Nonfiction

The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets
by Gayle E. Pitman
A chronicle of gay history in America that draws on news clippings, firsthand testimonies and other period sources. This 5th anniversary account tells of the Stonewall Riots and other pivotal events that shaped the beginning of the LGBTQ+ movement.

Pride: the Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag
by Rob Sanders
Traces the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker, to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world.

Stonewall: a Building. an Uprising. a Revolution.
by Rob Sanders
Describes the Stonewall Riots in New York City in 1969, which sparked the gay liberation movement in the United States, and details the history of LGBTQ rights since the riots.

More Picture Books

When Aidan Became a Brother
by Kyle Lukoff
Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

Home at Last
by Vera B. Williams
Unable to fall asleep in his new bed, newly adopted Lester crawls into bed with Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich every night. Eventually the family dog helps him adjust.

Mommy, Mama, and Me
by Lesléa Newman
A baby drinks juice, plays in the park, reads, and gets put to bed by her two loving mothers.

In Our Mothers' House
by Patricia Polacco
Three adopted children experience the joys and challenges of being raised in a home with two mothers. Their mothers teach them that different doesn't mean wrong.

Stella Brings the Family
by Miriam B. Schiffer
Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

READ THE
RAINBOW
LGBTQ+ BOOKS
FOR KIDS
Middle Grade Fiction

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

Zenobia July
by Lisa Bunker
Zenobia July, an excellent coder and hacker, investigates a mystery while wrestling with the challenges of a new school, a new family, and presenting her true gender for the first time.

King and the Dragonflies
by Kacen Callender
King spends his days in the mystical Louisiana bayou as he deals with his brother’s sudden death, his family’s grief, and the disappearance of his former best friend. Through it all, he struggles with questions about his friend’s sexual orientation, and his own.

Totally Joe
by James Howe
Self identified misfit Joe Bunch is less than thrilled when he is given an assignment to write his autobiography on alphabetized cards throughout the school year. However, his writing begins to help him understand himself, his feelings for his boyfriend Colin Briggs, and his place in the world.

More Middle Grade Fiction

Where the Heart Is
by Johanna Knowles
Summer gets complicated for Rachel when her best friend lets her know he has feelings for her. She doesn’t want to lose him, but she isn’t sure she even likes boys. Meanwhile, an unexpectedly challenging summer job, and her parents’ financial difficulties have her worried at home.

The Best at It
by Maulik Pancholy
Indian-American Rahul, who lives in a small Indiana town, struggles to identify his purpose in life, while dodging a bully and learning about his sexual identity.

Kenzie Kickstarts a Team
by Kit Rosewater
Fifth-grade best friends Kenzie “Kenzilla” and Shelly “Bombshell” dream of becoming roller derby superstars one day, but when a junior league forms and they must recruit teammates, will their friendship survive?

The Deep & Dark Blue
by Niki Smith
When a political coup causes them to flee, Hawke and Grayson disguise themselves as girls to join an order of magical women. Meanwhile they hatch a plan to avenge their family and retake their home. But what if Grayson has found the new identity as a girl and a member of the Communion of Blue to be his/her true place?

Picture Books

Worm Loves Worm
by J. J Austrian
When Worm and Worm fall in love and decide to get married, the other animals insist that one must wear a tux and the other a gown. Eventually, though, the worms decide that the only thing that matters is love.

Ho’onani: Hula Warrior
by Heather Gale
Ho’onani was born female, but does not conform to either gender. Ho’onani desperately wants to lead the hula chant at school, but traditionally it is a male role.

I Am Jazz
by Jessica Herthel
Based on a true story, this picture book follows a transgender child through her early awareness that she is a girl in spite of male anatomy. Ultimately she finds acceptance when a wise doctor explains her natural transgender status.

Maiden & Princess
by Daniel Haack
A modern fairytale finds a strong, heroic maiden feeling less than enthusiastic about attending a bride-seeking prince’s royal ball. Upon arrival, however, she unexpectedly finds true love elsewhere.