

LGBTQ+ Creators

Picture Books

Amer, Lindz. *Hooray for She, He, Ze, and They!* Finding the right pronoun for you feels like a warm hug and helps you be your most wonderful self.

Ayala-Kronos, Chris. *Under One Rainbow*. An exuberant celebration of Pride and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Dale, Laura Kate. *Me & My Dysphoria Monster*. Nisha's monster follows her around and has begun to grow.

Eagleton, Ian. *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman*. A merman and fisherman find love that will change both of their lives.

Ellenwood, Rushie. *A Song for Nolan*. Nolan, a nonbinary kid, brings everyone at the roller rink together in this celebration of being yourself.

Foster, Mariyka. *Leo and the Pink Marker*. When Leo's moms are busy with work, he adds some vibrant pink touches to the dusty, gray scrapyard.

Fuata, Litea. *Filo's Butterflies*. Filo is going to dance at his aunties' wedding! He's been rehearsing the steps for his siva fa'ataupati for weeks, but feels butterflies in his belly.

Irving, A. J. *The Bi Book*. Some hearts love in a rainbow of ways. This book is a gentle introduction to bisexual identity.

Joosten, Michael. *You Are My Rainbow* (Board Book). Showcasing different family makeups, this story encourages children to share their colors with the world.

Jordan, Shane and Rick Hendrix. *The Rainbow Parade*. During a stormy pride parade, a child and their father help a nonbinary child feel comfortable in their own skin.

Larsen, Bells and Andrew. *Call Me Gray*. During a special winter tradition, a child shares their feelings about their identity with their dad.

Lil Miss Hot Mess. *Make Your Own Rainbow*. A group of drag queens introduce readers to a spectrum of colors.

Lukoff, Kyle. *My Little Golden Book about Pride*. An introduction to the history of Pride parades and the meaning behind each color in the rainbow flag.

Moreno, Dano. *Pride Is Love* (Board Book). A girl and her dads discover the meaning of Pride as they prepare their flower crowns for their local Pride parade.

Peter, Gareth. *My Mommies Built a Treehouse*. Building a treehouse is a big project. But when your mommies are there to help you, there's nothing that can stop you!



Plummer, Rachel. *The Big Day*. When one small human is invited to the wedding of two giants, they don't quite know what to expect. At this celebration, everyone is welcome.

Retener, Joëlle. *Marley's Pride*. Marley faces their anxiety to attend Pride for the first time with their grandparent.

Sima, Jessie. *Snow Kid*. Twig is a kid made of snowflakes, sticks, and stones, but when his hat blows away he takes cautious steps forward to find his hat and find out who he is.

Wind, Lee. *Love of the Half-Eaten Peach*. A reimagined folktale about Yuan, Duke Ling of Wei, and his beloved, Mi Zi Xia, who shared a peach circa 500 BCE.

Woodgate, Harry. *Grandad's Camper*. A child who enjoys Grandad's stories of his adventures with Gramps persuades him to fix up their old camper in his Gramps' honor.

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Nonfiction

Athlete Is Agender: True Stories of LGBTQ+ People in Sports (796.092 ATH).

Bildner, Phil. **Glenn Burke, Game Changer: The Man Who Invented the High Five** (ATHLETES J BIO BURKE).

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

Caldwell, Stella. **Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement** (306.76 CAL).

Churnin, Nancy and Izzy Evans. **Rainbow Allies: The True Story of Kids Who Stood Against Hate** (306.76 CHU).

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

Green, Simon James (editor). **A Year of Pride and Joy: 52 LGBTQ+ Voices Share Their Life Passions** (306.76 GRE).

Growing Up Trans: In Our Own Words (306.76 GRO).

Heston, L. V. **LGBTQ+ Heroes: 51 Inspiring Icons Who Changed the World: A Queer History Book for Kids** (306.76 HES).

Lukoff, Kyle. **Are You a Friend of Dorothy?: The True Story of an Imaginary Woman and the Real People She Helped** (306.76 LUK).

Madison, Megan, Jessica Ralli, and Andy Passchier. **Being You: A First Conversation about Gender** (305.3 MAD/Board Books).

Madison, Megan, Jessica Ralli, and Andy Passchier. **Together: A First Conversation about Love** (152.41 MAD/Board Books).

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

Passchier, Andy. **My Gender, My Rules** (305.3 PAS).

Prager, Sarah. **A Child's Introduction to Pride: The Inspirational History and Culture of the LGBTQIA+ Community** (306.76 PRA).

Sanchez, Guido A. **Queer Mythology: Epic Legends from Around the World** (398.2 SAN).

Sanders, Rob. **The Mother of a Movement: Jeanne Manford—Ally, Activist and Founder of PFLAG** (LEADERS J BIO MANFORD).



Sanders, Rob. **Queer and Fearless: Poems Celebrating the Lives of LGBTQ+ Heroes** (306.76 SAN).

