



## Books with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and/or Transgendered themes or main characters

### **Am I Blue? Coming Out From the Silence**

*Bauer, Marion Dane*

813.08 Am1 1994

An anthology of young adult authors' writings with lesbian and gay themes. This book includes stories from M.E. Kerr, Nancy Garden, William Sleator, Jane Yolen, Lois Lowry, and Francesca Lia Block.

### **Baby Be-bop**

*Block, Francesca Lia*

Fiction B622b1997

A prequel to *Weetzie Bat*, this book is all about Dirk and how he came to know he was gay, his battles with peers in high school, and what happens when he loves someone who can't or won't love him back.

### **Dare, Truth, or Promise**

*Boock, Paula*

Fiction B6436d

Two girls, Louie and Willa, fall in love. However, Louie's family doesn't approve and forbid her from seeing Willa. Though the two girls try to stay apart, they can't. Willa knows that their love is right, but she must wait for Louie to realize that too.

### **The Perks of Being a Wallflower**

*Chbosky, Stephen*

Fiction C399p1999

A series of letters to an unknown correspondent reveals the coming-of-age trials of a high-schooler named Charlie.

### **Kissing the Witch: Old Tales in New Skins**

*Donoghue, Emma*

Fiction D719k1999

These revised fairy tales have a feminist and/or lesbian twist. The female characters are well-developed and strong while the male characters are stupid and shallow. Full of violence and passion, these well-known stories are far different than the Disney versions.

### **Dive**

*Donovan, Stacey*

Fiction D7191d2000

Everything goes wrong at once for Virginia, a.k.a. "V." Her dog is in a hit-and-run, her dad has a mysterious illness, and her mom starts drinking again. When V can't handle the stress of her problems, Jane gives her support and their relationship turns into love.

### **Eight Seconds**

*Ferris, Jean*

Fiction F4173e2000

John meets Kit at rodeo school one summer during high school. Kit fascinates John, and later John finds out that Kit is gay. After spending more time with Kit, John realizes that he is gay as well.

**My Heartbeat**

*Freyman-Wehr, Garrett*

Fiction W423h

Ellen admires her older brother, Link, and his gorgeous best friend, James. When people begin to think that Link and James are a couple, James becomes uncomfortable, but Link does not. When Link is not around, Ellen becomes romantically involved with James.

**Annie On My Mind**

*Garden, Nancy*

Fiction G167a

Liza doesn't realize at first that her feelings for Annie are more than friendly. Annie has accepted her own lesbianism, but Liza has not. When Liza's and Annie's romantic relationship is discovered and exposed by a school teacher, Liza rebels and rejects Annie. However, later Liza accepts that she really does love Annie.

**Moon Rising**

*Garden, Nancy*

Fiction G167g

Jan doesn't get the part of Elizabeth in the school play, *The Crucible*. Instead, it goes to Kerry. When Jan steps in as director and coaches Kerry, she finds her feelings for Kerry turning to love. Amidst whispers about and threats against lesbian lovers, they come out and hope, temporarily, that their problems are solved.

**Geography Club**

*Hartinger, Brent*

Fiction H254ge2002

Russell is gay and discovers not only that the guy he has a crush on is gay but some of his other friends are as well. Together they form the Geography Club to allow themselves to be with like-minded people. However, this safe haven lasts only a short time.

**Deliver Us from Evie**

*Kerr, M.E.*

Fiction K464de1994

Parr narrates a story about his "too perfect" sister, Evie. However, this image is destroyed when he discovers that Evie is a lesbian and her whole life has been a lie.

**Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes**

*Kushner, Tony*

812 K968a1995

This celebrated play portrays a handful of individuals living in New York, making sense of the world, and coping with the effects of AIDS on those around them. Mike Nickels directed the HBO film version in 2003.

**Absolutely, Positively Not**

*LaRochelle, David*

Fiction L327a

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

**Boy Meets Boy**

*Levithan, David*

Fiction L57922b

In a school where the cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance, Paul strives to win the love of Noah before the odds are completely against him.

**The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities**

Levithan, David and Merrell, Bill; editors

306.7660835 F957

This collection of original poems, essays, and stories by gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, transitioning, and questioning young adults explores issues of coming out, family, friendship, religion/faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many others.

**The Realm of Possibility**

*Levinthan, David*

Fiction L579re

One school. Twenty voices. Endless possibilities. There's the girl who is in love with Holden Caulfield. The boy who wants to be strong who falls for the girl who's convinced she needs to be weak. The girl who writes love songs for a girl she can't have. The two boys teetering on the brink of their first anniversary. And, everyone in between.

**The Shared Heart: Portraits and Stories Celebrating Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Young People**

*Mastoon, Adam*

Q. 305.23508664 M394s

This book includes true stories about young adults today and how they live their lives. Stories include how and when they came out and the reactions of their families and friends to the news.

**Kissing Kate**

*Myracle, Lauren*

Fiction M996k

Sixteen-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes after they kiss at a party. Lissa does not know what to do, until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.

**Empress of the World**

*Ryan, Sara*

Fiction R9581em2001

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.

**Rainbow Boys**

*Sanchez, Alex*

Fiction Sa545ra2003

Nelson is out and in love with Kyle. Kyle, while not out, is in love with Jason. Jason can't accept that he might be gay, but he joins with Nelson and Kyle at a Rainbow Youth meeting. This creates a bond among the boys that extends beyond mere friendship.

**Rainbow High**

*Sanchez, Alex*

Fiction Sa551rh

This book follows three gay high school seniors as they struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love, and college choices.

**The Center of the World**

*Steinhofel, Andreas*

Fiction St358m:E

As he works through his often difficult relationships with his single mother, distant twin sister, first boyfriend, and an odd assortment of friends, a teenage boy learns about the wounds and healing brought by love.

**The Blue Lawn**

*Taylor, William*

Fiction T2192b

A fifteen-year-old boy acknowledges his attraction to an older rugby teammate as he also begins to break out of the preconceived notions his family and others have about him.

**Finding H.F.**

*Watts, Julia*

Fiction W349fi2001

Heavenly Faith (H.F) doesn't fit in. She loves Wendy, and she finds out her best friend, Bo, is homosexual as well. The two leave to find H.F.'s mother who abandoned her. Along the way they meet other gay teens and learn much about life outside their small town, whether they want to or not.

**Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss and What I Learned**

*Winick, Judd*

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In graphic novel format, Judd describes his experiences on MTV's *The Real World* as he rooms with Pedro, an HIV-positive AIDS activist.

**Hard Love**

*Wittlinger, Ellen*

Fiction W786ha1999

After publishing a zine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets Marisol, a fellow zine writer who he begins to fall for even though he knows she is lesbian.