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Picture Books

Austrian, J.J. ***Worm Loves Worm***. Written by J.J. Austrian; illus. by Mike Curato. 2016. 32p. HarperCollins/Balzer & Bray, \$17.99 (9780062386335). Age 3-8. Worm loves worm, and now they want to get married. But which worm is the bride and which is the groom? And does it matter?

Howe, James. ***Big Bob, Little Bob***. Written by James Howe; , illus. by Laura Ellen Anderson. 2016. 32p. Candlewick, \$15.99 (9780763644369). Ages 3-7. Three friends learn that gender doesn't matter when it comes to playing with toys.

Williams, Vera and Chris Raschka. ***Home at Last***. 2016. 40p. HarperCollins/Greenwillow, \$17.99 (9780061349737). Age 5-8. Lester finds a loving home with Daddy Rich and Daddy Albert and their big, fluffy dog.

Hall, Michael. ***Red: A Crayon's Story***. 2015. 40p. Greenwillow, \$18.89 (9780062252098). 3-7 yrs. The label read, "Red." However, all of Red's strawberries and hearts come out blue. Friends and family try to fix Red until new buddy Berry helps this crayon discover his true color.

Newman, Lesléa. ***Heather Has Two Mommies***. Written by Lesléa Newman, illus. by Laura Cornell. 2015. 32p. Candlewick, \$16.99 (9780763666316). 3-7 yrs. Heather's favorite number is two: she has two arms, two legs, two pets, and two mommies. When Heather goes to preschool, she learns that not all families look alike, but that they all have one thing in common—love. New text and illustrations make this classic accessible to a modern audience.

Rotner, Shelly, and Sheila M. Kelly. ***Families***. 2015. 32p. Holiday House, \$17.95 (9780823430536). 3-7 yrs. A beautiful diversity of family life is depicted through simple text and photographs.

Baldacchino, Christine. ***Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*** . May 2014. 32p. Groundwood Books, \$16.95. (978-1554983476). Age range: 4-8. Morris wears a beautiful orange dress that reminds him of his mother's hair and tigers, but his classmates say that dresses are for girls. One night, Morris has a dream that changes everything.

Herthel, Jessica + Jazz Jennings. ***I am Jazz***. September, 2014. 32p. Dial, \$17.99. (0803741073). Ages 4-8. Jazz says she "has a girl brain in a boy body." Based on the life of Jazz Jennings, this picture book talks about her experiences growing up as a transkid.

Juvenile Fiction

Gino, Alex. ***George***. 2015. 195p. Scholastic, \$16.99 (9780545812542). Gr 3-7. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Award Book. When people look at George, they see a boy. But she knows she's a girl. With the help of her best friend, George comes up with a plan, not just so she can be Charlotte in her school play but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

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*Federle, Tim. ***Better Nate than Ever***. 2013. 275p. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$16.99 (9781442446892). Grades 4 and up. Thirteen-year-old Nate runs away from his small town in

Pennsylvania to New York City to audition for E.T. the Musical. With the help of his best friend, can he come back home before anyone notices he's gone?

Federle, Tim. **Five, Six, Seven, Nate!** January 2014. 304p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$16.99. (9781442446939). Ages 10-14.

In the sequel to *Better Nate Than Ever*, Nate Foster's Broadway dreams are finally coming true.

Middle Grade Fiction

Gephart, Donna. **Lily and Dunkin.** 2016. 340p. Random House Children's/Delacorte, \$16.99 (9780553536744). Grades 4-6. Lily is fighting to live openly as a girl, Dunkin is fighting his memories of his father, and they're both fighting to save the tree in front of the library.

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Clark, Kristin Elizabeth. **Jess, Chuck, and the Road Trip to Infinity.** 2016. 256p. Macmillan/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$17.99 (9780374380069). Grades 9+. After starting her transition, Jess takes her best friend Chuck across the country to come out to her dad, but spends the trip learning what it means to be a good friend.

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Downham, Jenny. **Unbecoming.** 2016. 375p. Scholastic/David Fickling Books, \$17.99 (9780545907170). Grades 9+. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Honor Book. As if kissing her best friend and then being shunned by all her school mates isn't bad enough, now the grandmother Katie didn't know existed is living with them. But revelations of her mother's and grandmother's histories soon offer insights into her own life that she couldn't have predicted.

