



Gracie's List

Dear friends,

When Gracie King arrived in her new middle school in 2014, she suggested that a gender and sexuality alliance (GSA) club should exist, but was told that it was not appropriate for middle school. This perplexed her. Not only did she know other LGBTQ+ youth in the school, but she also was a forward-thinker and believed everyone in her school should feel welcome and accepted. Her passion for social justice came from the books she read.

In high school, in 2016, in the same district, Gracie again found no GSA and was determined to start one. With the help of a teacher and other students, she did, and now that GSA is a thriving part of the school's community. Gracie always had a kind word for a stranger and a smile for anyone who needed one. She was known as a "Mom" figure to most of her friends. It was easy to not see Gracie's diagnosed depressive disorder and other psychological struggles because she hid them so well.

As Gracie's mental illness became more complicated, she read a lot about depression, anxiety, and other disorders to better understand her battle. Though she ultimately lost that battle, those books kept her engaged and talking about mental health. She was able to help friends who were going through things she had not experienced. She was able to stand up for LGBTQ+ students when others used microaggressions against them. She talked with friends about whiteness and racism. She was aware of the white supremacy and the patriarchy. She wanted to crush them. She also worked to crush mental illness stigma, LGBTQ+ inequity, and bullying—things she'd experienced firsthand.

Mostly, Gracie was encouraging. She loved and congratulated and cheered on her fellow humans because she understood what it was like to feel small, even though she was larger than life. In her last weeks with us, she had a brilliant idea to go to elementary schools and talk about emotions and how to feel them. She wanted to teach kids as young as kindergarten how to be emotionally compassionate, as she was.

The books on this list represent the types of books Gracie liked to read. Some were her favorites. Some she never read. We like to think of the list as a library she would have wanted next to her when her friends came to talk, or when she was looking for a read to help her understand the world. They are hugs, even if their subject matter is difficult. They are "I love you" written on a sticky note, stuck on your locker. They are a safe ear to listen. They start conversations about things that are important to the inner-self and the outside world.

Gracie's teachers would tell you—conversations are what Gracie did best. A friend of hers recently wrote, "She was the kind of kid who raised her hand as an announcement rather than a question." This list is our announcement in honor of Gracie. We are raising our hand. Let us start the compassionate conversations that need to be had in our changing and challenging world. Let us first open a book and locate the words.

With love,

Amy and Livy King



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Three categories: Mental Health Awareness & Powerful Emotional Content; Social Justice & Activism; and LGBTQ+ Equality, Understanding, and Celebration, divided by age group, many overlap.

Mental Health Awareness & Powerful Emotional Content (+SEL K-3)

Young Adult Fiction

10 Things I Can See From Here by Carrie Mac
A Heart in a Body in the World by Deb Caletti
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
A Quiet Kind of Thunder by Sara Barnard
A Troublesome Boy by Paul Vasey
Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro
An OCD Love Story by Corey Ann Haydu
Black box : a novel by Julie Schumacher
Born Scared by Kevin Brooks
Calvin by Martine Leavitt
Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman
Charm and Strange by Stephanie Khuen
Complicit by Stephanie Kuehn
Courage for Beginners by Karen Harrington
Crank by Ellen Hopkins
Crazy by Amy Reed
Cut by Patricia McCormick
Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Deadline by Chris Crutcher
Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets by Evan Roskos
Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia
Emergency Contact by Mary H.K. Choi
Every Last Word by Tamara Ireland Stone
Every Moment After by Joseph Moldover
Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
Fall for Anything by Courtney Summers
Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella
Forgive me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick
Gabi, Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero
Girl in Pieces by Kathleen Glasgow
Girl, Interrupted by Susanna Kaysen
Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner
The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson
Highly Illogical Behavior by John Corey Whaley
How I Became a Ghost by Tim Tingle
How It Feels to Float by Helena Fox
How It Feels to Fly by Kathryn Holmes
How to Disappear by Sharon Huss Roat
Hyperbole and a Half by Allie Brosh
In Sight of Stars by Gae Polisner
In the Path of Falling Objects by Andrew Smith
I Wish You All the Best by Mason Deaver



