



CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE

LGBTQ+ Inclusive Book List, 2019

When making a selection of children's literature for your students, look for stories that represent all of the beautiful, diverse identities in your classroom. Make sure your students have the opportunity to choose books that portray diverse families as well as books with story lines that explore a broad range of gender behaviors and experiences. By choosing stories that challenge dominant narratives, you are creating a safer and more inclusive school climate for everyone.



Intersection Allies

by Chelsea Johnson, 2019

A celebration of solidarity, allyship, and community... shows readers how identities are made up of myriad influences. Powerful introduction by activist and law professor Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw, who coined the term "intersectionality."



When Aidan Became a Brother

by Kyle Lukoff, 2019

This sweet #ownvoices picture book celebrates the changes in a transgender boy's life, from his initial coming out to becoming a big brother.



They Call Me Mix / Me Lllaman Maestre

by Lourdes Rivas, 2018

A bilingual book based on Rivas' life that teaches young children about gender pronouns and how the gender binary doesn't encapsulate everyone.



Julián is a Mermaid

by Jessica Love, 2018

A glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world. A simply gorgeous picture book about identity, imagination, and the importance of loving acceptance.



A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo

by Jill Twiss, 2018

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver presents a book about a fictional day in the life of Marlon Bundo, the real-life pet rabbit of Vice President Mike Pence and details the same-sex romance between Marlon Bundo and another rabbit named Wesley.



A House for Everyone

by Jo Hirst, 2018

At lunchtime, all of Tom's friends gather at school to work together building their house. Each one of them has a special job to do, and each one of them has a different way of expressing their gender identities.

Stacey's Not a Girl

by Colt Keo-Meier, 2017

Stacey does not feel like a girl, but is not so sure they are a boy either. This book introduces gender beyond the binary and is the first book of its kind with all transgender contributors: author, illustrator, and designer.



Who are You?...

by Brook Pessin-Whedbee, 2016

What do you like? How do you feel? Who are you? This brightly illustrated children's book provides a straightforward introduction to gender. It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, expression, and identity.



The Boy & the Bindi

by Vivek Shraya, 2016

A book about a young boy's obsession with his mother's bindi and his experiences when he wears one.



One of a Kind, Like Me / Único Como Yo

by Laurin Mayeno, 2016

Based on a true story, this timely picture book tells the story of Danny, who wants to be a princess for the school parade.



I'm a Girl

by Yasmeen Ismail, 2015

The girl in this book likes to win; she likes to be spontaneous, fast, and strong; and because she also likes to dress in T-shirt and shorts, she is forever getting mistaken for a boy.



Donovan's Big Day

by Lesléa Newman, 2011

Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin.



Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald no combina

by Monica Brown, 2011

Marisol McDonald, a biracial, nonconformist, soccer-playing-pirate-princess with brown skin and red hair, celebrates her uniqueness. Bilingual.



Goal!

by Mina Javaherbin, 2010

In a township in South Africa, Ajani and his friends have earned a brand-new, federation-size soccer ball. When a crew of bullies tries to steal their ball, Ajani and his friends work together beat them at their own game.



My Name Is Bilal

by Asma Mobin-Uddin & Barbara Kiwak, Boyds, 2005

Bilal and his sister transfer to a new school where they are the only Muslim students. After a boy pulls off Ayesha's headscarf, Bilal, with the help of a teacher, finds the courage to stand up to the bullies.



Antonio's Card / La tarjeta de Antonio

by Rigoberto González, 2005



Mother's Day is coming soon, and Antonio searches for the words to express his love for his mother and her partner, Leslie. But he's not sure what to do when his classmates make fun of Leslie, an artist, who towers over everyone and wears paint-splattered overalls. In this bilingual story, Antonio appreciates how important Leslie is to his family.



Elena's Serenade

by Campbell Geeslin, 2004

In this story set in Mexico, a young girl longingly watches her papa blow into a pipe to create bottles, and dreams about doing the same. Papa disapproves, with comments about her size and gender. Hurt and angry, Elena takes her brother's advice and, disguised as a boy, begins a journey to Monterrey, home of the great glassblowers.