

# LGBTQIA+ BOOK LIST

Use this grid to ensure your bookshelves include diverse LGBTQIA+ representation, and to support readers in finding books that depict specific queer identities and experiences. Grouped by age range and tagged with the identity/ies represented, the books on this grid include queer main character(s), queer family member(s), and/or clear LGBTQIA+ representation that is relevant to the main story arc.

| PICTURE BOOK / EARLY READER<br>(AGES 0–8)                           | AUTHOR /<br>ILLUSTRATOR           | LGBTQIA+<br>FAMILY MEMBER | LESBIAN/<br>SAPPHIC | GAY | BI / PAN | TRANSGENDER | NONBINARY /<br>GENDERFLUID | QUEER | QUESTIONING | INTERSEX | ARO / ACE / DEMI |
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| Awake, Asleep   | Kyle Lukoff & Nadia Alam          | •                         |                     |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Dragon Masters #22: Guarding the Invisible Dragons: A Branches Book | Tracey West & Matt Loveridge      |                           |                     |     |          |             | •                          |       |             |          |                  |
| Forever Home  | Henry Cole                        | •                         |                     |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Llama Glamarama   | Simon James Green & Garry Parsons |                           |                     |     |          |             |                            | MC    |             |          |                  |
| Mermaid Days: A Branches series                                     | Kyle Lukoff & Kat Uno             |                           |                     |     |          |             | MC                         |       |             |          |                  |
| My Moms Love Me *   | Anna Membrino & Joy Hwang Ruiz    | •                         |                     |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Prince Sacha's Fierce, Fabulous, Fancy Day                          | Jon Lau                           |                           |                     |     |          |             | MC                         |       |             |          |                  |

| MIDDLE GRADE<br>(AGES 8–12)                               | AUTHOR /<br>ILLUSTRATOR              | LGBTQIA+<br>FAMILY MEMBER | LESBIAN/<br>SAPPHIC | GAY | BI / PAN | TRANSGENDER | NONBINARY /<br>GENDERFLUID | QUEER | QUESTIONING | INTERSEX | ARO / ACE / DEMI |
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| A Touch of Ruckus   | Ash Van Otterloo                     |                           |                     |     |          |             | •                          | MC    |             |          |                  |
| Alice Austen Lived Here                                   | Alex Gino                            | •                         | •                   |     |          |             | MC                         | •     |             |          |                  |
| Battle Dragons series                                     | Alex London                          | •                         |                     |     |          |             | •                          | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Beautiful Something Else *                            | Ash Van Otterloo                     | •                         |                     |     |          | •           | MC                         | MC    |             |          | •                |
| Cattywampus   | Ash Van Otterloo                     | •                         |                     |     |          |             |                            | •     |             | MC       |                  |
| The Dragon Prince #2: Bloodmoon Huntress: A Graphic Novel | Nicole Andelfinger & Felia Hanakata  | •                         |                     |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Drama: A Graphic Novel                                    | Raina Telgemeier                     |                           |                     | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Elle Campbell Wins Their Weekend                          | Ben Kahn                             |                           | •                   |     | •        |             | MC                         |       | •           |          |                  |
| Gallowgate  | K.R. Alexander                       |                           |                     | MC  |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Green   | Alex Gino                            | •                         | •                   | •   | •        | •           | MC                         | MC    | •           |          | •                |
| Hurricane Child   | Kacen Callender                      |                           | MC                  |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Jude Saves the World *                                    | Ronnie Riley                         |                           |                     | •   | MC       |             | MC                         |       | •           |          |                  |
| Kaleidoscope  | Brian Selznick                       |                           |                     |     |          |             |                            | MC    |             |          |                  |
| Kinda Like Brothers                                       | Coe Booth                            |                           |                     | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| King and the Dragonflies                                  | Kacen Callender                      |                           |                     | MC  |          |             |                            |       | MC          |          |                  |
| The Language of Seabirds *                                | Will Taylor                          |                           |                     | MC  |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Lottery Plus One                                      | Emma Donoghue & Caroline Hadilaksono | •                         | •                   | •   |          | •           | •                          |       |             |          |                  |
| The Marvels   | Brian Selznick                       | •                         |                     | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Melissa (previously published as George) *                | Alex Gino                            |                           |                     |     |          | MC          |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Meow or Never: A Wish Novel                               | Jazz Taylor                          | •                         | MC                  |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Moonflower *  | Kacen Callender                      |                           |                     |     |          |             | MC                         |       |             |          |                  |
| The Moon Within   | Aida Salazar                         |                           |                     |     |          |             | •                          |       |             |          |                  |
| My Fate According to the Butterfly                        | Gail D. Villanueva                   | •                         |                     |     | •        |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| One True Way  | Shannon Hitchcock                    |                           | MC                  |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Parachute Kids: A Graphic Novel                           | Betty C. Tang                        | •                         |                     | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| The Parker Inheritance                                    | Varian Johnson                       | •                         |                     | •   |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Rick  | Alex Gino                            | •                         | •                   | •   | •        | •           | •                          | •     | MC          |          | MC               |
| Starting From Scratch: A Wish Novel *                     | Jazz Taylor                          | •                         | •                   |     |          |             | •                          |       |             |          |                  |
| The Witch Boy: A Graphic Novel series                     | Molly Knox Ostertag                  | •                         |                     |     |          |             | MC                         | •     |             |          |                  |
| Witchlings series *                                       | Claribel A. Ortega                   |                           | •                   |     |          |             | •                          | •     |             |          |                  |
| You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!                       | Alex Gino                            | •                         | •                   |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |