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It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
Kat and Meg Conquer the World by Anna Priemaza
Madness by Z. Brewer
Mimi by John Newman
Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson
My Heart and Other Black Holes by Jasmine Varga
OCD, the Dude, and Me by Lauren Roedy Vaughn
Radio Silence by Alise Oseman
Saving Red by Sonya Sones
Side Effects May Vary by Julie Murphy
Some Kind of Happiness by Claire Legrand
Sparrow by Sarah Moon
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Starfish by Akemi Dawn Bowman
Still Life With Tornado by A.S. King
Symptoms of Being Human by Jeff Garvin
The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X.R. Pan
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley
The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily by Laura Creedle
The Marbury Lens by Andrew Smith
The Memory of Light by Francisco X. Stork
The Noonday Demon by Andrew Solomon
The Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
The Place Between Breaths by An Na
The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness
The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B by Teresa Toten
The Weight of Zero by Karen Fortunati
The Whole Story of Half a Girl by Veera Hiranandani
Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
You Know Where to Find Me by Rachel Cohn
We Are the Ants by Shaun David Hutchinson
We'll Fly Away by Bryan Bliss
What Happens Now by Jennifer Castle
When We Collided by Emery Lord
Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley
Wild Awake by Hilary T. Smith
Words on Bathroom Walls by Julia Walton

Middle Grade Fiction

All the Things That Could Go Wrong by Stewart Foster
Finding Langston by Lisa Cline-Ransome
Focused by Alyson Gerber
Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry
Hurricane Season by Nicole Melleby
Moonrise by Sarah Crossan
OCDaniel by Wesley King
Rebound by Kwame Alexander
Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant





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Sure Signs of Crazy by Karen Harrington
Sweep by Jonathan Auxier
Sweeping up the Heart by Kevin Henkes
The Afterwards by A.F. Harrold
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
The Line Tender by Kate Allen
The Lost Girl by Anne Ursu
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McNulty
The Notations of Cameron Cooper by Jane O'Reilly
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
The Right Hook of Devin Velma by Jake Burt
The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller
The Someday Birds by Sally J. Pla
The Sweetest Sound by Sherri Winston
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor
The World from up Here by Cecilia Galante
The Year We Fell from Space by Amy Sarig King
Under Rose Tainted Skies by Louise Gornall
Where the Watermelons Grow by Cindy Baldwin
Where You'll Find Me by Natasha Friend
You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P! by Alex Gino

Picture Books

A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey
A Quiet Place by Douglas Wood
B is for Breathe by Dr. Melissa Boyd
Beautiful Oops by Barney Salzberg
Benji, the Bad Day, and Me by Sally J. Pla
Big Boys Cry by Jonty Howley
Bilal Cooks Daal by Aisha Saeed
Bloom by Doreen Cronin and David Small
Blue by Laura Vaccaro Singer
Can I Play Too? By Mo Millems (Elephant and Piggie)
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Come Home Angus by Patrick Downes
Come with Me by Holly McGhee
Dad's Camera by Ross Watkins
Duck and Goose - How Are You Feeling? by Tad Hills
Duck! Rabbit! By Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Elmer by David McKee
Eraser by Anna Kang
Flabbersmashed about You by Rachel Vail
Glamourpuss by Sarah Weeks
Good Rosie! By Kate DiCamillo
Hands Up! By Breanna McDaniel
Hey Little Ant by Phillip and Hanna Hoose
How I Learned to Fall Out of Trees by Vincent Kirsch
I Am Loved by Nikki Giovanni
I Am Peace (A Book of Mindfulness) by Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds
I Hate Everyone by Naomi Danis