Schneider, Amy. **Who Is Amy Schneider?: Questions on Growing Up, Being Curious, and Winning It Big on Jeopardy** (EVERYDAY J BIO SCHNEIDER).

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

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

Thor, Rosiee. **The Meaning of Pride** (306.76 THO).

Kits

Exploring Gender Identity (Kids Social-Emotional Learning Kit).

Exploring Love (Kids Social-Emotional Learning Kit).

Playing with Pronouns (Kids Wellness and Life Skills Discovery Kit).

Pronoun Story Cube Kit (Kids Wellness and Life Skills Discovery Kit).

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Fiction

Bayron, Kalynn. *Vanquishers* (series). When Boog's best friend goes missing, she is determined to save her.

Benton-Walker, Terry J. *Alex Wise Vs. the End of the World* (series). Alex leads the charge to stop the Four Horsemen from taking over the world.

Burch, Ciera. *Camp Twisted Pine*. In the middle of her parents' divorce, Naomi and her brothers are sent to a camp where children disappear and monster stories are real.

Callans, Jess. *Ollie in Between*. A nonbinary middle-schooler must choose between pretending to be the girl everyone expects them to be and forging their own path.

Callender, Kacen. *Moonflower*. Overwhelmed by their depression, Moon's only escape is traveling to the spirit world where they battle monsters and shadows with the help of celestial guardians.

Cherrywell, Steph. *The Ink Witch*. When her estranged aunt puts a curse on her mother, Becca sets out to find a potion to cure her.

Corey, Noah. *Clementine H. Hopeful Is Not a Hero* (series). When Clementine discovers magic bleeding into the real world, he must decide whether to protect it or become a villain and harness the power to build a new world.

Edgmon, H. E. *Defanged*. A twelve-year-old vampire runs away to a secret, underground city and finds the courage to fight a corrupt system for the right to be himself.

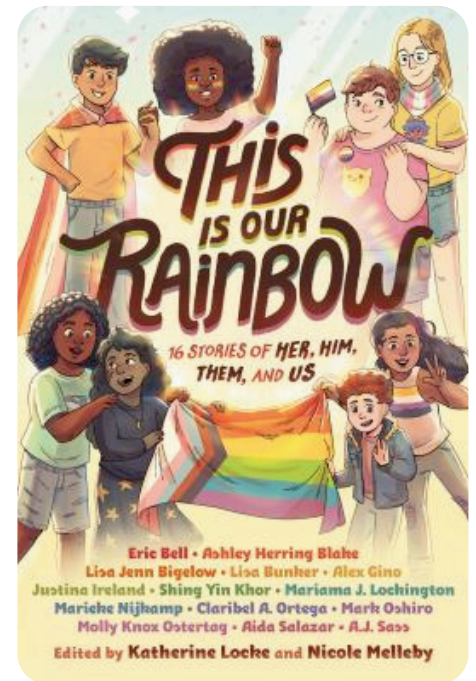
Gino, Alex. *Chris Makes a Friend*. Stuck at her grandparents' house for the summer, Chris makes a new friend, connects with her sister, and learns about herself.

Gow, Robin. *Saber-Tooth*. When Jasper starts hunting for fossils in his backyard after his brother leaves for college, the buried bones of a saber-tooth tiger start talking to him, begging for freedom.

Huntoon, Caroline. *Linus and Etta Could Use a Win*. A hot-headed cynic befriends the new kid—a shy trans boy—when she takes on a bet to get him elected student body president.

Johnson, Leah. *Ellie Engle Saves Herself*. As Ellie navigates her changing relationship with her best friend, an accident occurs that gives her the ability to bring things back to life.

Leali, Michael. *Matteo*. Eleven-year-old Matteo has never felt like one of the other boys and hopes that joining his dad's old baseball team will change that.



Moon, Sarah. *Family Week*. Four best friends spend Family Week together at an annual gathering of LGBTQ+ families in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Nijkamp, Marieke. *Splinter & Ash* (series). A chance encounter throws an outcast Princess and an aspiring knight into each other's orbits, changing the course of the kingdom's history.

North, Jacob. *Ice Apprentices* (series). Oswin Fields must prove his worth as a new magic apprentice while battling monsters and confronting a dark legacy tied to his infamous adopted uncle.

O'Hara, Eureka. *Jackson Bright in the Spotlight*. Jackson Bright enters a local pageant in drag, and discovers the importance of being true to himself.

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Ortega, Claribel A. *Witchlings* (series). Seven can't wait to get her powers and coven, but on the night of the ceremony, she isn't placed in one of the covens. She's a Spare!

Oshiro, Mark. *You Only Live Once, David Bravo*. After David wishes for a do-over of a disastrous day, he and a shapeshifting spirit guide try to right a wrong in his past.

Perry, Jamar J. *Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms* (series). Cameron and his best friends are magically transported through the pages of an ancestral book to the fabled country Chidani.