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| A Very, Very Bad Thing                 | Jeffery Self                          |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| And She Was                            | Jessica Verdi                         | •                         |                      |     |          | •           |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| As Long As We're Together              | Brianna Peppins                       |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Beholder                               | Ryan La Sala                          | •                         | •                    | •   | MC       |             | •                          | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Bridge                             | Bill Konigsberg                       |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Debating Darcy                         | Sayantani DasGupta                    |                           |                      | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Destination Unknown *                  | Bill Konigsberg                       |                           | •                    | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Drag Teen                              | Jeffery Self                          |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| The Dreamer Trilogy                    | Maggie Stiefvater                     |                           | MC                   | MC  | MC       |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Feeling of Falling in Love *       | Mason Deaver                          | •                         |                      | •   |          | MC          | •                          | •     | •           |          |                  |
| Fire Becomes Her                       | Rosiee Thor                           |                           | •                    |     | MC       | •           | •                          | •     |             |          | MC               |
| Follow Your Arrow                      | Jessica Verdi                         |                           | •                    | •   | MC       | •           |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Gay Club! *                            | Simon James Green                     |                           | •                    | MC  | •        | •           |                            | •     |             |          | •                |
| The Ghosts We Keep                     | Mason Deaver                          | •                         |                      | •   | •        | •           | MC                         | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Girl from the Sea: A Graphic Novel | Molly Knox Ostertag                   |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Going Viral                            | Katie Cicutelli-Kuc                   |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Heartstopper: A Graphic Novel series   | Alice Oseman                          |                           | •                    | MC  | MC       | •           |                            |       | MC          |          | •                |
| Here the Whole Time                    | Vitor Martins (Trans. Larissa Helena) |                           | •                    | MC  | •        |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Honestly Ben                           | Bill Konigsberg                       |                           |                      | •   |          |             |                            | MC    | MC          |          |                  |
| The Honeys *                           | Ryan La Sala                          |                           | •                    | MC  |          |             | MC                         | •     | •           |          |                  |
| I Felt a Funeral, In My Brain          | Will Walton                           |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| I Was Born for This *                  | Alice Oseman                          |                           |                      | MC  | •        | MC          |                            |       | MC          |          |                  |
| I Wish You All the Best                | Mason Deaver                          |                           |                      |     |          |             | MC                         | MC    |             |          |                  |
| Into the Bloodred Woods                | Martha Brockenbrough                  |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| K-Pop Revolution                       | Stephan Lee                           |                           | •                    | •   |          |             | •                          |       |             |          |                  |
| Lethal Lit series                      | K. Ancrum, Micol Ostow                | •                         | •                    | •   | MC       |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Library of Broken Worlds *             | Alaya Dawn Johnson                    |                           |                      |     | MC       |             | •                          |       |             |          |                  |
| The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali      | Sabina Khan                           |                           | MC                   | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Love Is the Drug                       | Alaya Dawn Johnson                    |                           | •                    |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Love Letters for Joy *                 | Melissa See                           | •                         | •                    | •   | MC       |             |                            | •     |             |          | MC               |
| Loveless                               | Alice Oseman                          | •                         | •                    | •   | •        |             | •                          |       | MC          |          | MC               |
| Magical Boy: A Graphic Novel series *  | The Kao                               |                           | •                    | •   |          | MC          |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Meet Me in Mumbai                      | Sabina Khan                           | •                         | •                    | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Monarch Rising                         | Harper Glenn                          |                           | •                    | •   |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Music of What Happens              | Bill Konigsberg                       |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Muted                                  | Tami Charles                          |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Nick & Charlie *                       | Alice Oseman                          |                           |                      | MC  | MC       | •           |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| The Night of Your Life                 | Lydia Sharp                           | •                         | •                    |     | •        | •           |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Openly Straight                        | Bill Konigsberg                       |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       | •           |          |                  |
| Out of the Fire                        | Andrea Contos                         |                           | •                    |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| The Porcupine of Truth                 | Bill Konigsberg                       | •                         | •                    | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Ready When You Are                     | Gary Lonesborough                     |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            |       | MC          |          |                  |
| Rise to the Sun                        | Leah Johnson                          |                           | MC                   |     | MC       |             |                            | MC    |             |          |                  |
| Rosewood: A Midsummer Meet Cute        | Sayantani DasGupta                    | •                         | •                    |     | •        |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Run                                    | Kody Keplinger                        |                           |                      |     | MC       |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Sixteen Souls                          | Rosiee Talbot                         |                           |                      | MC  |          | •           |                            |       | •           |          |                  |
| Solitaire                              | Alice Oseman                          | •                         |                      | •   |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Stars in Their Eyes: A Graphic Novel   | Jessica Walton & Aśka                 |                           |                      |     | MC       |             | •                          | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Summer Prince                      | Alaya Dawn Johnson                    | •                         | •                    |     | MC       |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| Tarnished Are the Stars                | Rosiee Thor                           |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            | MC    | •           |          | MC               |
| Technically, You Started It            | Lana Wood Johnson                     |                           |                      |     | MC       |             |                            |       |             |          | MC               |
| Tell Me No Lies                        | Andrea Contos                         |                           |                      |     | MC       |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| That's Not What Happened               | Kody Keplinger                        |                           | •                    |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          | MC               |

