



LGBTQ+ READING LIST



FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

THE DEEPEST BREATH – MEG GREHAN

Suitable for ages 9-12. Age appropriate content for coming to terms with early lesbian sexuality. Written in accessible verse with a reassuring tone.

HEARTSTOPPER (3 VOLUMES) – ALICE OSMAN

A coming of age graphic novel about two (one gay and one bi) school boys falling in love.

BLACK FLAMINGO – DEAN ATTA

Powerful story of embracing change and loving yourself centred on a mixed-race gay teen who finds himself through drag.

DANCE ON MY GRAVE – AIDEN CHAMBERS

A poignant coming of age story of young gay love

YAY! YOU' RE GAY! NOW WHAT? A GAY BOY' S GUIDE
TO LIFE – RIYADH KHALIF

A practical and positive go-to guide for young gay and bisexual men






PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST – GRAYSON PERRY

Grayson Perry explores gender writing about his experiences dressing as Claire.

WAYWARD CHILDREN – SEANAN MCGUIRE



A fantasy series that amongst other themes covers LGBTQ+ identity in young people. Characters start out from 9-13 – coming from portal worlds to a boarding school for wayward youth.

UNDER THE RAINBOW – CELIA LASKEY



Social activists arrive upon a small town, forcing residents to challenge their beliefs and own life narratives.

TRANS TEEN SURVIVAL GUIDE – FOX AND OWL FISHER

Friendly and approachable guide to navigating life as a trans teen.

GENDER OUTLAW – KATE BORNSTEIN

The life story of Kate's journey with gender, career and love that touches on gender theory, cultural assumptions and introduces some great questions about labels.

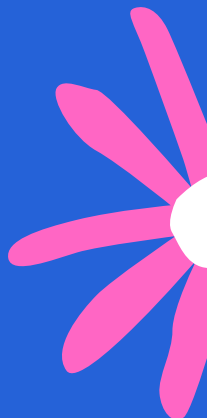




ASK A QUEER CHICK – LINDSAY KING-MILLER
Guide to sex, love and life for girls who like girls.

ROMANCE IN MARSEILLE – CLAUDE MCKAY
Set in the culture-blending Vieux Port of Marseille at the height of the Jazz Age, this is a lovely piece of queer black modernist fiction.

TRUMPET – JACKIE KAY
A fiction inspired by a real-life story, that a jazz musician's transgender identity was discovered upon death. A portrait told through friends and family.



TO MY TRANS SISTERS – EDITED BY
CHARLIE CRAGGS
Successful transgender women from every walk of life write letters to empower the next generation – a variety of voices and perspectives are depicted.

LIKE WATER – REBECCA PODOS
Vanni and Leigh become friends – a book exploring self-discovery, family and culture.

BEYOND THE GENDER BINARY FOR LGBTQ YOUTH –
ALOK VAID-MENON
Book for inspiration for breaking the binary, focussing on empowering queer youth.



BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR UGLY CHILDREN – KIRSTIN
CRONN – MILLS

Elizabeth knows he is a boy and uses a gig as a radio DJ to try a new identity.

PUTTING MAKE UP ON THE FAT BOY – BIL WRIGHT
Going beyond stereotypes to the heart of identity and life goals.

THE GENDER GAMES: THE PROBLEM WITH MEN AND
WOMEN, FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN BOTH –
JUNO DAWSON

Illustrates the social parts of gender and how stereotypes are harmful to everyone.

REDEFINING REALNESS – JANET MOCK

Memoir by Janet Mock, her experiences, career and identity. Dubbed 'a classic American autobiography'

ARIEL SCHRAG – AWKWARD AND DEFINITION

Biographical tales in comic form of an awkward teen coming to terms with lesbian identity.



FUN HOME – ALISON BECHDEL

A great graphic novel that is an academic but touching read with family subject matter and relationships at its heart.

SIMON VS THE HOMO SAPIENS AGENDA – BECKY ALBERTALLI


A forced coming-out forces a coming of age narrative that is funny and sweet in tone.

ONE IN EVERY CROWD – IVAN E. COYOTE

Honest, plain-spoken tales of growing up, experiences of both cruelty and kindness in unexpected places. Funny and aimed at LGBTQ+ Youth.

THE STONEWALL RIOTS – GAYLE E. PITMAN

A historical overview of the events and aftermath of the stonewall riots suitable for high-school level readers.



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