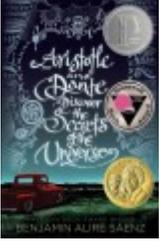


LGBT/LGBTQ* Books



[Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe](#) by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Summary: Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

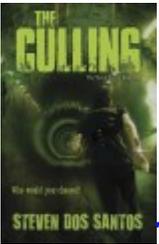
YA F SAENZ 12 & Up



[Boyfriends with Girlfriends](#) by Alex Sanchez

Summary: When Lance begins to date Sergio, who is bisexual, he is not sure that it will work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand.

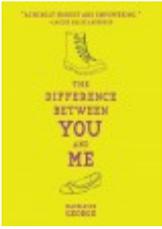
YA F SANCHEZ 14 & Up



[The Culling](#) by Steven Dos Santos

Summary: In a futuristic world ruled by a totalitarian government called the Establishment, Lucian "Lucky" Spark and four other teenagers are recruited for the Trials. They must compete not only for survival but to save the lives of their Incentives, family members whose lives depend on how well they play the game.

YA F DOSSANTOS 12 & Up



[The Difference Between You & Me](#) by Madeleine George

Summary: School outsider Jesse, a lesbian, is having secret trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president, but when they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue and Jesse becomes more involved with a student activist, they are forced to make a difficult decision.

YA F GEORGE 13 & Up



[Empress of the World](#) by Sara Ryan

Summary: While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.

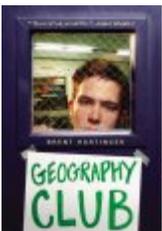
YA F RYAN 14 & Up



[Everything Changes](#) by Samatha Hale

Summary: When seventeen-year-old Raven Walker meets Morgan O'Shea, she is drawn to her, and as their relationship grows, Raven concedes that she may be gay, leaving her struggling with her sexuality and the impact it will have on her family and friends.

YA F HALE 15 & Up



[Geography Club](#) by Brent Hartinger

Summary: A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.

YA F HARTINGER 12 & Up



[Grasshopper Jungle](#) by Andrew Smith

Summary: In the small town of Ealing, Iowa, Austin and his best friend Robby have accidentally unleashed an unstoppable army. An army of horny, hungry, six-foot-tall praying mantises that only want to do two things. This is the truth. This is history. It's the end of the world. And nobody knows anything about it.

YA F SMITH

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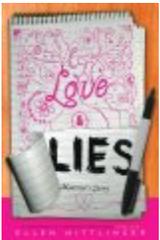
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[Jump Start the World](#) by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Elle falls in love with Frank, the neighbor who helps her adjust to being on her own in a big city, but learning that he is transgendered turns her world upside-down.

YA F HYDE

14 & Up



[Love & Lies](#) by Ellen Wittlinger

Summary: 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 befriending a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana.

YA F WITTLINGER

14 & Up

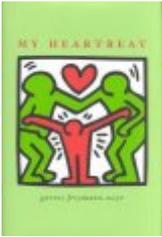


[Luna](#) by Julie Anne Peters

Summary: Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.

YA F PETERS

15 & Up



[My Heartbeat](#) by Garret Freymann-Weyr

Summary: When someone at school suggests that her brother Link, a math whiz and track star, and his best friend James, are in love with each other, Ellen, who is in love with James, is determined to discover who her brother really is--an endeavor that will force Ellen to face the truth about the people she loves.

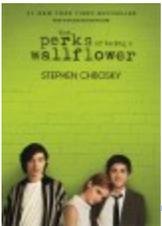
YA F FRE 15 & Up



[My Most Excellent Year](#) by Steve Kluger

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

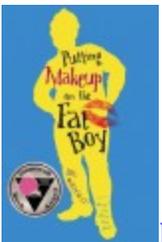
YA F KLUGER 12 & Up



[The Perks of Being a Wallflower](#) by Stephen Chbosky

Summary: Charlie struggles to cope with complex world of high school as he deals with the confusions of sex and love, the temptations of drugs, and the pain of losing a close friend and a favorite aunt.

YA F CHOBOSKY 15 & Up



[Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy](#) by Bil Wright

Summary: 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.

YA F WRIGHT 12 & Up

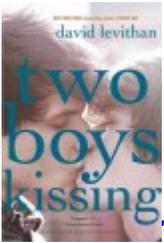


[She Loves You, She Loves You Not](#) by Julie Anne Peters

Summary: When seventeen-year-old Alyssa is disowned by her father for being a lesbian, she is sent off to a small town in Colorado to live with the mother she has never known, where she is forced to come to terms with herself and her family.

YA F PETERS

14 & Up



[Two Boys Kissing](#) by David Levithan

Summary: Based on true events, this is the story of Harry and Craig, two 17 year olds who are about to take part in a 32 hour marathon of kissing to set a new Guinness World Record.

YA F LEVITHAN

14 & Up



[Will Grayson, Will Grayson](#) by John Green

Summary: When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

YA F GREEN

12 & Up

*LGBT is an initialism used since the 1990s as a self-designation by what was formerly known as the "gay community". It refers collectively to "lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender" people.

The term LGBT is intended to emphasize a diversity of "sexuality and gender identity-based cultures" and is sometimes used to refer to anyone who is non-heterosexual instead of exclusively to people who are homosexual, bisexual, or transgender. To recognize this inclusion, a popular variant adds the letter Q for those who identify as queer and/or questioning their sexual identity (e.g., "LGBTQ").