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I Like Me! By Nancy **Carlson**
I Need a Hug by Aaron **Blabley**
I'm Here by Peter Reynolds
In My Heart by Jo Witek
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña
Little Brown by Marla Frazee
Little Monkey Calms Down by Michael Dahl
Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
Lovely by Jess Hong
Mad, Mad Bear by Kimberly Gee
Making a Friend by Tammi Sauer
Max and Marla Are Having a Picnic by Alexandra Boiger
My Magic Breath by Nick Ortner and Alison Taylor
My Mouth Is a Volcano by Julia Cook
Nanette's Baguette by Mo Willems
Not Quite Narwhal by Jessie Sima
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
Old Hat by Emily Gravett
One by Katheryn Otoshi
Play with Me! by Michelle Lee
Princess Hair by Sharee Miller
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
Rubie Finds a Worry by Tom Percival
Sadie and the Silver Shoes by Jane Godwin
Say Something by Peter Reynolds
Small Things by Mel Tregonning
Square by Mac Barnett
Spoon by Amy Krause Rosenthal
Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld
Stuck with the Blooz by Caron Levis
Super Manny Stands Up! By Kelly DiPicchio
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Color Monster by Anna Llenas
The Day I Ran Away by Holly Niner
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
The Fate of Fausto by Oliver Jeffers
The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Pett and Gary Rubenstein
The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig
The Kindness Quilt by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
The Ladybug Girl books by David Soman and Jacky Davis
The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone
The Most Magnificent Things by Ashley Spires
The New Girl... and Me by Jacqui Robbins
The Quiet Place by Sarah Stewart and David Small
The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill
The Size of Truth by Andrew Smith
The Spiffiest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson
The Way I Feel by Janan Cain
They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera
Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
Two by Katheryn Otoshi





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Unstinky by Andy Rash
Wallpaper by Thao Lam
What About Moose? by Corey Rosen Schwartz
What Is Given From the Heart by Patricia McKissack
What Does It Mean to Be Kind? By Rana DiOrio
When Pencil Met Eraser by Karen Kilpatrick and Louis O. Ramos, Jr.
What Should Danny Do? By Grand and Adir Levy
When Sadness Is At Your Door by Eva Eland
When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Whole-Body Listening Larry at School by Elizabeth Sautter and Kristen Wilson
Why Should I Help? By Mike Gordon
Yesterday I Had the Blues by Jeron Ashford and R. Gregory Christie
You are Your Strong by Danielle Dufayet

Non-Fiction

Brave Face: A Memoir: How I Survived Growing Up, Coming Out, and Depression by Shaun David Hutchinson
Depression: A Teen's Guide to Survive and Thrive by Jacqueline B. Toner, PhD and Claire A.B. Freeland, PhD
(Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health edited by Kelly Jensen
Know My Name by Chanel Miller
Life Inside My Mind: 31 Authors Share their Personal Struggles edited by Jessica Burkhart
Night Shift by Debi Gliori
Obsessed: a memoir of my life with OCD by Allison Britz
Ordinary Girls: A Memoir by Jaquira Diaz
Project Semicolon: Your Story Isn't Over by Amy Bleuel
Things We Haven't Said: Sexual Violence Survivors Speak Out by Erin Moulton
What Made Maddy Run: The Secret Struggles and Tragic Death of an All-American Teen by Kate Fagan

Graphic Literature

Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol
Hardcore Anxiety: A Graphic Guide to Punk Rock and Mental Health by Reid Chancellor
Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Kroschka
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo—Manga Classics by Stacy King, Crystal Silvermoon, and SunNeko Lee
Louis Undercover by Fanny Britt
My Beijing: Four Stories of Ordinary Wonder by Nie Jun
PTSD by Guillaume Singelin
Restless Soul Be at Peace by
The Storm in the Barn by Matt Phelan

Poetry

Depression and Other Magic Tricks by Sabrina Benaim
I Am an Emotional Creature by Eve Ensler
Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur



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Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty by Christine Hepperman
The Opposite of Innocent by Sonya Sones
Totally Middle School: Tales of Friends, Family, and Fitting In ed.
By Betsy Groban
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Social Justice & Activism

