Teens

How it all Blew Up
YA Ahmadi, Arvin
Eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi always knew coming out to his Muslim family would be messy but didn’t think it would end in an airport interrogation room.

What If It’s Us
YA Albertalli, Becky and Silvera, Adam
A chance meeting brings Arthur and Ben together, but after three failed attempts at dating, they wonder if the universe is just messing with them.

All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages
edited by Saundra Mitchell
YA All
Seventeen authors across the queer spectrum have come together to create a collection of diverse historical fiction for teens.

Sasha Masha
YA Borinksy, Agnes
High school junior Alex has just begun dating when he begins to realize his true identity as a young woman named Sasha Masha.

Zenobia July
YA Bunker, Lisa
Solving a cyberbullying mystery may be easier than Zenobia July understanding who she really is.

Felix Ever After
YA Callender, Kacen
Felix Love, a transgender seventeen-year-old, attempts to get revenge by catfishing his bully, but lands in a quasi-love triangle instead.

Dreadnought
YA Daniels, April
She was once known as Danny, but is now Dreadnought, a trans superhero who must face off against a cyborg villain, but she finds living in her new body is more complicated than she imagined.

Pet
YA Emezi, Akwaeke
In a near-future society, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam’s mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster

You Should See Me in a Crown
YA Johnson, Leah
When Liz Lighty doesn’t get the music scholarship she wants, she does the next best thing: try for one of the scholarships given to the class queen and king.

Let’s Talk About Love
YA Kann, Claire
Alice is asexual and afraid to explain.

The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali
YA Khan, Sabina
Rukhsana is in love with her girlfriend and pushing back against her family’s expectations.

The Bridge
YA Konigsberg, Bill
Aaron is a gay misfit struggling with depression and loneliness. Tillie isn’t sure what her problem is -- only that she will never be good enough. They don’t know each other, but they arrive at the George Washington Bridge at the same time, intending to jump.

Reverie
YA La Sala, Ryan
Kane Montgomery wakes up without any memory of the recent past and discovers a world where dreams known as reveries take on a life of their own.

We Are Okay
YA LaCour, Nina
Marin must face the truth, not run from it.

Ash
YA Lo, Malinda
A retelling of the Cinderella story in which the main character falls in love with the King’s huntress instead of the prince.

Last Night at the Telegraph Club
YA Lo, Malinda

The Infinite Noise
YA Shippen, Lauren
When Caleb, an Atypical with the enhanced ability to experience the emotions of those around him, feels drawn toward Adam, a gay, depressed classmate, he discovers that his therapist, and Adam’s neuroscientist parents, know more about what’s going on than they’re saying.

Cemetery Boys
YA Thomas, Aiden
Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his school’s bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Flamer
YA 741.5973 Curato, Mike
The summer between middle school and high school Aiden Navarro is away at camp. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias, a boy he can’t stop thinking about, he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance.

The Prince and the Dressmaker
YA 741.5973 Wang, Jen
At night, Prince Sebastian is the fabulously-fashionable Lady Crystallia.
**Tweens**

**Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World**
X Blake, Ashley Herring
When twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen’s house is destroyed in a tornado, her life is turned upside down and her journal goes missing. When pages from her journal show up in her locker at school with notes telling Ivy to be true to herself, Ivy begins to wonder if the person putting the notes in her locker is the girl she has a crush on.

**The Deepest Breath**
X Grehan, Meg
Knowing things makes Stevie feel safe, powerful, and in control should anything bad happen. But there’s one thing Stevie doesn’t know: the fizzy feeling she gets in her chest when she looks at her friend Chloe.

**Too Bright to See**
X Lukoff, Kyle
After eleven-year-old Bug’s beloved uncle passes, Bug begins to believe they are being haunted by more than just the usual ghosts that roam their old house. Bug knows their uncle is trying hard to tell them something, but what?

**Spin With Me**
X Polonsky, Amy
Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie and Ollie, a non-binary classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label.

**Snapdragon**
X 740 Leyh, Kat
A magical realist story about Snap, a young girl who befriends her town’s witch and discovers the strange magic within herself.

**The Witch Boy**
X 740 Ostertag, Molly
In thirteen-year-old Aster’s family, girls are witches and boy are shapeshifters, but Aster hasn’t shapeshifted yet and is more interested in witchery. When danger threatens his family, Aster knows he can help by using his witch powers, but will his family accept him for who he truly is?

**King and the Dragonflies**
X Callender, Kacen
In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy’s grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

**Hurricane Child**
X Callender, Kacen
Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl, and together they set out during a hurricane to find Caroline’s missing mother.

**A Home for Goddesses and Dogs**
X Connor, Leslie
After the death of her mother, Lydia moves in with her aunts and learns to find a new family of inspiring women and loving dogs.

**George**
X Gino, Alex
When people look at George, they see a boy. George sees herself as she truly is, a girl. When a class play gives George a chance to show everyone who she is, she takes it.

**Rick**
X Gino, Alex
Rick explores his identity and decides for himself who he wants to be.

This list highlights diverse books with significant LGBTQ+ content.

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