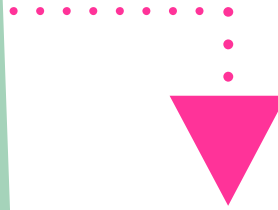


Gay & Lesbian Teen Reads



FICTION

Annie on My Mind by Nancy Garden

Liza puts aside her feelings for Annie after the disaster at school, but eventually she allows love to triumph over the ignorance of people.

Geography Club by Brent Hartinger

A group of gay teenagers start a daring new school club. They may not learn any actual geography, but they learn plenty about the treacherous social terrain of a typical American high school. Make sure to check out the sequel, *The Order of the Poison Oak*.

Totally Joe by James Howe

As a school assignment, thirteen-year-old Joe writes an alphabiography—life from A to Z—and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the difficulties of being a gay teenager.

Boy Girl Boy by Ron Koertge

Elliot, Teresa and Larry have been friends since elementary school. Larry's brush with death leads to soul-searching on the part of all three friends as they plan for life after high school.

Absolutely, Positively Not by David LaRoche

Steven's a 16-year-old boy with two obsessions: sex and getting his driving license. The problem is, Steven's not thinking girls when he's thinking sex. Could he be...gay? Steven sets out to get in touch with his inner he-man. But are Steven's tactics going to straighten him out, or leave him all twisted up?

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan

So Paul may have messed things up with his true love Noah. His best friend Joni might be drifting away, his other best friend Tony might be dealing with ultra-religious parents, and his ex-boyfriend Kyle might not be going away anytime soon, but sometimes everything needs to fall apart before it can really fit together right.

Wide Awake by David Levithan

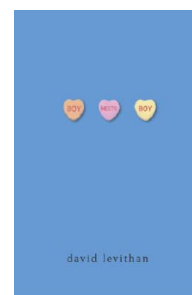
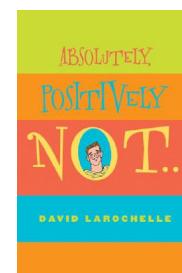
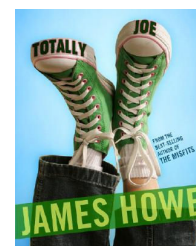
In the not-too-impossible-to-imagine future, a gay Jewish man has been elected president of the U.S. When the election results are questioned, couple Jimmy and Duncan lend their support to their candidate by taking part in the rallies and protests. Along the way comes an exploration of their relationship, their politics, and their country.

Pretty Things by Sarra Manning

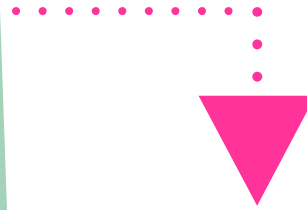
Four teens in a summer drama group find themselves in a love rectangle that crosses boundaries of friendship and sexual orientation. Their four distinct voices tell a strong story of love, disillusion, and resolution.

Gravitation by Maki Murakami (graphic novel)

Shuichi Shindou is determined to be a rock star. At his first gig, however, Eiri Yuki overhears Shuichi's performance and puts the young musician in his place. Unable to get the harsh criticism out of his mind, Shuichi forces himself into Yuki's life and the two find their futures inexorably linked. The force that brings them together is like gravity and there is nothing they can do to stop it.



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Kissing Kate by Lauren Myracle

Kate and Lyssa were best friends until the night they kissed. Now Kate is pretending Lyssa doesn't exist. Confused and alone, Lyssa's left questioning everything she thought she knew. But with the help of a new friend, she's beginning to find herself again.

Rainbow Boys by Alex Sanchez

Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend, the shy gay guy who likes him, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate struggle with family issues, gay bashers, safe sex, and conflicting feelings. Be sure to check out the other books in Alex Sanchez's trilogy, *Rainbow High* and *Rainbow Road*.

A Really Nice Prom Mess by Brian Sloan

Gay high school senior Cameron Hayes endures a disastrous prom night when forced to take a girl as his date, and after fleeing the dance in disguise, he finds himself involved in a surprising stage performance, a high-speed police chase, and unexpected revelations.

Tale of Two Summers by Brian Sloan

Hal and Chuck have been best friends since kindergarten, so it doesn't really matter that Chuck is straight and Hal is gay. But this is the first summer they'll be apart, so the boys decide to keep a private blog where they can share their experiences with each other.

Not the Only One: Lesbian and Gay Fiction for Teens edited by Jane Summer

This groundbreaking anthology for gay and lesbian teens features new original fiction from contributors such as Gregory Maguire (*Wicked*) and Brent Hartinger (*Geography Club*). These stories provide hope and inspiration to gay and lesbian teenagers as they take the first exciting, often difficult steps toward accepting their sexuality and emerging from the shadows as open and proud individuals.

Hard Love by Ellen Wittlinger

John believes that his broken home has made him emotionally numb, and his only outlet is the zine he writes. Through his zine he meets Marisol, a young lesbian writer, and their friendship challenges his numbness and blurs the lines between friendship and love.

The House You Pass On the Way by Jacqueline Woodson

As the granddaughter of celebrities and the daughter of an interracial couple in an all-black town, Staggerlee is used to isolating herself. Her cousin Trout is exactly what Staggerlee wishes she could be: outspoken, sure of herself, beautiful. Finally, Staggerlee has a friend. But is Trout really the girl Staggerlee thinks she is?

NONFICTION

GLBTQ*: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens by Kelly Huegel

Discovering that you, or someone you love, might be GLBTQ is a revelation. Accepting it is a process. One thing that can help that process is information. This book can't answer all of your questions or counter all of the misinformation, misconceptions, myths, half-truths, and outright lies you might have heard about being GLBTQ, but it's a start.

The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing About Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Other Identities edited by David Levithan and Billy Merrell

This one-of-a-kind collection contains original poems, essays, and stories by young adults in their teens and early 20s—gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, transitioning, and questioning—on a variety of subjects: coming out, family, friendship, religion/faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many others.

