

Where's My Wand?: One Boy's Magical Triumph Over Alienation and Shag Carpeting by

Eric Poole
Grades 10 & up (YA B Poole)
Poole's witty memoir of growing up as a gay, Bewitched-obsessed boy in 1970s St. Louis recalls David Sedaris' unfailingly funny takes on family wackiness.

Scars by Cheryl Rainfield

Grades 9 & up (YA Rainfield)
Fifteen-year-old Kendra is a budding artist who has far too many secrets. Not only does she cut herself, she is grappling with her childhood sexual abuse and her burgeoning sexuality.

Batwoman: Elegy by Greg Rucka

Grades 10 & up (YA G Batwoman)
As Batwoman, Kate must battle the most dangerous criminals in Gotham while as Kate Kane, Batwoman must deal with coming to grips with her own sexual identity and fight her own personal war while dealing with the new super-criminal Alice, who's determined to take her down.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell by Jeff Sheng

Grades 9 & up
A poignant photographic essay dedicated to the brave LGBTQ military personnel who serve under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell". Each person's face is artfully hidden, helping to express their feelings of isolation and loneliness.

God Loves Hair by Vivek Shrya

Grades 10 & up
Vignettes tell the tale of Vivek, a young man who struggles with his sexuality, preferring to wear his mother's beautiful sari and lipstick. He endures physical, emotional and verbal abuse in school, only to be saved by his faith...when things are bad during the week, he knows that Sunday will come and no matter what, his gods love him and appreciate all that he is.

Robin and Ruby by K. M. Soehnlein

Grades 10 & up (YA Soehnlein)
Aspiring actor Robin has just left his lover, Peter, when his sister, Ruby, goes missing. Robin searches for her, accompanied by his long-time friend, George, to whom, Robin discovers, he is becoming romantically attracted.

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The Hour Between by Sebastian Stuart

Grades 10 & up (YA Stuart)
Arthur McDougal's friendship with the charming but troubled Katrina Felt at the Spooner School for the disciplinary challenged helps him come to terms with his sexuality.

The Gallup's Modern Guide to Gay, Lesbian & Transgender Life by various authors

Grades 7 & up (YA 200.86 SAN)
A series of informative non-fiction titles which discuss celebrations and challenges of living as an lgbt person.

Kiss by Jacqueline Wilson

Grades 6-9 (YA Wilson)
Sylvie has always imagined spending her life with her best friend, Carl, first as a couple and then as husband and wife. As she realizes Carl is gay and will never really become her boyfriend, she must reconsider her feelings and her friendship with him.

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The Accidental Adventures of India McAllister by Charlotte Agell
Grades 5-8 (JF Agell)
An illustrated diary-like account of things that India McAllister loves like her dog Tofu, her best friend, Colby, and other things...well, she's not so sure about, like Amanda the Rodent and Richard, her dad's boyfriend.

The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You by S. Bear Bergman
Grades 10 & up (305.3 BER)
A collection of personal essays from a transmasculine perspective, featuring topics such as coming out, family, identity and religion.

Will by Maria Boyd
Grades 9-12 (YA Boyd)
High school jock and all-around popular guy Will Armstrong moons a bus full of girls and is assigned community service which includes joining the school band and helping out with the musical. While serving his time, he is befriended by a gay boy and is forced to reconsider his own stereotypical views of what it means to be a man.

Very LeFreak by Rachel Cohn
Grades 9 & up (YA Cohn)
With a playlist for every moment, and the need for her tech buzzing in her veins, can Very unplug enough to discover what her heart really wants before it's too late and take a chance at real love?

Stuck Rubber Baby by Howard Cruse
Grades 10 & up (YA G Cruse)
While fighting for civil rights in the 1960s South, Toland fights the realization that he is gay, and has to deal with the idea and the change in his own thoughts and personal identity.

Unbearable Lightness by Portia de Rossi
Grades 9 & up (791.4502 DER)
Coming to terms with coming out and the damaging perceptions of commercial beauty, she shares her story of recovery from her eating disorder and her self-acceptance.

Of All The Stupid Things by Alexandra Diaz
Grades 10 & up (YA Diaz)
When Tara learns that her boyfriend may be gay, she is devastated. But then - when she finds herself attracted to a new girl, Riley - she is forced to examine her own sexuality.

Out by Sandra Diersch
Grades 9 & up (YA PBK FIC Diersch)
Canadian teenager Alex must confront his latent homophobia when his younger brother comes out to him.

Wildthorn by Jane Eagland
Grades 9 & up (YA Eagland)
Louisa Cosgrove, a high-spirited young lady in nineteenth century England, loves her cousin Grace and longs to be a doctor. A plot devised by someone close to her puts her in an insane asylum, doubting her own identity.

Let's Get this Straight: The Ultimate Handbook for Youth with LGBTQ Parents by Tina Fakhrid-Deen with COLAGE
Grades 6 & up (YA 306.874 FAK)
Reaching out through the voices of youth in GLBTQ households, this handbook gives kids the tools to deal with the uniqueness of living with LGBTQ parents, including how to deal with the bigotry and hatred of others, overcoming discrimination, and building self-esteem.

Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green & David Levithan
Grades 9 & up (YA Green)
On a cold Chicago night, two sixteen-year-olds - one gay and one not - meet and discover they have one big thing in common, their name. From then on, their lives, their friends and their loves intertwine and culminate in the staging of one of the funniest high school musicals ever.

Monday Hearts for Madalene by Page Hodel
Grades 7-12 (YA 745.5 HOD)
Whether spoken, written or shared in beautiful heart-shaped collages, Page Hodel reminds us love begets love and she lets her hearts tell her story.

A Love Story Starring My Dead Best Friend by Emily Horner
Grades 9 & up (YA Horner)
Following the death of her best friend Julia, Cass finds herself involved in a project to produce the musical Julia wrote. Betrayed loyalties and school bullies set Cass off on a journey where she finds self-awareness and acceptance.

Jumpstart the World by Catherine Ryan Hyde
Grades 9 & up (YA Hyde)
Teenage Ellie falls in love with her next-door neighbor Frank, and then, to her dismay, discovers that he is transgender.

The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang by Amy Ignatow
Grades 6-8 (JF Ignatow)
Best friends, Julie and Lydia, try to determine the secrets to popularity and record their observations and schemes in a secret notebook. The result is a hilarious, delightfully illustrated guide to surviving middle school and figuring out what friendship really means.

Love Drugged by James Klise
Grades 10 & up (YA Klise)
What if there were a drug that could "cure" homosexuality? Deeply closeted teen Jamie is about to find out what could happen! This is a fast-paced novel with an intriguing premise.

Kicked Out by Sassafras Lowrey
Grades 9 & up
Homeless lgbt-q youth share their stories of surviving on the streets and finding places of sanctuary in creating their own chosen families and community.

The Less-Dead by April Lurie
Grades 9 & up (YA Lurie)
When Noah's friend Will is murdered by a killer targeting homeless gay teens, Noah sets out to find the murderer.

Me by Ricky Martin
Grades 9 & up (B Martin)
Not the usual celebrity biography with glamour shots, Martin instead keeps it real and shares his experience of coming out as gay Latino and the importance of self-acceptance and community service.

The Death-Defying Pepper Roux by Geraldine McCaughrean
Grades 5-8 (YA McCaughrean)
Embarked on a dangerous voyage on the high seas, fourteen-year-old Pepper is befriended by a kindhearted, cross-dressing steward with the improbable name of Duchesse. Adventures abound!