

## Gay & Lesbian Literature, LGBT

**Bauer, Marion (ed.)**                      **Am I Blue? Coming Out From The Silence**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

A collection of short stories about homosexuality by such authors as Bruce Coville, M.E. Kerr, William Sleator, and Jane Yolen.

**Block, Francesca Lia**                      **Baby Be-Bop**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Dirk MacDonald, a sixteen-year-old boy living in Los Angeles, comes to terms with being gay after he receives surreal storytelling visitations from his dead father and great-grandmother.

**Block, Francesca Lia**                      **I Was a Teenage Fairy**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

A pinkie-size, straight-talking fairy, who may or may not be real, helps Barbie and Griffin uncover the strength beneath their pain and teaches that love -- like a sparkling web of light spinning around our bodies and souls -- is what can heal even the deepest scars.

**Block, Francesca Lia**                      **Weetzie Bat**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Follows the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles friends, Dirk, Duck, and My-Secret-Agent-Lover-Man.

**Burd, Nick**                      **The Vast Fields of Ordinary**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

The summer after graduating from an Iowa high school, eighteen-year-old Dade Hamilton watches his parents' marriage disintegrate, ends his long-term, secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love.

**Cameron, Peter**                      **Someday this Pain will be Useful to You**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Eighteen-year-old James, who lives in New York City with his older sister and divorced mother, struggles to find a direction for his life.

**Chbosky, Stephen**                      **The Perks of Being a Wallflower**                      **Fiction**

A series of letters to an unknown correspondent reveals the coming-of-age trials of a high-schooler named Charlie. The protagonist has a friend who is gay and also explores his own sexuality.

**Cohn & Levithan**                      **Naomi & Eli's No Kiss List**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year at New York University.

**Ferris, Jean**                      **Eight Seconds**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Eighteen-year-old John must confront his own sexuality when he goes to rodeo school and finds himself strangely attracted to an older boy who is smart, tough, complicated, gorgeous, and gay.

**Franco, Betsy**                      **Falling Hard: 100 Love Poems by Teens**                      **Nonfiction 811.608 FALLING**

Presents a diverse collection of poems on love from straight, gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual teens, ranging in age from thirteen to eighteen.

**Garden, Nancy**                      **The Year They Burned the Books**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

While trying to come to terms with her own lesbian feelings, Jamie, a high-school senior and editor of the school newspaper, finds herself in the middle of a battle with a group of townspeople over the new health education curriculum.

**Garden, Nancy****Annie on My Mind****Teen Center Fiction**

Liza tries to put aside her feelings for Annie after the disaster at Foster Academy, but eventually she allows love to triumph over the ignorance of others.

**Garden, Nancy (ed.)****Hear Us Out, Lesbian & Gay****Teen Center Fiction****Stories of Struggle, Progress and Hope**

Uses both fact and fiction to explore just what it has meant to be young and gay in America during the last fifty years, combining both social and political essays about each decade with short stories of young gay people coming of age during those times.

**Holland, Isabelle****Man Without a Face****Fiction**

A fatherless fourteen-year-old boy develops an unusual relationship with the man living near his summer home who helps him prepare his entrance exams to boarding school.

**Juby, Susan****Another Kind of Cowboy****Teen Center Fiction**

In Vancouver, British Columbia, two teenage dressage riders, one a spoiled rich girl and the other a closeted gay sixteen-year-old boy, come to terms with their identities and learn to accept themselves.

**Kerr, M.E.****Deliver Us From Evie****Teen Center Fiction**

Sixteen-year-old Parr Burrman and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, and she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker.

**Kluger, Steve****My Most Excellent Year****Teen Center Fiction**

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.

**Levithan, David****Boy Meets Boy****Teen Center Fiction**

When Paul falls hard for Noah, he thinks he has found his one true love, but when Noah walks out of his life, Paul has to find a way to get him back and make everything right once more.

**Levithan, David****Wide Awake****Teen Center Fiction**

In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world.

**McMahon, Jennifer****My Tiki Girl****Teen Center Fiction**

Fifteen-year-old Maggie, still grieving the loss of her mother in an accident that also gave her a limp, has turned her back on old friends but connects with a new student, Dahlia, who makes her part of her quirky family and plans their future together as roving musicians and lovers.

**Marcus, Eric****What if someone I know is gay?****Nonfiction 306.766 Marcus**

Offers answers to questions young readers might ask about gay people, whether those questions concern a friend, a family member, or themselves.

**Peters, Julie Ann****Grl2Grl****Teen Center Paperback**

The complexities of love, romance, and dating for gay teenage girls are explored in this collection of short stories.

**Peters, Julie Ann**                      **Keeping You a Secret**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
As she begins a very tough last semester of high school, Holland finds herself puzzled about her future and intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a Lesbiganay club at school.

**Pollack, Rachel**                      **The Full Spectrum**                      **Nonfiction 305.235 POLLACK**  
Suggests how gay, lesbian, and bisexual teenagers may discover their sexual orientation, find self-acceptance, come out, cope with prejudice, and deal with religious and political issues.

**Reed, Rita**                                      **Growing Up Gay**                                      **Nonfiction 305.9 REED**  
**The Sorrows and Joys of Gay and Lesbian Adolescence**  
Photographs and text relate the experiences of a young man and a young woman who grew up gay in America's heartland

**Sanchez, Alex**                                      **Rainbow Boys**                                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other.

**Singer, Bennet**                                      **Growing Up Gay,**                                      **Nonfiction 810.808 SINGER**  
**A Literary Anthology**  
Integrating selections by gay and lesbian teenagers with older writers' reflections on growing up lesbian or gay, this anthology features works by James Baldwin and Quentin Crisp.

**St. James, James**                                      **Freak Show**                                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, Christianity expressed as persecution, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**Wittlinger, Ellen**                                      **Hard Love**                                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
John falls in love with Marisol, and Marisol loves him too, but she is a lesbian. Winner of the Printz honor award, Best Book 2000 winner.

**Wittlinger, Ellen**                                      **Love & Lies: Marisol's Story**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
When Marisol, a self-confident eighteen-year-old lesbian, moves to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work and try to write a novel, she falls under the spell of her beautiful but deceitful writing teacher, while also befriendng a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana.

**Womack, Jack.**                                      **Random Acts of Senseless Violence**                      **Fiction**  
Lola Hart, a girl whose family falls on hard times, moves to near-future Harlem. There, surrounded by the new language and violence of the streets, Lola's metamorphosis begins.