creature.

Sass, A.J. *Ana on the Edge*. Ana Jin, the reigning US Juvenile figure skating champion, is not a frill dress kind of kid, so when Ana learns the next season's program will be princess themed, doubt forms fast. Once Ana meets Hayden, a transgender boy new to the rink, Ana's thoughts about the princess program and gender identity begin to take center stage.

Stamper, Phil. *Small Town Pride*. Jake is just starting to enjoy life as his school's first openly gay kid. When his dad hangs a Pride flag in their yard, the community gets concerned the flag will lead to something truly outlandish: a pride parade. Except Jake doesn't think that's a ridiculous idea.

Symes-Smith, Esme. *Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston* (series). Trapped in a rigid hierarchy where girls learn magic and boys train as knights, twelve-year-old nonbinary Callie, who dreams of becoming a knight, and their new friends find themselves embedded in an ancient war, but in order to defeat the threats outside the kingdom they must first defeat the bigotry within.

*This Is Our Rainbow*. This anthology includes 16 short stories across genres about LGBTQ+ characters.

Van Otterloo, Ash. *The Beautiful Something Else*. When Sparrow's mother is sent to rehab for opioid addiction, Sparrow is sent to live in a commune with her estranged Aunt where Sparrow begins to embrace their true gender identity. Also by Ash Van Otterloo: *Cattywampus*.

Varela, Nina. *Juniper Harvey and the Vanishing Kingdom*. Every night, Juniper has the same nightmare about an ancient temple, and a beautiful girl who turns to ivory. After making a desperate wish to meet the girl in real life, Juniper awakens to find the girl in her room...pointing a sword at her throat!

## Graphic Novels

Alexander, Damian. *Other Boys*. Starting a new school, seventh-grader Damian takes a vow of silence to avoid being bullied, making him wonder, if boys can be so cruel, why does he have a crush on one?

Bongiovanni, Archie. *The Stonewall Riots: Making a Stand for LGBTQ Rights*. Natalia, Jax, and Rashad are magically transported from their modern lives to the Stonewall Inn in the summer of 1969. Escorted by Natalia's eccentric abuela, the friends are thrown into the infamous riots that made the struggle for LGBTQ rights front-page news.

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Burgess, Rebecca. *Speak Up!* To the kids at school, Mia is the autistic girl who can't speak up. To her mom, she's the fragile daughter who needs help fitting in. But to thousands of fans online, Mia is a talented singer known only by her secret identity. Elle-Q, and she has a lot to say.

Goetter, Sara and Natalie Riess. *Cryptid Kids: The Bawk-Ness Monster* (series). Before she moves away to a new city, Penny wants to prove that she was truly saved from drowning by the Bawk-ness Monster, but instead she must rescue kidnapped cryptids from an evil collector.

Greene, Jarad. *A-Okay*. When Jay starts eighth grade with a few pimples he doesn't think much of it, but when his acne goes from bad to worse, he's prescribed a powerful medication that comes with some serious side effects. Meanwhile, school isn't going exactly as planned--all of Jay's friends are in different classes; he has no one to sit with at lunch; and his best friend is avoiding him.

Gros, Kathleen. *Anne: An Adaptation of Anne of Green Gables (Sort of)*. A new foster home, a new school, and a first-time crush--it's a lot all at once. But if anyone can handle life's twists and turns, it's the irrepressible Anne Shirley.

Layne, Aliza. *Beetle & the Hollowbones*. Twelve-year-old goblin and witch-in-training Beetle enlists her former best friend, Kat Hollowbones, to help stop Kat's sorceress aunt from demolishing the mall where Beetle's friend Blob Ghost is trapped.

May, Cait. *Another Kind*. Tucked away in a government facility six not-quite-human kids learn to control their strange and unpredictable abilities. Life is good -- or safe, at least -- hidden from the prying eyes of a judgmental world. That is, until a security breach forces them out of their home and into the path of the Collector, a mysterious being with leech-like powers.

