

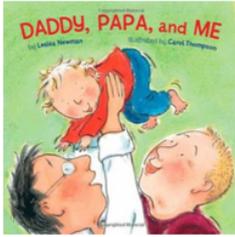
Read The Rainbow

Junior LGBTQIA Collection



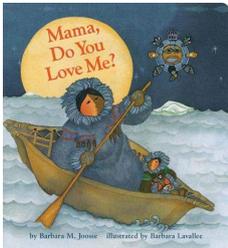
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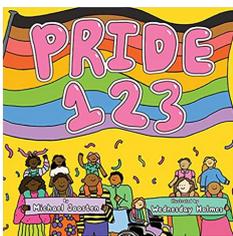
Newman, Leslea (author) and Carol Thompson (illustrator)
Daddy, Papa and ME
(Board book, Families, 2009)

Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children with this board book for the youngest readers. Ages 0 - 3.



Josse, Barbara (author) and Barbara Lavalée (illustrator)
Mama, Do You Love Me?
(Board book, Families, 2005)

This beloved story of a child testing the limits of her independence, and a mother who reassuringly proves that a parent's love is unconditional and everlasting is a perfect first book for toddlers. Ages 2 - 4.



Joosten, Michael (author) and Wednesday Holmes (illustrator)
Pride 1 2 3
(Board book, Pride, Community, Families, 2020)

Teach your little ones about the Pride Parade with this colourful, energetic counting book. Featuring a diverse cast of characters and families, this board book highlights and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community, love, and standing up for who you are while counting to ten. Perfect for all families, this counting board book should be shared and read with pride! Ages 2 - 5.

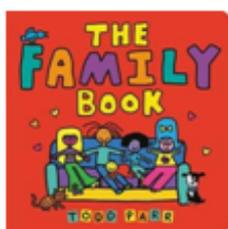


Parr, Todd

It's Okay to Be Different

(Picture book, Diversity, Acceptance, Self-Expression, 2009)

It's Okay to Be Different cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format. Targeted at young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and grow in self-confidence. Ages 3 - 5.



Parr, Todd

The Family Book

(Picture book, Families, Diversity, 2010)

The Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, whether you have two mums or two dads, a big family or a small family, every family is special in its own unique way. Ages 3 - 5.

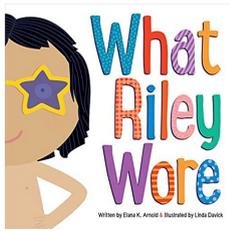


Pearlman, Robb (author) and Eda Kaban (illustrator)

Pink is for Boys

(Picture book, Gender, Self-Expression, 2018)

An empowering and educational picture book that proves colours are for everyone, regardless of gender. Ages 4 - 8.

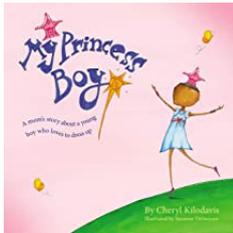


Arnold, Elana (author) and Linda Davick (illustrator)

What Riley Wore

(Picture book, Self-Expression, Self-Esteem, 2019)

Gender-creative Riley knows just what to wear for every occasion during a busy week with family and friends in this sweet and timely picture book. Riley wears whatever clothes feel right each day. On Monday, Riley feels shy and wears a bunny costume to school. On Tuesday, a scary trip to the dentist calls for a super hero cape. For a trip out with Otto and Oma, a ball gown is the perfect outfit. This charming picture book is a gentle exploration of self-expression and a source of encouragement for being true to oneself despite the expectations of others. Ages 4 - 8.

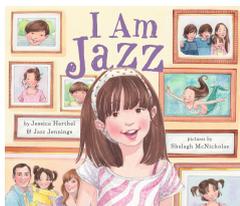


Kildavos, Cheryl

My Princess Boy

(Picture book, Families, Gender, Identity, 2011)

Dyson loves the colour pink. Sometimes he wears dresses and sometimes he wears jeans. He's a Princess Boy, and his family loves him exactly the way he is. A book about love, this is also a call for tolerance and for an end to bullying and judgments. Inspired by the author's son, and by her own initial struggles to understand, this is a heart-warming book about unconditional love and one remarkable family. Ages 4 - 8.

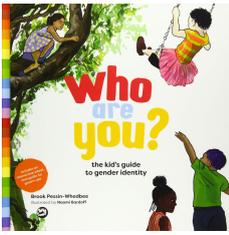


Jennings, Jazz and Jessica Herthel

I am Jazz

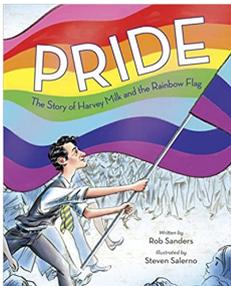
(Picture book, Transgender, Identity, 2014)

The story of a transgender child based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings, who has become a spokesperson for transgender kids everywhere. Here her story is told in a simple, clear way that will be appreciated by picture book readers, their parents, and teachers. Ages 4 - 8.



