



Glenfield's Top 10 Books

TOP TEN LGBTQ Novels

A Recommended List for Young Adult Readers

Curated by Mrs. Virginia Weaver, Glenfield School Librarian

Please keep in mind that these newer books are for YA, and are not currently available at the Glenfield Library. If you wish to donate the book, see our **Wish List** at <https://tinyurl.com/glenfieldlibrary>

Benway, Robin. **Far From the Tree**. 2017. Harper Teen, (9780062330628). After giving up her newborn for adoption, Grace is interested in finding her own biological mother. Along the way she learns she has two biological siblings, Maya and Joaquin. Together, they face their experiences as adopted or fostered teens and find there are different ways to make a family.

Blake, Ashley. **How to Make a Wish**. 2017. HMH, (9780544815193). Grace is a 17-year-old pianist who has spent most of her life taking care of her mother, Maggie. Eva is an accomplished dancer who moves to Grace's seaside town after her mother passes away. As romance ensues, the two learn to confront grief, embrace happiness, and make decisions for themselves.

Hennessey, M.G. **The Other Boy**. 2016. HarperCollins (9780062427663) The first middle grade book about a trans boy, *The Other Boy* is about 12-year-old Shane Woods, a regular guy who likes baseball, graphic novels, and hanging out with his best friend. But when a classmate threatens to reveal his trans status Shane has to find the courage to show the world he's the same guy he was before.

Lee, Mackenzi. **The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue**. 2017. Katherine Tegen Books, (9780062382801). Henry Montague, the son of a British nobleman, embarks on a European tour with his best friend (and secret crush) Percy and his sister Felicity. Along the way, they encounter adventure and conflict that leads them to a very different destiny than the one awaiting their return to England.

Murphy, Julie. **Ramona Blue**. 2017. Balzer + Bray, (9780062418357). Ramona thinks she knows exactly who she is, who she loves, and what her future holds, until her senior year of high school challenges her expectations and she learns that life, love, and identity are more fluid than she thought.

Ness, Patrick. **Release**. 2017. Harper Teen, (9780062403193). A day in the life of Adam Thorn is chronicled as he deals with colliding issues in his life: sexuality, conservative family.

Oseman, Alice. **Radio Silence**. 2017. HarperTeen, (9780062335715). To the outside world, Frances is a shy, boring nerd who hopes to attend Cambridge University. In reality, she is a quirky bisexual artist who loves listening to and drawing fan art for Universe City, a mysterious podcast lecherous boss, and friends. At the same time, the ghost of a murdered teen merges with a spirit creature, both set upon a quest for justice.

Peck, Richard. **The Best Man**. 2017. (9780147515797). Archer Magill has spent a lively five years of grade school with one eye out in search of grown-up role models. Archer wonders how much change has to happen before his voice does. He doesn't see too far ahead, so every day or so a startling revelation breaks over him. Then a really big one when he's the best man at the wedding of two of his role models.

Spangler, Brie. **Beast**. 2016. Knopf Books for Young Readers. (9781101937167). Insecure about his unusually large and hairy appearance, 15-year-old Dylan feels like a freak until he meets brave and beautiful Jamie, who accepts and loves him as he is. But when he realizes she is transgender, can he return the favor?

Stevens, Courtney. **Dress Codes for Small Towns**. 2017. Harper Teen, \$17.99 (9780062398512). Seventeen-year-old Billie, daughter of the local preacher, grapples with her sexuality, her feelings for her tight-knit group of friends, and why her faith so often seems to be at odds with the organized religion of the church. Is there room for her gender nonconformity in the small town she loves?

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