McGrane, Madeline. *The Accursed Vampire* (series). A few centuries ago, Dragoslava, the vampire kid, was cursed by a witch. If they don't complete every task she sets, they will be turned into worms. When the witch wants a spellbook from Baneberry Falls, Drago sets off with their immortal friends to find it.

O'Neill, Kay. *The Moth-Keeper*. Kit is excited to prove her worth as a Moth-Keeper, a protector of the lunar moths that allow the Night-Lily flower to bloom once a year, but she quickly finds that life as a Moth-Keeper is not what she imagined it would be.

Ostertag, Molly. *Dungeon Club: Roll Call* (series). Middle school is a dungeon. Luckily, Jess and Olivia know how to escape into their own imaginations. When Olivia wants to add new players to their Dungeons & Dragons group, Jess struggles to share their game--and her best friend.

Quin, Tegan and Sara Quin. *Tegan and Sara: Junior High*. Before Tegan and Sara took the music world by storm, the Quins were just two identical twins trying to find their place in a new home and new school.

Riess, Natalie. *Dungeon Critters*. Join the Dungeon Critters--a tight-knit squad of animal companions--on a wild adventure investigating a sinister botanical conspiracy among the furry nobility.

Sindu, S.J. *Shakti*. When the three meanest girls in school start casting spells, Shakti draws on ancient Indian magic to stop them, but she accidentally curses the whole town instead.

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.

Sturges, Lilah. *Girl Haven*. Three years ago, Ash's mom left home and never returned, leaving behind a shed full of mystical curiosities. When Ash and a new group of friends try out one of the spells, they're all transported to a magical realm full of human-sized talking animals.

Terciero, Rey. *Swan Lake: Quest for the Kingdoms*. Odette and Dillie are supposed to be enemies, but when the two princesses meet each other at the lake that separates their castles, it's clear they were destined to be best friends.

Vissagio, Magdalene. *The Ojja-Wojja: A Horror-Mystery, or Whatever*. While working on a school project about Bolingbroke's supernatural history, Val and Laurie accidentally unleash a demonic presence connected to a series of mysterious tragedies throughout their town's sordid history and must find a way to return things to normal.

Whitley, Jeremy. *The Dog Knight*. Frankie's biggest challenge is finding the perfect outfit for the upcoming band concert until they save a golden retriever and suddenly find themselves in a giant magical doghouse, with a funny-looking helmet, talking about a job offer with a group of dog superheroes called the Pawtheon.

Xu, Wendy. *Tidesong*. When a young witch's spell goes wrong, her magic accidentally entangles with the magic of a young water dragon who's lost his memories.

## Nonfiction

Caldwell, Stella. *Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement* (306.76 CAL). The LGBTQ+ community is so much more than rainbow flags and the month of June. Learn about historic pushes for equality around the world, and queer icons from ancient times to the present.

Ellison, Joy Michael. *Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution!: The Story of Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History* (306.76 ELL). Learn about two transgender women of color who helped kickstart the Stonewall Riots and dedicated their lives to fighting for LGBTQ+ liberation.

Grimm, Gavin and Kyle Lukoff. *If You're a Kid Like Gavin* (306.76 GRI). The true story of a young adult transgender activist who stood up, spoke out and fought for civil rights after his school discriminated against him.

Herriot, Lindsay and Kate Fry (editors). *Growing Up Trans: In Our Own Words* (306.76 GRO). A collection of stories, essays, poetry and art by transgender youth.

Prager, Sarah. *A Child's Introduction to Pride: The Inspirational History & Culture of the LGBTQIA+ Community* (306.76 PRA). An introduction to the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement throughout history.

Prager, Sarah. *Kind Like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders* (306.76 PRA). Profiles of 14 influential and inspiring leaders in the LGBTQ+ community throughout history.

Thor, Rosiee. *The Meaning of Pride* (306.76 THO). A celebration of the culture and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community.

## Health & Identity

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

Passchier, Andy. *Gender Identity for Kids: A Book about Finding Yourself, Understanding Others, and Respecting Everybody!* (305.3 PAS).

Silverberg, Cory. *What Makes a Baby*. (612.6 SIL).

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).