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57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives
Dashka Slater
This riveting nonfiction book for teens about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment tells the true story of an adolescent boy who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California. 2017
RL 6.5 IL 7-12 Farrar, Straus, Giroux
__149480 ................................. $20.45

Alan Cole Is Not a Coward
Bell, Eric
Hoping to keep his older brother Nathan silent about his secret crush on another boy at their school, twelve-year-old Alan agrees to a ruthless sibling competition involving nearly impossible tasks—from standing up to their demanding father to getting a first kiss. 2017
RL 4.5 IL 4-7 HarperCollins
__149180 ................................. $14.44

All Families Are Special
Simon, Norma
Students in Mrs. Mack’s class describe their families--big or small, living together or apart, with two moms or none--and learn why every family is special and important. 2003
RL 3.2 IL K-3 Albert Whitman
__7501 ................................. $19.91

Alliance
Goodman, Gabriel
After the suicide of gay student Jamie Ballard, his straight best friend Scott King and LGBT community member Carmen Mendoza decide to do something about the situation. 2013
RL 3.9 IL 7-12 Darby Creek Publisher
__543550 ................................. $20.99

Amazing Grace
Hoffman, Mary
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. 1991
RL 3.5 IL K-3 Dial
__9207 ................................. $20.69

And Tango Makes Three
Richardson, Justin & Parnell, Peter
At New York City’s Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches. 2005
RL 3.5 IL P-2 Simon & Schuster, Inc.
__136477 ................................. $20.69

Arielle’s Pal Kevin Keller
Parent, Dan
Follows Riverdale’s newest resident Kevin Kendall as he meets Arielle and his friends, falls in love with journalism, and is inspired to join the military. 2012
RL 7 IL 7-12 Random House
__112213 ................................. $16.99

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe
Saenz, Benjamin Alire
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before. 2012
RL 2.9 IL 7-12 Simon & Schuster, Inc.
__69989 ................................. $18.38

Art of Being Normal
Williamson, Lisa David
Piper, always an outsider, forms an unlikely friendship with Leo Denton who, from the first day at his new school wants only to be invisible, but when David’s deepest secret gets out, that he wants to be a girl, things get very messy for both of them. 2016
RL 4.8 IL 9-12 Farrar, Straus, Giroux
__120053 ................................. $15.29

Art of Starving
Miller, Sam J
A gay teen with an eating disorder that he believes gives him supernatural mental clarity decides to infiltrate the life of a bully responsible for driving away his sister--an effort that ultimately leads to greater self-acceptance. 2017
RL 9 IL 9-12 HarperCollins
__146078 ................................. $20.45

As the Crow Flies
Gillman, Melanie
A black teenager with a non-heteronormative sexual identity finds herself stranded in a dangerous and unfamiliar place: an all-white Christian youth backpacking camp. 2017
RL 7 IL 6-8 Consortium
__160057 ................................. $31.12

Ashes to Asheville
Dooley, Sarah
Twelve-year-old Fella is swept away on a wild road trip by her older sister Zany to fulfill their late mother’s dying wish. 2017
RL 4.9 IL 5-9 G. P. Putnam’s Sons
__136592 ................................. $14.44

At the Edge of the Universe
Hutchinson, Shaun
When his best friend-turned-boyfriend goes missing and seems to be remembered by nobody else, Ozzie begins to believe that the universe is shrinking and forges ties with a new friend while struggling to figure out what is happening. 2017
RL 5.2 IL 9-12 Simon & Schuster, Inc.
__137126 ................................. $15.29

Beautiful Music for Ugly Children
Cronn-Mills, Kirstin
High school student Gabe, born Liz, struggles with issues of acceptance, bullying, and first love, while forging a new gender identity and DJing an increasingly popular alternative music show on public-access radio. Mature content. Contains Mature Material 2012
RL 3.9 IL 9+ North Star
__79126 ................................. $7.62

