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**BOYFRIENDS WITH GIRLFRIENDS** by Sanchez
(YA Sanchez) Grades 7-9
The tale of a quadrangle of relationships between Sergio, Lance, Allie, and Kimoko - one bisexual, one questioning, one gay, and one lesbian - and how their loves affect their friendships.

**SPEAKING OUT** edited by Berman
(YA Speaking) Grades 8 & up
This baker’s dozen short stories, for and about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender teens, encourage teens to “speak out,” be proud of who they are, and stand up for each other.

**WE THE ANIMALS** by Torres
(F Torres) Grades 9 & up
Torres’ acclaimed first novel is an impressionistic examination of a family of mixed race and ethnicity. Though fiercely loving, how will the family react to the youngest son’s growing awareness of his homosexuality?

**WELCOME TO BORDERTOWN: NEW STORIES AND POEMS OF THE BORDERLANDS** edited by Black & Kushner
Grades 7 & up
Bordertown is where the mundane and magical worlds overlap, where elves, runaways, gay kids, and misfits come together, bringing their histories, music, machines, and talents - as well as their fears and terrors.

**ZOMBIES VS. UNICORNS** edited by Black
(YA Zombies) Grades 9 & up
Choose your side in the epic battle: Team Zombie or Team Unicorn! Everyday teen issues are taken to wild extremes as zombies invade and unicorns attack in these short stories.

**NONFICTION**

**QUEER: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR TEENS** by Belge
(YA 306.766 BEL) Grades 8 & up
Demystifying queer issues for all teens, GLBTO or not, this straightforward book gives answers to many topics facing youth today.

**DEAR BULLY** edited by Hall & Jones
(YA 306.766 HALL) Grades 7 & up
Seventy authors tell their own stories of bullying - some as victims, some as perpetrators.

**IT GETS BETTER** by Savage & Miller
(YA 306.76 IT) Grades 7 & up
A companion to the “It Gets Better” internet campaign, this collection of essays and new material brings hope to LGBTQ youth facing prejudice, bullying, and other forms of harassment. It includes a list of resources for teens and adults.

**HAPPY ACCIDENTS** by Lynch
(B Lynch) Grades 9 & up
Actress Jane Lynch shares her life story, letting readers in on her path to stardom as well as her struggles with alcoholism and being true to herself.

**GAY IN AMERICA: PORTRAITS** by Pasfield
(YA 306.766 PAS) Grades 9 & up
This tapestry of powerful and personal photo-essays maps the rich cross-section of Gay America, one distinct and memorable voice at a time.
Books with a * are on the top ten list for the year.

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

*Am J* by Beam  
(YA Beam)  
Grades 9 & up

Though he was born Jennifer, he knows in his being that he is completely male, just born into the wrong body.

*BROOKLYN BURNING* by Brezenoff  
(YA Brezenoff)  
Grades 8 & up

Running away from home during a Brooklyn summer to lose the pain through music, sixteen-year-old Kid finds acceptance and more in Scout, another soul lost in the music.

*BEAUTY QUEENS* by Bray  
(YA Bray)  
Grades 7-up

In this wildly hilarious novel, contestants from the Miss Teen Dream Beauty Pageant crash on a remote tropical island where danger and wild adventures lurk around every corner!

**HUNTRESS** by Lo  
(YA Lo)  
Grades 7 & up

Kaede and Taisin journey to the Fairy Queen to save not only their kingdom but also the entire world.

*HUNTING* by Wright  
(YA Wright)  
Grades 7-10

Most teenage boys dream of being makeup artists. Carlos Duarte, on the other hand, dreams about being a makeup artist! And when he gets a part-time job at Macy's cosmetics department, he figures fame and fortune are just around the corner.

*PINK* by Wilkinson  
(YA Wilkinson)  
Grades 7-10

Supportive parents and a girlfriend - what more could any out-lesbian, goth-girl, want? Yet Ava decides to explore the idea of 'normal' - to attend prep school, kiss a boy, and even (gasp!) wear matching pink sweaters.

*PUTTING MAKEUP ON THE FAT BOY* by Wright  
(YA Wright)  
Grades 7-10

After the Germans bomb their beloved castle on the tiny island nation of Montmaray, the young royal family flees to pre-war England, carrying the horrifying awareness of Hitler's deadly potential with them.

**SISTERS MISCHIEF** by Goode  
(YA Goode)  
Grades 8 & up

Sixteen-year-old Esme is a witty, wisecracking out lesbian with a tight circle of accepting friends. Together they form a hip-hop crew called "Sister Mischief."

*THE FITZOSBORNE IN EXILE. "THE MONTMARAY JOURNALS"* by Cooper  
(YA Cooper)  
Grades 6-9

Fifth graders Shuichi and Yoshino find each other during the first days of school, discovering that they share a love of many different things including the secret that each wants to be the gender that the other was born.

**THE EVADE** by Belgue  
Grades 7-10

Mel and her best friend Frank discover that a student suicide five years earlier was a closeted gay teen.

**WANDERING SON, VOLUME 1** by Takako  
Grades 5-7

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**WITH OR WITHOUT YOU** by Farrey  
(YA Farrey)  
Grades 10 & up

But, when Evan's best friend Davis falls under the spell of the charismatic Chasers leader, he has to choose which part of his life to save.

*THE SIDE DOOR* by Donley  
Grades 9-12

Entering suburban Drift Falls High School in 1988, Mel and her best friend Frank discover that a student suicide five years earlier was a closeted gay teen.

*SHINE* by Myracle  
(YA Myracle)  
Grades 7 & up

After her once-best friend, Patrick, falls victim to a vicious hate crime and neither local nor federal law enforcement seems interested finding the culprits, Cat sets out to discover who in her town could have hated Patrick enough to have beaten him and left him for dead.

*THE EVOLUTION OF ETHAN POE* by Reardon  
Grades 9-12

The question of teaching intelligent design brings Ethan Poe's rural Maine town to crisis, with science on one side and fundamentalist Christians on the other.

*PERFECT* by Hopkins  
(YA Hopkins)  
Grades 7 & up

Cara is struggling with her parents' ideals of perfect, but will that cause her to lose out on a new kind of love and being true to herself?

*NOTES FROM THE BLENDER* by Cook & Halpin  
Grades 9-12

Two teens, two voices: Declan - an emo goth into Finnish death metal and violent video games - is a loner with a crush on classmate Neilly Foster; Neilly - popular, smart, and a gymnast - happens on Declan's father and her mother.

*WANDERING SON, VOLUME 2* by Takako  
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*A QUESTION OF MANHOOD* by Reardon  
Grades 9-12

Paul Landon's fear of being thought gay brings him to the point of helping kidnap and torture a gay classmate.

*GEMINI BITES* by Ryan  
(YA Ryan)  
Grades 7-9

Twins Kyle and Judy both find themselves drawn to Garrett, a goth boy living with their family while finishing out the school year. But the question is, "How does he feel about them?"