

## Down to the Bone

**Mayra L. Dole** .....YA Dole  
Laura is forced out of the closet when a love letter to her girlfriend is discovered at school. Thrown out by her mother and isolated by much of her Cuban American community, Laura must first accept herself before finding new family and a new life.

## Dramarama

**E. Lockhart** .....YA Lock  
Best friends Demi and Sadye spend the summer at the prestigious Wildewood performing arts academy, hoping to strengthen their talents. When Demi begins to shine, on stage and off, while Sadye suffers with smaller roles, the pair's friendship is tested.

## Hero

**Perry Moore** .....YA Moor  
Thom Creed, the gay son of a former superhero, discovers his own super powers and is recruited by his father's former League, where he learns to befriend and trust others.

## How Beautiful the Ordinary:

### Twelve Stories of Identity

**Michael Cart, editor** .....YA 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.

## Keeping You a Secret

**Julie Anne Peters** .....YA Pete  
Holland Jaeger is living the perfect life—she's student council president, she's got the perfect boyfriend, and her dream of an Ivy League college is just within her grasp. When Cece transfers to her school and the two develop a relationship, however, Holland must re-evaluate her definition of perfect.

## Shine

**Lauren Myracle** .....YA Myra  
Cat's been distant from her childhood friend Patrick for three years, but when he is attacked in a vicious crime, possibly fueled by hate, Cat sets out to uncover who's responsible. A mystery about dangerous secrets in a small town, and one girl's search for justice against all odds.

## Suicide Notes

**Michael Thomas Ford** .....YA Ford  
When Jeff wakes up in a psychiatric ward with bandages around his wrist, he refuses to talk about what happened. Sarcastic, super-smart, and terrified, Jeff slowly realizes that his recovery depends on understanding and accepting that he's gay.

## Vast Fields of Ordinary

**Nick Burd** .....YA Burd  
A story about the summer before college, when everything changes. Dade's parents' marriage falls apart, his secret relationship with the school jock comes to an end, and he starts coming out of the closet.

## Very LeFreak

**Rachel Cohn** .....YA Cohn  
After her family and classmates, concerned about her technology addiction, stage an intervention, Very LeFreak is sent to rehab, where she begins to learn more about herself and why she prefers the virtual world over reality.

## Will Grayson, Will Grayson

**John Green and David Levithan** .....YA Gree  
Two teens, one gay and one straight, discover they share the same name and develop a complex relationship when one Will Grayson begins dating the other Will Grayson's best friend, Tiny Cooper, who creates a play based on his relationship with both boys.

## NON-FICTION

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

**Brownwen Pardes** .....YA 613.9 Pard  
A guide by a sexuality educator – up-to-date, honest, and never judgmental. Includes a chapter on lesbian, gay, and bisexual topics as well as a chapter on being transgender.

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

**David Levithan and Billy Merrell, editors** .....YA 306.766 Full  
An anthology of essays, poems, and short stories that discuss the rewards and challenges of identity.

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

**Kelly Huegel** .....YA 306.766 Hueg  
Practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender teens.

### Homosexuality Around the World: Safe Havens, Cultural Challenges

**Jamie A. Seba** .....A 306.76 Seba  
Explores the cultural attitudes towards sexuality across the world, and examines how the policies of the United States compare with those of other countries.

## Talking in the Dark: a Poetry Memoir

**Billy Merrell** .....YA 811.6 Merr  
This narrative collection of poems explores themes of love, sadness and happiness as Billy grows up, comes out, and explores life and love.

## When I Knew

**Robert Trachtenberg, ed** .....YA 306.766 When  
Funny stories, sad stories, but always memorable stories – all about that one moment of realization.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### GLSEN

#### Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

<http://www.glsen.org/centralnj>

The leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students. GLSEN seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes to creating a more vibrant and diverse community.

#### 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 sexual identity, gay parents, dating, bullying, coming out, and more – plus phone numbers for local hotlines and other resources.

#### 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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# LGB Teen Books



## FICTION

### Absolutely, Positively Not

**David LaRochelle** .....YA LaRo  
Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, pinup-displaying heterosexual.

### Ash

**Malinda Lo** .....YA Lo  
In this retelling of Cinderella, Ash believes in a fairy world and must choose between a handsome fairy or the King's Huntress, who Ash feels is her true love.

### Boyfriends with Girlfriends

**Alex Sanchez** .....YA Sanc  
Lance, who has always known he is gay, develops a relationship with Sergio, who finds himself attracted to both boys and girls, while their two best friends - both girls - are also struggling with their identities.

### 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.

### Center of the World

**Andreas Stetinhöfel** .....YA Stei  
A beautiful, dream-like story about 17-year-old Phil's difficult relationships with his twin sister Dianne, their unusual mother, and his first boyfriend, Nicholas, set in a tiny German town where the family lives in a crumbling Gothic mansion.