Best Man
Peck, Richard
Archer has four important role models in his life—his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod, but when Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer’s sixth-grade year becomes one he’ll never forget. 2017
RL 4.1 IL 4-7 Penguin
__138055 ................................. $14.47
**Better Nate Than Ever**  
_Federle, Tim_  
An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."  
2013  
RL 5.9 IL 4-7  
_Simon & Schuster, Inc._  
___81066 ........................................ $13.69

**Beyond Clueless**  
_Alsenas, Linas_  
Fourteen-year-old Marty Sullivan attends an all-girl Catholic high school while her best friend, Jimmy, goes to public school in a different town and when he comes out of the closet, he finds a new group of friends while Marty finds connections, and also confusion and uncertainty, through her school's fall musical.  
2015  
RL 7 IL 7-12  
_Harry N Abrams, Inc._  
___110591 .......................................... $14.41

**Boy Meets Boy**  
_Levithan, David_  
Paul and his friends, both gay and straight, hang out together advising one another on the sometimes troubled progress of their various romances. Contains Adult Language.  
2003  
RL 4.5 IL 7-12  
_Alfred A. Knopf, Inc._  
___37491 ........................................... $15.25

**Can I Tell You About Gender Diversity?: A Guide for Friends, Family and Professionals**  
_Atkinson, CI N/A_  
2017  
RL 4 IL 4-7  
_Kingsley LTD_  
___6116810 ........................................ $12.71

**Carry On: The Rise and Fall of Simone Snow**  
_Rowell, Rainbow_  
Simon Snow just wants to relax and savor his last year at the Watford School of Magicks, but no one will let him.  
2015  
RL 4.1 IL 7-12  
_St. Martin's Library_  
___5717076 .......................................... $16.99

**Coming out and Seeking Support**  
_Rodi, Robert_  
Discusses the issues faced by gays when coming out to friends and family and draws on the personal experiences of others to offer advice and support for everyone involved in the process.  
2017  
RL 6 IL 9-12  
_Mason Crest Publishers_  
___126646 .......................................... $17.96

**Cut Both Ways**  
_Mesrobian, Carrie_  
Senior Will Caynes must faces unsettling feelings for his best friend, Angus, after the two share a drunken kiss, and embarks on his first real relationship with sophomore Brandy. Contains Mature Material  
2015  
RL 7 IL 9+  
_HarperCollins_  
___108546 .......................................... $15.25

**Daddy, Papa, and Me**  
_Newman, Leslea_  
The story of a toddler's daily activities with two loving fathers.  
2009  
RL 1 IL P-K Ten Speed Press  
___4091495 .......................................... $6.79

**Dangerous Art of Blending In**  
_Surmelis, Angelo_  
Seventeen-year-old Evan struggles to deal with his mother's abuse and his new feelings for his friend Henry.  
2018  
RL 7 IL 9-12  
_HarperCollins_  
___154180 .......................................... $15.29

**Drag Teen Self**  
_Jeffery JT_  
as a gay high school senior determined to get out of Clearwater, Florida, and be the first person in his family to go to college, even though he cannot figure out how to pay for it, until his friends convince him to compete in a drag teen competition where the first prize is a college scholarship.  
2016  
RL 7 IL 9-12  
_Scholastic Book Service_  
___120881 .......................................... $15.29

**Drama Queens in the House**  
_Williams, Julie_  
Graduating at age fifteen from her parents' theater school, academically gifted Jessie Jasper Lewis tries to thwart her unconventional family's demise when her father's boyfriend moves in.  
2014  
RL 7 IL 7-12  
_Roaring_  
___5534228 .......................................... $14.44

**Draw the Line**  
_Linn, Laurent_  
A teen boy survives a hate crime against another gay student through his art.  
2016  
RL 7 IL 7-12  
_Simon & Schuster, Inc._  
___122076 .......................................... $15.29

