

Alt Ed

By Catherin Atkins

Participating in a special after-school counseling class with other troubled students, including a sensitive gay classmate, helps Susan, an overweight tenth grader, develop a better sense of herself.

If It Doesn't Kill You

By Margaret Bechard

High school freshman Ben should be enjoying playing football, meeting girls, and going to parties, but he's too busy trying to cope with his father's moving out to live with another man.

Hit the Road, Manny

By Christian Burch

As the Dalinger family travels across America in a rented recreational vehicle, Keats grows more accepting of the attention-getting behavior of their "manny"--male nanny--especially after a visit with the manny's parents on their Wyoming ranch.

Pedro and Me

By Judd Winick

In graphic art format, describes the friendship between two roommates on the MTV show "Real World," one of whom died of AIDS.

Luna

By Julie Anne Peters

Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.



One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies

By Sonya Sones

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.

The Misfits

By James Howe

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Totally Joe

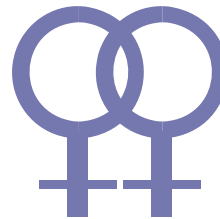
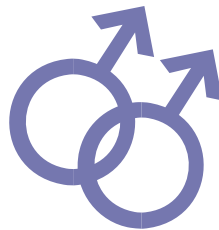
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As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography--life from A to Z--and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.

Show, Don't Tell

By Paul Ruditis

The Renaissance Faire has come to town! Okay, so the exclamation point doesn't make it any cooler, but Sam is overjoyed to reunite with her former faire folk. Bryan, on the other hand, can do without all the "thees," "thous," and, oh yes, man tights. But he'd best take part in the festivities lest he lose his head with Sam doing the chopping.

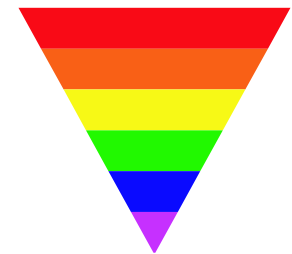


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Books with GLBTQ Characters

**(Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,
Transgendered or
Questioning)**



So Hard to Say

By Alex Sanchez

Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican-American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends, but when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay.

.Absolutely, Positively Not

By David LaRochelle

Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving "Playboy" pinup displaying heterosexual.

I've Known Since I was Eight

By Sophie Glasser

Sarah Goldberg is a high school student who has known she was gay since she was eight. With a little help from her bisexual friend Jarod and her grandmother's love, she forms a friendship with the girl of her dreams, and they become involved. Sarah's new relationship forces her to finally deal with coming out to family, friends, and the entire school. As Sarah grows stronger in herself and her identity, she deals with homophobia and threats of violence, as well as a surprising amount of tolerance and support.

Big Guy

By Robin Stevenson

Derek thinks he might be falling in love but he hasn't been honest with his online boyfriend: the photo he sent Ethan was taken before he gained eighty pounds. He also lied about his age and experience to get a job with disabled adults. He meets Aaliyah who questions Derek's thoughts and actions about honesty and trust.

Girl, (Nearly) Sixteen, Absolute Torture

By Sue Limb

Jess knows her summer plans are ruined but little could she imagine the huge surprise that awaits her when she visits her dad's home for the first time in years.

Keesha's House

By Helen Frost

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again

Love Rules

By Marilyn Reynolds

Seventeen-year-old Lynn experiences surprise, discomfort, and a new awareness of prejudices and stereotyping when her best friend Kit comes out as a lesbian.

Hero

By Perry Moore

Thomas Creed has super powers like his father, but his father was disowned by the league of superheroes that wants Thom to join. He doesn't want to hurt his father so he keeps his special powers and other things secret. In the League he uncovers a deadly conspiracy. To survive, Thom will have to face challenges he never imagined; to find happiness, he must come to terms with his father's past and discover the kind of hero he really wants to be.

The Hemingway Tradition

By Kristin Butcher

Shaw moves to Winnipeg after the suicide of his father and is forced to confront his feelings about loss, rejection, and the fact his father was gay.

Empress of the World

By Sara Ryan

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.

Bright Purple

By Melody Carlson

When Ramona learns that her best friend since grade school is a lesbian, she struggles to decide how to respond, knowing that people of her community, and even her church, have trouble discussing homosexuality civilly.

Crush

By Carrie Mac

During a summer in New York, Hope falls in love with another girl and wonders if that means she is gay.

The House You Pass on the Way

By Jacqueline Woodson

When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.

M or F?

By Lisa Papademetriou

Gay teen Marcus helps his friend Frannie chat up her crush online, but then becomes convinced that the crush is falling for him instead.

Royally Jacked

By Niki Burnham

In less than a week, 15-year-old Valerie's mother announces that she is gay and her father is given a new job as protocol chief for the royal family in an obscure European country. Opting to go with her father, Valerie quickly learns that this is a mistake--until she meets the prince, and all bets are off!

Entrances and Exits

By Paul Ruditis

It's time for the Fall One-Act Festival, and Hope gets the honored privilege of debuting her very first original play! With Bryan directing and Jason and Sam as the leads, it seems as if nothing could go wrong with this dream team of talent. But where's the fun in that? Enter Sam and Jason's onstage chemistry that's so hot, it's working overtime offstage! Course, Sam's real-life beau, Eric, isn't so cool with that. And what about Bryan? With his sexual orientation public knowledge, he's gaining some admiring attention from the most unexpected people. Can you blame them? With all these raging hormones, it'll be a wonder if the play goes off at all. And the after party? Please - that'll be a show all in itself...