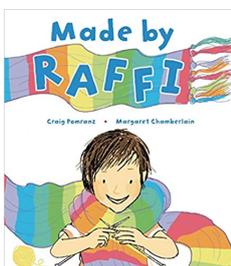
Pessin-Whedbee, Brook (author) and Naomi Bardoff (illustrator)
Who Are You? The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity
(Non-fiction, Guide, Gender, Diversity, 2016)

This is a one-of-a-kind resource for understanding and celebrating the gender diversity that surrounds us. Ideal for use in the classroom or at home, a short page-by-page guide for adults at the back of the book further explains the key concepts and identifies useful discussion points. Using clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender, this is a straightforward introduction to the subject for young readers. Ages 5 – 8.



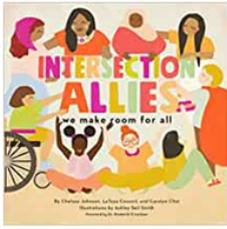
Sanders, Rob (author) and Steven Salerno (illustrator)
Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag
(Picture book, Biography, Pride, 2018)

In this deeply moving and empowering true story, young readers will trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker, to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's society. A story of love, hope, equality, and pride. Ages 5 – 8.



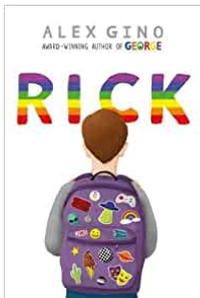
Pommert, Craig (author) and Margaret Chamberlain (illustrator)
Made by Raffi
(Picture book, Bullying, Self-Expression, 2015)

Raffi is a shy boy who does not like noisy games and is often teased at school. When he gets the idea of making a scarf for his dad's birthday, he is full of enthusiasm, even though the other children think it is girly to knit. But when there is no costume for the prince for the school pageant, Raffi comes to the rescue! Ages 6 – 9.



Johnson, Chelsea et al. (authors) and Ashley Seil Smith (illustrator)
IntersectionAllies
(Feminism, Equality, Diversity, 2019)

IntersectionAllies is a smooth, gleeful entry into intersectional feminism. The nine interconnected characters proudly describe themselves and their backgrounds, involving topics that range from a physical disability to language brokering, offering an opportunity to take pride in a personal story and connect to collective struggle for justice. Advocating respect and inclusion, IntersectionAllies is a necessary tool for learning to embrace, rather than shy away from, difference. Ages 6 - 12.



Gino, Alex
Rick
(Identity, Self-Esteem, Diversity, 2020)

An inspiring story about searching for and finding your place in the world. Rick has never given his identity much thought. Now starting middle school, and with the help of his new friends that he meets at the Rainbow Spectrum club, Rick embarks on a journey to find out who he truly is. Profound and moving, this story will stay with anyone lucky enough to find it! Ages 8 - 12.



Gino, Alex
George
(Identity, Transgender, 2017)

GEORGE

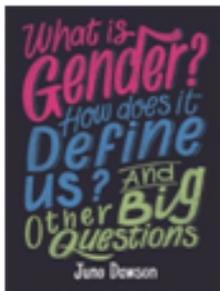
ALEX GINO
MCDONALD

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all! Ages 8 - 12.



Hagger-Holt, Sarah
Nothing Ever Happens Here
(Transitioning, Families, 2020)

Izzy's family is under the spotlight when her dad comes out as Danielle, a trans woman. Izzy is terrified her family will be torn apart. Will she lose her dad? Will her parents break up? And what will people at school say? Izzy's always been shy, but now all eyes are on her. Can she face her fears, find her voice and stand up for what's right? A gentle, unsensational exploration of transition. Ages 9 - 12.



Dawson, Juno
What is Gender?
(Gender, Non-fiction, 2019)

What's the difference between sex and gender? What does it mean to be defined by your gender? Are there only two genders? This informative book helps kids to explore these questions and more, encouraging children to think for themselves about the issues involved. Ages 9 - 11.



Roche, Juno
Gender Explorers: Our Stories of Growing Up Trans
(Non-Fiction, Transgender, 2020)

In this life-affirming, heartening and refreshing collection of interviews, young trans people offer valuable insight and advice into what has helped them to flourish and feel happy in their experience of growing up trans. This book is beautiful proof of the potential for trans children to live rich and fulfilling lives when given the support and love they need. Ages 10+.