**Engaging with Politics**  
_Rodi, Robert_  
Explores the history of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) struggle to live openly with dignity and equal rights from the mid-20th century efforts of the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis to the 1969 Stonewall Riots and the international LGBT movement for equality.  
2017  
RL 6 IL 7-12  
_Mason Crest Publishers_  
___126648 .......................................... $17.96

**Equality and Diversity**  
_Ogden, Charlie_  
Examines the meaning and importance of equality and diversity, and discusses why the acceptance of diversity is important in society to prevent discrimination based on race, religion, and sex. Includes real-world case studies.  
2017  
RL 7.3 IL 5-9  
_Crabtree Publishing Co._  
___135976 .......................................... $14.68
Brock, Todd

Family Book: Parr, Todd

Represents a variety of families, some big and some small, some with only one parent and some with two moms or dads, some quiet and some noisy, but all alike in some ways and special no matter what. 2002

**RL 2 IL P-2 Little, Brown & Co.**

Around.

Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life hiding from employees and his past, until the accident that killed his parents and sister, Feather, leaves her piano to take up boxing, in some ways and special no matter what. dads, some quiet and some noisy, but all alike only one parent and some with two moms or families, some big and some small, some with

**RL 7 IL 7-12 Simon & Schuster, Inc.**

Feather Jones, Adam Garnet

Shane is still reeling from the suicide of his kid sister, Destiny and tries to share his grief with his girlfriend, Tara, but she is more concerned with her own needs to offer him much comfort. While his grieving mother withdrawing from the world and Shane’s dream of going to university are shattered, he feels the one person he can turn to is his friend David, but they have to keep their relationship a secret on the rez and David refuses to leave for the city. 2018

**RL 7 IL 9-12 Annick Press**

Fire Song, Adam Garnet

Shane is still reeling from the suicide of his kid sister, Destiny and tries to share his grief with his girlfriend, Tara, but she is more concerned with her own needs to offer him much comfort. While his grieving mother withdrawing from the world and Shane’s dream of going to university are shattered, he feels the one person he can turn to is his friend David, but they have to keep their relationship a secret on the rez and David refuses to leave for the city. 2018

**RL 7 IL 9-12 Annick Press**

Five Stages of Andrew Brawley, Hutchinson, Shaun David

Convinced he should have died in the accident that killed his parents and sister, sixteen-year-old Drew lives in a hospital, hiding from employees and his past, until Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life around. 2015

**RL 7 IL 7-12 Simon & Schuster, Inc.**

Frannie and Tru, Hattrup, Karen

Looking forward to sharing the summer with her charismatic cousin, who must get away from his home after revealing his sexual orientation, Frannie confronts difficult questions about identity, class and sexuality as she becomes increasingly aware of her cousin’s secret. 2016

**RL 5.2 IL 9-12 HarperCollins**

Gabi, a Girl in Pieces, Quintero, Isabel

Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy’s pregnancy and friend Sebastian’s coming out; her father’s meth habit; her cravings for food and cute boys; and, especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity. 2014

**RL 5.3 IL 7-12 Cinco Puntos Press**

Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights, with 21 Activities, Pohlen, Jerome

Examines the Gay Rights movement, including history, key issues, and controversies. 2014

**RL 4.6 IL 5-9 Polansky Ami Press/Hyperion**

Gay Power!: The Stonewall Riots and the Gay Rights Movement, 1969, Kuhn, Betsy

Examines how the Stonewall Riots in the Greenwich Village neighborhood during June 1969 helped start the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world. 2011

**RL 7.8 IL 7-12 Twenty First Century Books**

Gay Rights Movement, Watson, Stephanie

Examines the Gay Rights movement, including history, key issues, and controversies. 2014

**RL 8 IL 7-12 ABDO Publishing Co.**

Gay-Straight Alliances: Networking with Other Teens and Allies, Heitkamp, Kristina Lyn

Presents a guide to gay-straight alliance clubs, describes the importance of safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students, explains how to organize and lead a GSA, and discusses how to work towards creating a school setting that is free from harassment and bullying. 2018