Young Adult Fiction

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
Amelia Westlake Was Never Here by Erin Gough
A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi
The Gangster We Are All Looking For by Le Thi Diem Thuy
Because They Marched by Russell Freedman
Blood Water Paint by Joy McCullough
Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson
Burn Baby, Burn by Meg Medina
By Any Means Necessary by Candice Montgomery
Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha) by Tomi Adeyemi
Come in from the Cold by Marsha Qualey
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
Dear Rachel Maddow by Adrienne Kisner
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Fresh Ink: An Anthology edited by Lamar Giles
Ghetto Cowboy by G. Neri
Internment by Samira Ahmed
In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Little Brother by Cory Doctorow
Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu
My Book of Life by Angel by Martine Leavitt
Nowhere Girls by Amy Reed
On A Clear Day by Walter Dean Myers
Operation Redwood by Susannah T French
Out of Nowhere by Maria Padian
Rose Sees Red by Cecil Castellucci
Sea Prayer by Khaled Hosseini
Slay by Brittey Morris
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Strike! The Farm Workers' Fight for Their Rights by Larry Dane Brimner
The Confusion of Laurel Graham by Adrienne Kisner
The Freedom Summer Murders by Don Mitchell
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
The Nowhere Girls by Amy Reed
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano by Sonia Manzano
There There by Tommy Orange
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
Under the Feet of Jesus by Helena Maria Viramontes
Vote for Larry by Janet Tashjian



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Watch Us Rise by Reneé Watson and Ellen Hagan
White Rose by Kip Wilson
White, Sands, Red Menace by Ellen Kages
Wide Awake by David Levithan
X: A novel by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon
Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina

Middle Grade Fiction

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Neilson
Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin
Class Action by Steven Frank
Environmental Protests by Duchess Harris
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
My Family's Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss and Hope
by Dianne Guerrero and Erica Muroz
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia
Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson
Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights
by Steve Sheinkin
Refugee by Alan Gratz
Revolution by Deborah Wiles
Rooting for Rafael Rosales by Kurtis Scaletta
Same Sun Here by Silas House and Neela Vaswani
Saving Wonder by Mary Knight
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
Swing by Kwame Alexander
Taking Action for Political and Civil Rights by Eric Braun
The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Anne Braden
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamoya by Pablo Cartaya
The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
The Wall by Peter Sís
The Wonder of Charlie Anne by Kimberly Newton Fusco
Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride of 1961 by Larry Jane Brimmer
Uprising by Margaret Haddix Peterson
Walking the Bus-Rider Blues by Harriet Gillem Robinet
War & Watermelon by R. Wallace

Picture Books (fiction & non-fiction)

12 Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by Charles R. Smith Jr.
Annie Glover is Not a Tree Lover by D. B Beard, & H. H. Maione
A Taste of Colored Water by Matt Faulkner
Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange



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- Dreamers*** by Yuyi Morales
Elizabeth Started It All by Doreen Rappaport
Enough! 20 Protestors Who Changed America by Emily Easton
Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington by Jabari Asim
Frederick Douglass, The Lion Who Wrote History by Walter Dean Myers
Freedom in Congo Square by Carole Boston Weatherford
Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles and Jerome Lagarrigue
Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
by Margot Lee Shetterly
Independent Dames by Laurie Halse Anderson and Matt Faulkner
Jake Makes A World: Jacob Lawrence, an Artist in Harlem
by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitt
Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters
by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Lift Every Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison
Little Melba and Her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell-Brown
Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Most Marshmallows by Rowboat Watkins
One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia
by Miranda Paul
Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights by Rob Sanders
Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis by Jabari Asim
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
Proud (Young Readers Edition): Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj
Muhammad Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey,
illustrated by Floyd Cooper
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey,
illustrated by Floyd Cooper
Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World
by Susan Hood
She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World
by Chelsea Clinton
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Stand Up and Sing: Pete Seeger, Folk Music, and the Path to Justice
by Susanna Reich
Stonewall: A Building, an Uprising, a Revolution by Rob Sanders
Take A Picture of Me, James Van Der Zee! by Andrea J. Lone
The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson,
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney
The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag by Rob Sanders
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson
We March by Shane Evans
Which Side Are You On?: The Story of a Song by G. E. Lyon C. Cardinale
Woke Baby by Mahogany L. Browne
Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present
by Jamia Wilson





