

Rainbow Reads

These books featuring gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning, and transgender characters and issues can be found in the young adult (YA) and Teen collections. This is not a comprehensive list of our holdings on this topic; please ask the librarian for further assistance. Authors with a star beside their name have written more than one book with GLBTQ themes.

Location	Title/Author	Grade	Synopsis
Teen CAM	<u>Someday This Pain Will Be Useful To You</u> By Peter Cameron	9 – 12	He's been accepted by Brown University, but 18-year-old James isn't sure he wants to go to college. What he really wants is to buy a nice house in a small town somewhere in the Midwest. In the meantime, however, he has a dull, make-work job at his thrice-married mother's Manhattan art gallery, where he finds himself attracted to her assistant, an older man named John.
YA HOW	<u>Totally Joe</u> By James Howe	6 – 9	As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography--life from A to Z--exploring issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being gay.
Teen JOH	<u>The Bermudez Triangle</u> By Maureen Johnson	7 - 12	Nina, Mel and Avery have always been BFF. But when Nina goes away the summer before senior year, Mel and Avery begin dating. When Nina returns, she has to cope with the fact that the Steve, the eco-warrior boyfriend she met at the summer program is 3,000 miles away in Oregon, as well as deal with the new relationship between her two best friends.
Teen LEV *	<u>Boy Meets Boy</u> By David Levithan	8 – 12	High school sophomore Paul lives in a present-day gaytopia, where boys come out of the closet to become class president, and the Gay-Straight Alliance has more members than the football team.
Teen LOC	<u>Dramarama</u> By E Lockhart	7 - 12	Two small town Ohio best friends are accepted into a prestigious summer performing arts camp. Demi, black and gay, gets to be himself for the first time. Narrator Sarah (reenvisioned as Sadye after a wardrobe makeover and serious haircut) plans for camp greatness, but soon her dreams seem to be in jeopardy.
Teen MED	<u>The Straight Road to Kylie</u> By Nico Medina	8 – 12	Jonathan has a mistaken one-night stand with a girl and now he has to go back into the closet in order to get the wish of a lifetime—a trip to see Kylie Minogue—in this hilarious book.
Teen MOO	<u>Hero</u> By Perry Moore	9 – 12	To keep from disappointing his dad, a disgraced superhero who now toils as a factory drudge, teenager Thom keeps his gay identity and his developing superpowers a secret.
YA PET *	<u>Between Mom and Jo</u> By Julie Anne Peters	6 – 9	Nick has two moms - Erin, his birth mom, and Jo, her partner. Jo might have some problems, but she's the one who Nick relates to. When his mom and Jo split up, Nick feels betrayed.
Teen RYA *	<u>Empress of the World</u> By Sara Ryan	8 – 12	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.
Teen TRU	<u>7 Days at the Hot Corner</u> By Terry Trueman	8 - 12	After learning that his best friend Travis is gay, varsity baseball player Scott decides to get an AIDS test. As he waits for the results, he grapples with his own homophobia and rides the high of his team's record winning streak.