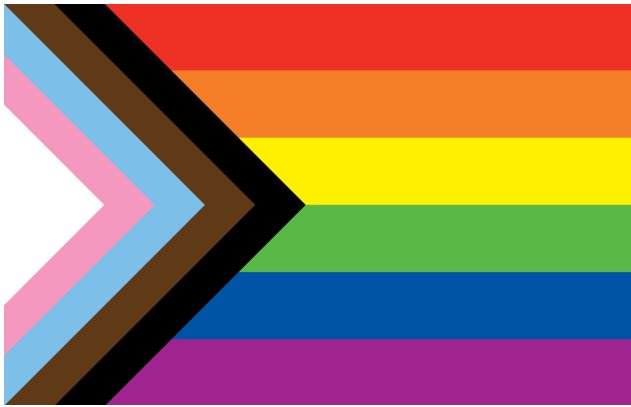


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LGBTQ BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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The following titles can be found in the Young Adult Fiction Section

Brennan, S. In Other Lands

When Elliot's class goes on a field trip and he can see a wall that no one else can see, he is given the chance to go to school in the Borderlands. Classes involve a lot more weaponry and fewer mermaids than he expected. But then there's Serene-Heart-in-the-Chaos-of-Battle, a beautiful elven warrior and her human friend Luke: sunny and annoyingly likeable. There's even the chance Elliot can change the world.

Cole, O. Ariel Crashes a Train

Ariel grapples with her fear of her own mind and violent fantasies, driven by her desire to meet her parents' expectations and societal norms, until a summer job at a carnival leads her to new friends who help her discover her struggle with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and find acceptance and support for her true self.

Daniels, A. Dreadnought

Danny Tozer's main problem was trying to *keep* people from realizing she's transgender. Until she suddenly gains the powers of Dreadnought, which also gives her what she always needed: a girl's body. Now all she has to do is find and stop Dreadnought's murderer...

Dugan, J. Hot Dog Girl

Jennifer Dugan's sparkling debut coming-of-age queer romance stars a princess, a pirate, a hot dog, and a carousel operator who find love--and themselves--in unexpected people and unforgettable places.

Gilbert, K. Picture Us in the Light

Artist Danny Cheng has a lot on his plate. He's trying to get into his top art school and figuring out whether his feelings for his best friend Harry might be more than just friendship when he finds himself on the trail of a family secret that could change his life forever.

Gregorio, I.W. None of the Above

A groundbreaking story about a teenage girl who discovers she's intersex...and what happens when her secret is revealed to the entire school.

Hawkins, R. Her Royal Highness

Millie can't believe her luck when she's accepted into an exclusive boarding school in the rolling highlands of Scotland. But Millie's roommate Flora is a total princess - and an actual princess. At first, the girls can barely stand each other, but before Millie knows it, she has a sort-of-best-friend/sort-of-girlfriend. Even though Princess Flora could be a new chapter in her love life, Millie knows the chances of happily ever afters are slim . . . after all, real life isn't a fairy tale . . . or is it?

Hutchinson, S. We Are the Ants

Henry has spent years being periodically abducted by aliens. Then the aliens tell him the world will end in 144 days, and all Henry has to do to stop it is push a big red button. Except life hasn't always been great for him, so he's not sure that he wants to. Henry is left with the ultimate choice: push the button and save the world...or let everything, including his pain, be destroyed forever.

Konigsberg, B. The Music of What Happens
Seventeen-year-old Maximo offers to help Jordan,

a fellow student in high school, with his late father's food truck, which may be the only thing standing between homelessness for Jordan and his mom. The boys are strongly attracted to each other, but as their romance develops it is threatened by the secrets they are hiding...

LaCour, N. We Are Okay

Marin has left everything behind to go to college on the other side of the country, and no one knows why. Not even her best friend, Mabel. But when Mabel comes to visit over winter break, will the truth finally come out?

Lee, L. I'll Be the One

Skye dreams of joining the glittering world of K-Pop, and to do that, she's about to break all the rules that society, the media, and even her own mother have set for girls like her. She'll challenge thousands of other performers in an internationally televised competition looking for the next K-pop star, and she'll do it better than anyone else. When Skye nails her audition, she's immediately swept into a whirlwind of countless practices, shocking performances, and the drama that comes with reality TV.

Lo, M. Last Night at the Telegraph Club

America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone. But Lily and Kath, after meeting under the lights of a lesbian nightclub called the Telegraph Club, are determined that nothing will ever get between them.

Polonsky, A. Spin With Me

Essie is not excited about moving to North Carolina for her dad's visiting professorship and counts the days until she can return home. Then she meets Ollie, who is nonbinary. Ollie is

smart and confident and begins to juggle their passion for queer advocacy with their other interest. Can the two untangle their feelings before their time together is done?

Randall, C. The No-girlfriend Rule

When her boyfriend excludes her from participating in a roleplaying game, high school senior Hollie joins an all-girls group where an in-game romance has the potential to be more than just pretend.

Sass, A. Your Lonely Nights Are Over

From the day they met, Dearie and Cole have been two against the world. But whenever something bad happens at Stone Grove High School, they get blamed. Why? They're beautiful, flirtatious, dangerously clever queen bees, and they're always ready to call out their fellow students. But they've never faced a bigger threat than surviving senior year, when a famous, never-caught serial killer emerges from retirement -- and his hunting ground is their school Queer Club.

Sharpe, T. The Girls I've Been

Nora O'Malley's been a lot of girls. As the daughter of a con-artist who targets criminal men, she grew up as her mother's protégé. But when mom fell for the mark instead of conning him, Nora pulled the ultimate con: escape. For five years Nora's been playing at normal. Until she gets taken hostage at a bank robbery.

Silvera, A. They Both Die at the End

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, Mateo and Rufus meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day. Soon to be a TV series!

The following titles may be found in the graphic novel section.

Oseman, A. Heartstopper

Charlie Spring is in Year 10 at Truham Grammar School for Boys. The past year hasn't been too great, but at least he's not being bullied anymore, and he's sort of got a boyfriend, even if he's kind of mean and only wants to meet up in secret. Nick Nelson is in Year 11 and on the school rugby team. He's heard a little about Charlie - the kid who was outed last year and bullied for a few months - but he's never had the opportunity to talk to him. That is, until the start of January, in which Nick and Charlie are placed in the same form group and 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 sometimes good things are waiting just around the corner...

Tamaki, M. Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me

Laura Dean was Freddy's dream girl: charming, confident, and SO cute. There's just one problem: Laura Dean is maybe not the greatest girlfriend. Reeling from her latest break up, a mysterious medium leaves Freddy some cryptic parting words: break up with her. But Laura Dean keeps coming back. As their relationship spirals further out of her control, Freddy has to wonder if Laura Dean is really the problem.

Wang, J. The Prince and the Dressmaker

By day, Prince Sebastian is the heir to the throne, preparing to marry the girl his parents pick for him. By night, he is Lady Crystallia, fashion icon. The only person who knows is his best friend -- and master dressmaker -- Frances. But Frances wants her dresses to be more than a secret. Can she protect her friend's secret while still achieving her dreams?