

# GLBTQ TEEN BOOKS



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## FICTION

***Absolutely, Positively Not.*** David LaRochelle.  
Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.

***The Center of the World.*** Andreas Steinhofel.  
Phil, living in a small, provincial German town, works through his often difficult relationships with his single mother, his distant twin sister, his first boyfriend, as an odd assortment of friends help him learn about the wounds and healing brought by love.

***Far from Xanadu.*** Julie Anne Peters.  
Sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo, struggling to understand her father's suicide and her own homosexuality, reaches the breaking point when she falls in love with Xanadu, an exotic girl who has moved to small Coalton, Kansas, from the big city.

***The Order of the Poison Oak.*** Brent Hartinger.  
Sixteen-year-old Russel, having endured the antagonism of his classmates since admitting he is homosexual, decides to take a counselor job at a summer camp for burn victims, but finds ten-year-old boys have just as many problems as he does.

***A Really Nice Prom Mess.*** Brian Sloan.  
Gay high school senior Cameron Hayes endures a disastrous prom night when forced to take a girl as his date, and after fleeing the dance in disguise, he finds himself involved in a surprising on-stage performance, a high-speed police chase, and unexpected revelations.

***Talk.*** Kathe Koja.  
Kit auditions for a controversial school play and discovers his talent for acting; however, both he and his costar face crises in their view of themselves and in their close relationships.

***Lucky.*** Eddie De Oliveira  
Teenager Sam Smith tries to figure out his own sexuality when he finds himself equally attracted to Toby and Lucy.

***Luna.*** Julie Anne Peters  
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.

***Orphea Proud.*** Sharon Dennis Wyeth.  
Presents a lyrical story about Orphea Proud, who shares her experiences with an audience in a dramatic performance as she talks about her sexuality, her family, prejudices, and identity.

***Rainbow Road.*** Alex Sanchez.  
While driving across America during the summer after high school graduation, three young gay men encounter various bisexual and homosexual people and make some decisions about their own relationships and lives.

***So Hard to Say.*** Alex Sanchez  
Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends, but when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay.

***Not the Only One: Lesbian and Gay Fiction for Teens.*** Jane Summer, editor.  
A collection of short stories portraying gay and lesbian teenagers at different moments in their lives.

## NON-FICTION

***GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer & Questioning Teens.*** Kelly Huegel.  
Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.

***Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia.*** Frances Rooney, editor.  
Contains a collection of true, personal stories from volunteers of Toronto's Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia (T.E.A.C.H.) program, and includes first-hand accounts of issues related to sexual identity, coming out, and dealing with harassment.

***Talking in the Dark: a Poetry Memoir.*** Billy Merrell.  
Presents a collection of poems by Billy Merrell in which he explores themes of love, sadness, and happiness.



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