**RL 6 IL 7-12 Rosen Publishing Group**

Georgie, Gino, Alex Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, Georgie is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self. 2017

**RL 5 IL 3-6 Scholastic Book Service**

Go, Billy, Go!: Being Yourself, Blevins, Wiley

Billy learns to overcome teasing and peer pressure as he realizes his dream of becoming a cheerleader. 2016

**RL 1.5 IL P-2 Red Chair Press**

Great American Whatever, Federle, Tim

Teenaged Quinn, an aspiring screenwriter, copes with his sister’s death while his best friend forces him back out into the world to face his reality. 2017

**RL 5.5 IL 9-12 Simon & Schuster, Inc.**

Guyeness: Deal with It Body and Soul, Pitt, Steve

Looks at issues relating to gender identity, and explores how boys can cope with the conflicts that arise when we question what it means to be male. 2017

**RL 6 IL 5-9 Lorimer Children & Teens**

Harvey Milk: The First Openly Gay Elected Official in the United States, Holland, Barbara

Gottfried Looks at the life and accomplishments of Harvey Milk. 2018

**RL 6 IL 5-9 Rosen Publishing Group**

Integrated Library and Textbook Support Services [iLTSS]
Heather Has Two Mommies Newman, Leslea
When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other. 2015

**RL 2 IL P-2 Candlewick Press**
**_95967_** ........................................... $14.44

Highly Illogical Behavior Whaley, John Corey
Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that, and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results. 2016

**RL 4.4 IL 9-12 Penguin**
**_122825_** ........................................... $16.03

History Is All You Left Me Silvera, Adam
Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident. 2018

**RL 5.5 IL 7-12 Random House**
**_155782_** ........................................... $16.03

Hold Me Closer: The Tiny Cooper Story Levithan, David
Larger-than-life Tiny Cooper finally gets to tell his story, from his fabulous birth and childhood to his quest for true love and his infamous parade of ex-boyfriends, in the form of a musical he wrote. 2015

**RL 4.8 IL 9-12 Penguin**
**_113093_** ........................................... $16.03

Honestly Ben Konigsberg, Bill
With humor and insight, this coming-of-age tale follows prep-school junior Ben as he strives to maintain his GPA, deals with family pressure, captains the baseball team, and puzzles through the meaning of last semester’s filing with Rafe. 2017

**RL 4.6 IL 7-12 Scholastic Book Service**
**_140568_** ........................................... $20.45

House You Pass on the Way Woodson, Jacqueline
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. 1997

**RL 4.3 IL 7-12 Penguin**
**_141613_** ........................................... $14.47

I Am Jazz! Herthel, Jessica & Jennings, Jazz
Presents the story of a transgender child who traces her early awareness that she is a girl in spite of male anatomy and the acceptance she finds through a wise doctor who explains her natural transgender status. 2014

**RL 3.3 IL K-3 Dial**
**_87553_** ........................................... $15.29

Identity and Gender Ogden, Charlie
Explores the issue of gender identity, and discusses how family, culture, and values shape our how we perceive gender. 2017

**RL 5 IL 5-9 Crabtree Publishing Co.**
**_135982_** ........................................... $14.68

If I Was Your Girl Russo, Meredith
Amanda Hardy only wants it to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret: she used to be Andrew. Things get more complicated when she falls for sweet, easygoing Grant, and wants to share her life with him. 2016

**RL 5.2 IL 7-12 St. Martin's Press**
**_137308_** ........................................... $15.25

I'll Give You the Sun Nelson, Jandy
A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah. 2014

**RL 4.9 IL 9-12 Penguin**
**_109424_** ........................................... $16.03

In Our Mothers' House Polacco, Patricia
Three young children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by two mothers. 2009

**RL 4.3 IL 1-4 Penguin**
**_36712_** ........................................... $20.69

Inexplicable Logic of My Life Saenz, Benjamin
Sal used to know his place with his adoptive gay father, their loving Mexican-American family, and his best friend, Samantha. But it’s senior year, and suddenly Sal is angry, questioning everything, and wondering who he really is. 2017

