

Eon: Dragoneye Reborn

Alison GoodmanYA Good

Eon longs to become the apprentice to the Rat Dragon, one of twelve dragons who guard the Empire, and has trained for the selection process for four years. Eon is risking more than just disappointment, though – Eon is actually Eona, a 16 year old girl with singular talents, and if her gender is discovered she'll be executed.

A mesmerizing adventure fantasy; two minor characters also grapple with gender.

Freak Show

James St. JamesYA StJa

Deeply invested in fashion and worldly beyond his years, self-described “gender obscurist” Billy Bloom is quickly ostracized at his new school, a place as conservative as he is snarky and exuberant. After phobic bullying escalates into a physical attack, Billy responds the very best way he knows how – -by running for Prom Queen.

How Beautiful the Ordinary: Twelve Stories of Identity

Michael Cart, editorYA How

Twelve stories – by contemporary authors of young adult fiction such as David Levithan, William Sleator, Jacqueline Woodson – that explore themes of gender identity, love, and sexuality.

I Am J

Cris BeamYA Beam

J (born Jenifer) has spent his life believing he is a boy trapped in a girl's body. As J gets older, it becomes more and more difficult to reconcile who he is with who his parents wish he was. J sets out on a journey of independence and self-discovery.

Jumpstart the World

Catherine Ryan HydeYA Hyde

Sixteen-year-old Elle, living alone in New York City because her stepfather doesn't want her underfoot, befriends her neighbor Frank, but when she discovers that he's transgender, begins to question their relationship.

Luna: a Novel

Julie Anne PetersYA Pete

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.

Ouran High School Host Club

Bisco HatoriYA Hato

A manga series about Haruhi, a scholarship student at the very exclusive Ouran Private Academy. When she breaks an \$80,000 vase belonging to the school's “Host Club” (a mysterious group of six ultra-rich, ultra-gorgeous guys), she is forced to repay her debt by working for the club – and becoming a fully disguised member.

Parrotfish

Ellen WittlingerYA Witt

Grady, a transgender teen, struggles to find acceptance in his society as he adjusts to living his life as a boy, and finds new friends in the most unlikely places.

NON-FICTION

Doing it Right: Making Smart, Safe, and Satisfying Choices about Sex

Brownwen PardesYA 613.9 Pard

A guide by a sexuality educator – up-to-date, honest, and never judgmental. Includes an entire chapter on being transgender, transitioning, and gender and sexuality.

Feeling Wrong in Your Own Body: Understanding What it Means to be Transgender

Jaime SebaYA 306.768 Seba

Information on the issues, facts, and myths surrounding gender, gathered from medical practitioners, people who identify along the transgender spectrum, and family members of transgendered people. Includes ideas for further reading and resources.

The Full Spectrum: a new generation of writing about gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and other identities.

David Levithan and Billy Merrell, editorsYA 306.766 Full

An anthology of nonfiction essays, poems, and short stories, written by authors under the age of 23, that discuss the rewards and challenges of each individual's sexuality and identity.

Gender Identity: The Ultimate Teen Guide

Cynthia WinfieldYA 616.694 Winf

A definitive handbook, including personal reflections from teens, a history of transgender

issues, and information about gender activism, plus photos, resources, and a glossary.

GLBTQ: the Survival Guide for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens.

Kelly HuegelYA 306.766 Hueg

Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

It Gets Better Project

<http://www.itgetsbetter.org/>

Videos from celebrities and regular people, reminding LGBT teens that they are not alone – and it WILL get better.

Teen Health and Wellness Database

<http://teenhealthandwellness.com> –

sign in with your library card

A wealth of information available anonymously on your computer 24 hours a day, including articles about gender, sexual identity, dating, bullying, coming out, and more – plus phone numbers for local hotlines and other resources.

TransYouth Family Allies

“TYFA empowers children and families by partnering with educators, service providers and communities, to develop supportive environments in which gender may be expressed and respected.”

<http://imatyfa.org>

The Trevor Project

1-866-4-U-TREVOR

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

An organization determined to end suicide among LGBT youth by providing digital community and advocacy programs to create a safe, supportive and positive environment for everyone. Their hotline is free, anonymous, and available 24 hours a day.



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Books About Gender Identity For Teens

FICTION

Almost Perfect

Brian KatcherYA Kac

While recovering from a painful breakup, Logan develops a budding relationship with new student Sage. When Logan discovers Sage's secret, he has to rethink everything he thought he knew about her – and himself.

Boy Meets Boy

David Levithan YA Levi

Sophomore Paul attends a high school where people are accepted for who they are, the homecoming (drag) queen is also the quarterback of the football team and the cheerleaders ride motorcycles. When he meets the boy of his dreams, Paul realizes that love is complicated, even in this idyllic community.

Dairy Queen and Off Season

Catherine MurdockYA Murd

D.J. Schwenk is a dairy farmer, a football trainer for a rival school's quarterback, and a girl. When she decides to go out for linebacker, her normally non-communicative family – not to mention her small town – suddenly has a lot to say.

Debbie Harry Sings in French

Meagan BrothersYA Brot

Recovering high school alcoholic Johnny finds a vintage Blondie record in a thrift shop and falls in love with their ferocious lead singer, Debbie Harry. He slowly realizes, though, that he doesn't just love Debbie Harry – he kind of wants to be Debbie Harry. Or maybe just dress like her.