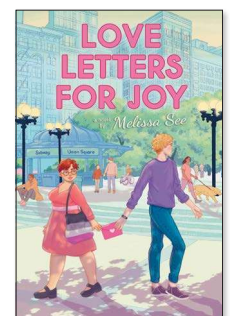
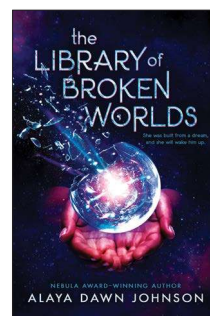
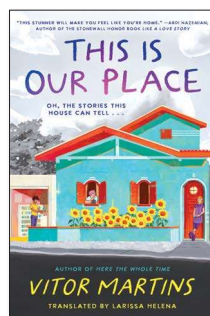
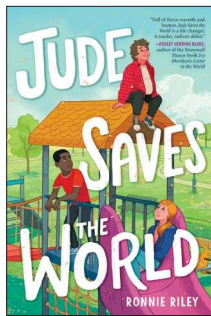
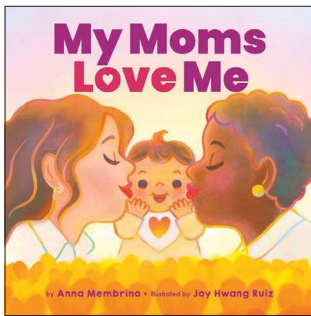
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| <b>The Half-Life of Love</b>                                     | <b>Brianna Bourne</b>                      |                           | •                    | •   |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| Things We Couldn't Say   | Jay Coles                                  | •                         |                      |     | MC       |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| This Is Our Place *  | Vitor Martins (Trans. Larissa Helena)      |                           | MC                   | MC  | MC       |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| This Winter  | Alice Oseman                               | •                         |                      | MC  | •        |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| <b>Unbecoming</b>  | <b>Jenny Downham</b>                       |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            |       | MC          |          |                  |
| Welcome to St. Hell: My Trans Teen Misadventure: A Graphic Novel | Lewis Hancox                               |                           | •                    |     | •        | MC          |                            |       | MC          |          |                  |
| What a Desi Girl Wants   | Sabina Khan                                |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| <b>Where We Go From Here</b>                                     | <b>Lucas Rocha (Trans. Larissa Helena)</b> |                           |                      | MC  |          |             |                            | •     |             |          |                  |
| The Witchery series  | S. Isabelle                                |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            | MC    |             |          |                  |
| <b>You Should See Me in a Crown</b>                              | <b>Leah Johnson</b>                        |                           | MC                   |     |          |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |
| <b>Zara Hossain Is Here</b>                                      | <b>Sabina Khan</b>                         | •                         |                      |     | MC       |             |                            |       |             |          |                  |

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