**RL 3.4 IL 7-12 Houghton Mifflin**
**_138896_** ........................................... $20.45

Inside of Out Thorne, Jenn Marie
When her best friend comes out as a lesbian, Daisy leads the charge to end their school’s ban on same-sex dates for the homecoming dance, but a local story goes viral and now everyone—including a cute college journalist—believes Daisy is gay, too. 2016

**RL 7 IL 7-12 Dial**
**_121762_** ........................................... $15.29

Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship Walton, Jess
Rafi’s best friend and teddy, Thomas, is sad because he wishes he were a girl, not a boy teddy, but what only matters to both of them is that they are friends. 2016

**RL 2 IL P-2 Bloomsbury**
**_119873_** ........................................... $14.44

It Looks Like This Mittlefeldt, Rafi
Moving to a new city and joining an evangelical church despite his own reluctance, artistic Mike is bullied by a father who wants him to play sports and toughen up, a situation that is complicated by Mike’s growing feelings for another newcomer. 2016

**RL 7 IL 9-12 Candlewick Press**
**_128775_** ........................................... $14.44

Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World Blake, Ashley Herring
Twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen’s house is destroyed in a tornado, and her family is displaced. In the aftermath of the storm, she begins to develop feelings for another girl at school. 2018

**RL 4.9 IL 4-7 Little, Brown & Co.**
**_159447_** ........................................... $19.67

Julian is a Mermaid Love, Jessica
A glimpse of costumed mermaids on the subway leaves young Julian flooded with wonder and eager to dress up just like the ladies. But what will Abuela think about the way Julian sees himself? 2018

**RL 0.8 IL K-3 Candlewick Press**
**_167844_** ........................................... $19.91

King & King De Haan, Linda
When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected. 2000

**RL 2.9 IL 1-4 Ten Speed Press**
**_3233502_** ........................................... $13.59
Looking for Group Harrisosn, Rory Dylan doesn’t have a lot of experience with comfort. His room in the falling-down Village Estates can generously be categorized as “squalid,” and he isn’t getting any love from his mother, who seemed to -- no, definitely did -- enjoy the perks that went along with being the parent of a “cancer kid.” His only escape has been in the form of his favorite video game -- World of Warcraft -- and the one true friend who makes him feel understood, even if it is just online: Nubia. 2017

RL 7 IL 9-12 HarperCollins
__137834 .................................................. $15.29

Love de la Pena, Mott Illustrations and easy-to-read text celebrate the bonds of love that connect us all. 2018

RL 3.7 IL P-2 Penguin
__149355 .................................................. $20.69

Love Interest Dietrich, Cale In a secret organization that cultivates teenage spies, the stakes are high for two agents, Caden and Dylan, whose mission to compete for a girl destined for great power becomes complicated when Caden finds himself falling in love with his competition. 2017

RL 5 IL 7-12 Feiwel & Friends
__138134 .................................................. $15.29

Miseducation of Cameron Post Danforth, Emily M. In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center. Contains Mature Material 2012

RL 6.6 IL 9+ HarperCollins
__60713 .................................................. $21.50

My Brother’s Husband, Volume 1 Tagame, Gengoroh When a hulking, affable Canadian named Mike Flanagan who declares himself the widower of Yaichi’s estranged gay twin, Ryoji arrives on the doorstep of Yaichi’s family in Japan, hoping to explore Ryoji’s past, the family reluctantly but dutifully takes him in, changing their lives in the process. 2017

RL 5 IL 9-12 Random House
__6267229 .................................................. $21.21

No Other World Mehta, Rahul An insightful, compelling debut novel about an Indian American boy’s struggle to fit into a society where his race and sexuality are outside the norm and to find a sense of belonging, identity, and hope. 2017

RL 7 IL 9-12 HarperCollins
__151823 .................................................. $22.09