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Non-Fiction

- 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice*** by Veronica Chambers
- An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People (ReVisioning American History for Young People)*** by Jean Mendoza, Debbie Reese, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- Between the World and Me*** by Te-Nehisi Coates
- Brown Girl Dreaming*** by Jacqueline Woodson
- Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*** by Phillip Hoose
- Enrique's Journey*** by Sonia Nazario
- Farewell to Manzanar*** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston
- Freedom Riders*** by Ann Bausum
- Glimmer of Hope: How Tragedy Sparked a Movement*** a collection of essays from Parkland Survivors
- I Am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai
- I Have The Right To : a high school survivor's story of sexual assault, justice, and hope*** by Chessy Prout
- Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A True Story of the Fight for Justice*** by Bryan Stevenson
- KID ACTIVISTS: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change*** by Robin Stevenson
- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*** by Layla F Saad
- Movement*** - A Collection of Essays from the Parkland Survivors
- Our Stories, Our Voices: 21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Parkland: Birth of a Movement*** by Dave Cullen
- Shout*** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Street*** by Gayle Pitman
- Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington*** by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, and Michael G. Long
- Up Female in America*** edited by Amy Reed
- We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults*** by Susan Kuklin
- We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*** edited by Wade Hudson
- When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter memoir*** by Patrisse Khan-Cullors
- You Are Mighty : A Guide to Changing the World*** by Caroline Paul
- Zeitoun*** by Dave Eggers

Graphic Literature

- Bad Houses*** by Sara Ryan
- Boxers and Saints*** by Gene Luen Yang
- Escape from Syria*** by Samya Kullab
- Gaijin: American Prisoner of War*** by Matt Faulkner
- Grand Theft Horse*** by Greg Neri
- I Am Alfonso Jones*** by Tony Medina
- Illegal*** by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donken
- March Books 1, 2, & 3*** by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
- New Kid*** by Jerry Craft
- Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling*** by Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer





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The Resistance Series by Carla Jablonski & Leland Purvis

The Silence of Our Friends by Nate Powell

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

Yummy by G. Neri

Poetry

1919 by Eve L. Ewing

Citizen by Claudia Rankine

The Witch Doesn't Burn in This One by Amanda Lovelace

LGBTQ+ Equality, Understanding, and Celebration

Young Adult Fiction

A Line In The Dark by Malinda Lo

All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens throughout the Ages

ed. by Sandra Mitchell

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Ask the Passengers by A.S. King