Riley, Ronnie. *Asking for a Friend*. Why go through the stress of making friends when you can just pretend? It works for Eden until their mom announces she's throwing them a birthday party and all their friends are invited.

Sass, A. J. *Just Shy of Ordinary*. Shai, a thirteen-year-old nonbinary homeschooler, attempts to find a "new normal" post-pandemic as they start public school.

Symes-Smith, Esme. *Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston* (series). Callie and their friends find themselves embedded in an ancient war, but first must defeat the bigotry within.

This Is Our Rainbow. A collection of sixteen stories featuring LGBTQ+ characters for her, him, them, and us.

Tracy, Taylor. *Murray Out of Water*. After a hurricane forces her to move away from the ocean, Murray struggles to regain her magical abilities.

Varela, Nina. *Juniper Harvey and the Vanishing Kingdom*. When Juniper makes a desperate wish, a girl from her recurring dreams suddenly appears in her room the next morning, pointing a sword at Juniper's throat.

Wilde, Jen. *Paige Not Found*. Paige's life turns upside down when she learns her parents enrolled her in a secret study without her consent and implanted a chip in her brain that tracks her location and brain activity.

Winans, Justine Pucella. *The Otherwoods*. River tries to ignore their connection to the terrifying Otherwoods until their friend is kidnapped by monsters, and they have no choice but to face their fears.

Wood, Pete Jordi. *Tales from Beyond the Rainbow*. These are the fairy tales that history forgot—or concealed. Tales in which gender is fluid and where queer stories can have a happy ending.



Graphic Novels

Anderson, V. P. *Blood City Rollers* (series). A 13-year-old ice skater embraces the dark side and finds her light when she joins a vampire roller derby team.

Burgess, Sarah. *Skip!* When Jay joins the Double Dutch team, they finally feel like they have a place to belong. Together, Jay and their new friend Beah challenge each other and help each other grow, in and out of Double Dutch.

Easter, Robin. *Upstaged*. Best friends Ivy and Ash arrive for a third summer at arts camp, but Ash struggles to tell Ivy about their developing feelings for her.

Fajardo, Kat. *Miss Camper* (series). All Sue wants is to make memories with her friends at camp, but her summer isn't going as planned.

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Graphic Novels, cont.

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.

Gros, Kathleen. *Carousel Summer*. Lucy is dreading summer until Milforth's plan to revive an old carousel for the town's 150th anniversary brings artist Ray and her daughter, Anaïs, to town.

Layne, Aliza. *Beetle & the Hollowbones* (series). Beetle enlists her former best friend, Kat, to help stop Kat's sorceress aunt from demolishing the mall where Beetle's friend Blob Ghost is trapped.

Lu, Shaina. *Noodle & Bao*. A girl helps her friend's food cart stand its ground against the gentrification of their Chinatown neighborhood.

McGrane, Madeline. *The Accursed Vampire* (series). A vampire kid plots to steal a spellbook for the witch that cursed them.

Mukwa, Cameron. *The Ribbon Skirt*. Anang wants to make a ribbon skirt for an upcoming powwow. Anang, who is two-spirit and nonbinary, doesn't know what others will think, but they're determined to follow their heart's desire.

O'Neill, Kay. *A Song for You & I*. A young ranger-in-training struggles with self-doubt when their trusted flying horse gets injured in a storm.

Ostertag, Molly Knox. *Dungeon Club: Roll Call* (series). When Olivia wants to add new players to their Dungeons & Dragons group, Jess struggles to share their game—and her best friend.

Palmer, Caroline. *Camp Prodigy*. Two nonbinary kids navigate anxiety and identity all while having fun and forming friendships at their summer orchestra camp.

Quin, Tegan and Sara. *Tegan and Sara: Junior High* (series). Two identical twins try to find their place in a new home and school.

Visaggio, Magdalene and Jenn St-Onge. *The Ojja-wojja*. While working on a school project, Val and Laurie accidentally unleash a demonic presence and must find a way to return things to normal.

Wheeler, Kate. *Goat Magic*. A spirited goat herder yearns for a life beyond mountain pastures. Meanwhile, an 'Ordinary Princess' doubts her royal potential. Everything changes when their worlds collide.



Whitley, Jeremy and Bre Indigo. *The Dog Knight*. A nonbinary middle schooler is offered the chance to become the Dog Knight, protector of a magical pact between humans and dogs.

Wilgus, Benjamin A. and Rii Abrego. *Grace Needs Space!* While out on a mission, Grace's mom is too busy to spend time with her. Yet, when their ship stops working on their return home, it is up to Grace to save the day.

Wibowo, Jessica and Jacinta. *Lunar Boy*. A young boy from the moon discovers a home in the most unlikely of places.

Zhou, Vivian. *Atana and the Firebird* (series). Mermaid Atana embarks on an adventure with Ren, a rare firebird, that takes them to strange new islands and entangles them with the powerful Witch Queen.