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink Yolen, Jane Rhyming text affirms that girls can pursue their many interests, from playing sports to planting flowers in the dirt, without giving up their tiaras. 2010

RL 4.2 IL P-2 Simon & Schuster, Inc.
__44802 .................................................. $20.69

Oliver Button Is a Sissy DePaola, Tomie His classmates’ taunts do not stop Oliver Button from doing what he likes best. 2017

RL 2.9 IL K-3 Simon & Schuster, Inc.
__144619 .................................................. $15.29

One Family Shannon, George A family can be many things, in this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten. 2015

RL 2 IL P-2 Farrar, Straus, Giroux
__96703 .................................................. $20.69

One True Way Hitchcock, Shannon From the moment she met Samantha, star of the school basketball team, on her first day at Daniel Boone Middle School, Allison Drake felt she had found a friend, something she needs badly since her brother died and her father left—but as their friendship grows it begins to evolve into a deeper emotion, and in North Carolina in 1977, it is not easy to discover that you might be gay. 2018

RL 4 IL 4-7 Scholastic Book Service
__158591 .................................................. $14.44

Openly Straight Konigsberg, Bill Tired of being known as “the gay kid”, Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school, but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences. 2013

RL 4.7 IL 9+ Scholastic Book Service
__80306 .................................................. $15.25
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<td>Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy. 2017 RL 4.8 IL 6-8</td>
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<td><em>Philips, L.</em></td>
<td><em>Running Press</em></td>
<td>Sam Raines performs a love spell with his Wiccan best friend after breaking up with the only other gay guy at school and finds himself pursued by three seemingly perfect suitors. 2017 RL 7 IL 9-12</td>
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<td><em>Wilke, Daria</em></td>
<td><em>Scholastic Book Service</em></td>
<td>Grisha has grown up in the closed world of a puppet theater in Russia, but now that world seems to be falling apart—his best friend needs an operation, financial difficulties are forcing people out, his homosexual friend Sam, the jester, is leaving for Holland and Grisha no longer knows what role he himself is playing. 2015 RL 5.5 IL 7-12</td>
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<td><em>Stevenson, Robin</em></td>
<td><em>Sourcebook s, Inc</em></td>
<td>Examines what gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their supporters celebrate on Pride Day every June. 2016 RL 4 IL 4-7</td>
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<td><em>Wright, Bil</em></td>
<td><em>Simon &amp; Schuster, Inc.</em></td>
<td>Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy’s cosmetics counter, his sister’s abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk rocker classmate. 2011 RL 5 IL 7-12</td>
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<td><strong>Queer, There, and Everywhere</strong></td>
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<td><em>Prager, Sarah</em></td>
<td>A chronicle for teens shares facts about 23 influential gender-ambiguous notables from the era of the Roman Empire to the present, exploring how they defied convention to promote civil rights, pursue relationships on their own terms and shape culture. 2017 RL 8 IL 7-12</td>
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<td>A resource about bodies, gender, and sexuality for children, parents, and caregivers provides information about such topics as boundaries, safety, and joy. 2015 RL 3 IL 3-6</td>
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<td><em>Ness, Patrick</em></td>
<td><em>Warner Books</em></td>
<td>Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate, or else his sexual identity—and that of his pen pal—will be revealed. 2016 RL 4 IL 9-12</td>
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<td><em>Wittlinger, Ellen</em></td>
<td><em>HarperCollins</em></td>
<td>Twelve-year-old Maisie feels that she has enough complications in her life: her actor uncle has moved in with her family while he recovers from an accident and her father is not pleased, her grandmother is slipping into dementia but wants to remarry, her mom has been laid off, and her best friend Cyrus, with whom she spends Saturdays watching classic movies, has revealed that he is gay—but Gary, the boy he has a crush on, seems more attracted to Maisie herself. 2017 RL 5 IL 9-12</td>
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<td><em>Sanders, Rob</em></td>
<td>storiespress.com</td>
<td>Traces the life of Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today’s world. 2018 RL 3.6 IL 1-4</td>
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