Beautiful Music for Ugly Children by Kirstin Cronn-Mills

Beauty of The Broken: a novel by Tawni Waters

Bloom by Kevin Panetta

Dear Rachel Maddow by Adrienne Kisner

Deliver Us from Evie by M. E. Kerr

Draw the Line by Lauren Line

Echo After Echo by Amy Rose Capetta

Empress of The World by Sara Ryan

Every Day by David Levithan

Far From You by Tess Sharpe

Fat Angie by E.E. Charlton-Trujillo

Fire Song by Adam Garnet Jones

Forgive Me If I've Told You This Before by Karelia Stetz-Waters

Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit by Jaye Robin Brown

Heart of Iron by Ashley Poston

I Felt A Funeral, In My Brain by Will Walton

If I was Your Girl by Meredith Russo

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

I Never by Laura Hopper

Kiss the Morning Star by Elissa Janin Hoole

Kissing Kate by Lauren Myracle

Lies My Girlfriend Told Me by Julie Anne Peters

Little & Lion by Brandy Colbert

More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera

My Best Friend, Maybe by Caela Carter

Odd One Out by Nic Stone

Of Fire and Stars by Audrey Coulthurst

Once and Future by Cori McCarthy & Amy Rose Capetta

One of Those Hideous Books Where The Mother Dies by Sonya Sones

One True Way by Shannon Hitchcock

Openly Straight by Bill Konigsberg

Otherbound by Corinne Duyvis



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Pet by Akwaeke Emezi
Picture Us in the Light by Kelly Loy Gilbert
Promise Me Something Sara Kocek
Pulp by Robin Talley
Release by Patrick Ness
Suicide Notes by Michael Thomas Ford
Summer of Salt by Katrina Leno
Tell Me Again How A Crush Should Feel by Sara Farizan
That Inevitable Victorian Thing by E.K. Johnston
The Difference Between You and Me by Madeleine George
The Gentleman's Guide to Vice And Virtue by Mackenzi Lee
The Inexplicable Logic of My Life : a novel by Benjamin Alire Saenz
The Miseducation of Cameron Post by Emily M. Danforth
The Music of What Happens by Bill Koningsberg
The Vast Fields of Ordinary by Nick Burd
The You I've Never Known by Ellen Hopkins
This Book is Gay by James Dawson
Top Ten by Katie Cotugno
True Letters from a Fictional Life by Kenneth Logan
Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan
We Are Okay by Nina Lacour
What If It's Us by Becky Albertalli
What We Left Behind by Robin Talley

Middle Grade Fiction

Alan Cole Doesn't Dance by Eric Bell
Ashes to Asheville by Sarah Dooley
Drum Roll, Please by Lisa Jenn Bigelow
Extraordinary Birds by Sandy Stark McGinnis
From Night Owl to Dogfish by Meg Wolitzer and Holly Sloan Goldberg
Goldeline by Jimmy Cajoleas
Hurricane Child by Kheryn Callender
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake
Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart
Love, Penelope by Joanne Rocklin
My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer by Jennifer Gennari
One True Way by Shannon Hitchcock
Nate books by Tim Federle
Saturdays with Hitchcock by Ellen Wittlinger
See You at Harry's by Jo Knowles
The Best Man by Richard Peck
The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams
The Lottery's More or Less by Emma Donoghue
The Pants Project by Cat Clarke
The Whispers by Greg Howard

Picture Books

A Plan for Pops by Heather Smith
Big Bob, Little Bob by James Howe
Eleanor Wyatt, Princess and Pirate by Rachel McFarlane
Harrison Dwight, Ballerina-Knight by Rachel McFarlane





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Home at Last by Chris Raschka and Vera B. Williams

I'm a Girl by Yasmeen Ismail

Introducing Teddy: a Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship

by Jessica Walton

Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

Lucía the Luchadora by Cynthia Leonor Garza

Mary Wears What She Wants by Keith Negley

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress by Christine Baldacchino

Ogilvy by Deborah Underwood

Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tomie de Paola

Pink is for Boys by Robb Pearlman

Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution by Rob Sanders

Teddy's Favorite Toy by Christian Trimmer

The Zombie Prince by Matt Beam

Worm Loves Worm by J.J. Austrian

Non-Fiction

A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns by Archie Bongiovanni
and Tristan Jimerson

A Quick and Easy Guide to Queer & Trans Identities by Mady G. and
J.R. Zuckerberg

Being Jazz : my life as a (transgender) teen by Jazz Jennings

Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin

Finding Nevo by Nevo Zesin

LGBTQ+ Athletes Claim the Field: Striving for Equality by Kirstin Cronn-Mills

Queer, There, And Everywhere: 23 people Who Changed the World

by Sarah Prager

***Rapture Practice: A True Story about Growing Up Gay in an Evangelical
Family*** by Aaron Hartzler

Stonewall: Breaking out in the Fight for Gay Rights by Ann Bausum

The letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to Their Younger Selves by Sarah Moon

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater

Viral: The Fight Against AIDS in America by Ann Bausum

Graphic Literature

Honor Girl by Maggie Thrash

Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me by Mariko Tamaki

On a Sunbeam by Tillie Walden

Pumpkin Heads by Rainbow Rowell

Skim by Mariko Tamaki

Spinning by Tillie Walden

Tomboy by Liz Prince

Poetry

Don't Call Us Dead by Danez Smith

I Shimmer Sometimes Too by Porsha Olayiwola

Night Sky with Exit Wounds by Ocan Vuong

Pansy by Andrea Gibson

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