# Celebrating Pride Month 2021

## Teen Services Recommendations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>GAY POC BOY</strong></th>
<th><strong>BISEXUAL GIRL</strong></th>
<th><strong>GENDERQUEER</strong></th>
<th><strong>GAY BOY</strong></th>
<th><strong>LESBIAN</strong></th>
<th><strong>BISEXUAL GIRL</strong></th>
<th><strong>GAY MUSLIM BOY</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The Black Flamingo</td>
<td>The Girls I’ve Been</td>
<td>Can’t Take That Away</td>
<td>Be Dazzled</td>
<td>Girl Crushed</td>
<td>Yesterday is History</td>
<td>How It All Blew Up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Atta, Dean</td>
<td>Sharpe, Tess</td>
<td>Salvatore, Steven</td>
<td>La Sala, Ryan</td>
<td>Heaney, Katie</td>
<td>Jackson, Kosoko</td>
<td>Ahmadi, Arvin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen - then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.</td>
<td>When seventeen-year-old Nora O’Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel.</td>
<td>When Carey Parker, a genderqueer teen who dreams of being a diva like their hero Mariah Carey, is cast as the female lead in the school musical, they must fight against discrimination and injustice from their closed-minded school administration.</td>
<td>Seventeen-year-old Raffy is determined to win a cosplay competition that could lead to art school admission and respect for his talent, but being paired with his main competitor, ex-boyfriend Luca, complicates things.</td>
<td>Dumped by her best friend and girlfriend a month before their senior year, a heartbroken Quinn struggles to move on with a new crush when she is unable to completely forget her ex.</td>
<td>After being cast as Romeo in the school play, Dean realizes he wants everyone to see him as he really is, a male, and not just play one on the stage, despite the risk of losing everything.</td>
<td>Fleeing to Rome in the wake of coming out to his Muslim family, a failed relationship, and blackmail, eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi embarks on a more authentic life with new friends and dates in the Sistine Chapel before an encounter with a U.S. Customs officer places his hard-won freedom at risk.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Gender Queer: A Memoir
Kobabe, Maia

Maia's intensely cathartic autobiography charts her journey of self-identity, which includes the mortification and confusion of adolescent crushes, grappling with how to come out to family and society, bonding with friends over erotic gay fanfiction, and facing the trauma and fundamental violation of pap smears. Gender Queer is more than a personal story: it is a useful and touching guide on gender identity.

The State of Us
Hutchinson, Shaun David

Dean and Dre, the seventeen-year-old sons of the Republican and Democratic candidates for president of the United States, fall in love on the sidelines of their parents’ presidential campaigns.

Bruised
Boteju, Tanya

When the trauma of surviving the accident that killed her parents compels her to engage in higher-risk activities, Daya immerses herself in the beautiful and brutal world of roller derby before discovering herself challenged in unexpected ways.

Heartstopper: Volume One
Oseman, Alice

Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.

Keep This To Yourself
Ryan, Tom

After high school graduation, Mac focuses on finding the serial killer who murdered his best friend the previous summer, while working through his own feelings for the deceased.

Ruinsong
Ember, Julia

In a world where magic is sung, two young women from rival factions must work together to reunite their country, as they wrestle with their feelings for each other.

Girl, Serpent, Thorn
Bashardoust, Melissa

Soraya, a princess cursed to be poisonous to the touch, has lived eighteen years in the shadows but as her twin brother’s wedding approaches, she faces choices with unimaginable consequences.

Singled Out
Maraniss, Andrew

The true story of Glenn Burke, a “hidden figure” in the history of sports: the inventor of the high five and the first openly gay MLB player.

Deposing Nathan
Smedley, Zack

Dreaming of leaving his family’s bakery to become a musician in the city, Ari unexpectedly falls for Hector, who has been hired to replace him and begins to reevaluate his dreams and the consequences of his choices.

The New Queer Conscience
Eli, Adam

Voices 4 founder and LGBTQIA+ activist Adam Eli offers a candid and compassionate introduction to queer responsibility. In this humorous and hopeful piece, he calls on his Jewish faith to underline how kindness and support within the queer community can lead to a stranger global conscience.

Keep This To Yourself
Ryan, Tom

Set against the tumultuous backdrop of life in 1973, when homosexuality is still considered a mental illness, two boys defy all the odds and fall in love.