Federle, Tim. **The Great American Whatever.** 2016. 278p. Simon & Schuster, \$17.99 (9781481404099). Grades 9+. After spending 6 months alone grieving over the loss of his sister, Quinn's best friend forces him out to a party where he meets and falls for the older and more experienced Amir.

Girard, M.E. **Girl Mans Up.** 2016. 373p. HarperCollins/HarperCollins Children's Books, \$17.99 (9780062404176). Grades 9+. Between her parent's need for her to wear dresses and her best friend's need for her to be one of the guys, Pen slowly loses herself. Will she man up?

* Hutchinson, Shaun David. ***We Are the Ants***. 2016. 451p. Simon & Schuster/Simon Pulse, \$17.99 (9781481449632). Grades 9+. Henry has the chance to destroy the world; should he press the button?

Levithan, David, and Nina LaCour. ***You Know Me Well***. 2016. 250p. Macmillan/St. Martin's/Griffin, \$18.99 (9781250098641). Grades 9+. Mark's boyfriend ditches him to flirt with older guys, and Kate runs away from meeting the girl of her dreams. Instead of finding themselves alone, they find each other for the kick off of San Francisco's Pride Week.

Logan, Kenneth. ***True Letters from a Fictional Life***. 2016. 323p. HarperCollins Children's Books/HarperTeen, \$17.99 (9780062380258). Grades 9+. The real James Liddell is hidden inside his desk. His friends see his girlfriend, athleticism, and confidence as givens, but the letters inside tell another story.

* McLemore, Anna-Marie. ***When the Moon Was Ours***. 2016. 273p. Macmillan/St. Martin's/Griffin/Thomas Dunne, \$18.99 (9781250058669). Grades 9+. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Honor Book. A girl born of a water tower and a boy who hangs moons risk everything for love in this magical fairy tale.

Moskowitz, Hannah, and Kat Helgeson. ***Gena/Finn***. 2016. 287p. Chronicle Books, \$17.99 (9781452138398). Grades 9+. Gena and Finn find each other online through tv fandom. As their friendship develops, neither one expects the disaster that waits around the corner.

Russo, Meredith. ***If I Was Your Girl***. 2016. 288p. Flat Iron Books, \$17.99 (9781250078407). Grades 10+. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Award Book. Meredith Russo tells the story of Amanda Hardy, a trans teen who moves to rural Tennessee for a fresh start. Groundbreaking for its skill and authentic representation, this book displays the complexity, power, and hope possible when authors' #ownvoices are reflected in their art.

Self, Jeffrey. ***Drag Teen***. 2016. 261p. Scholastic/Push, \$17.99 (9780545829939). Grades 9+. A drag competition offers JT the opportunity to break out of his small-town Florida life and live his dream onstage in wig, heels, and false eyelashes.

Spangler, Brie. ***Beast***. 2016. 330p. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf, \$17.99 (9781101937167). Grades 9+. Fifteen-year-old Dylan, 6'4" and growing, is known as "Beast." When an incident sends him to a self-harm group he falls for Jamie and discovers the he's not alone in struggling with his identity.

Tamaki, Mariko. ***Saving Montgomery Sole***. 2016. 228p. Macmillan/Henry Holt/Roaring Brook Press, \$17.99 (9781626722712). Grades 7+. While Montgomery spends her time steeped in the paranormal, she never questions the security and love of her two moms. When a well-known evangelical preacher moves to town, she worries that others may challenge her family.

Whaley, John Corey. ***Highly Illogical Behavior***. 2016. 249p. Dial Books, \$17.99 (9780525428183). Grades 8+. Solomon Reed hasn't stepped out of his house in three years; Lisa Praytor wants nothing more than to leave their town. Solomon may be her ticket out.

* White, Kiersten. ***And I Darken***. 2016. 486p. Random House Children's Books/Delacorte, \$18.99 (9780553522310). Grades 9+. Lada and Radu, children of the Wallachian prince Vlad Dracul, are abandoned to the Ottomon Empire to ensure peace between the kingdoms. When assassination plots and unexpected loves arise, both must decide where their loyalties arise.

Winters, Cat. ***The Steep and Thorny Way***. 335p. 2016. Abrams/Amulet, \$17.95, (9781419719158). Grade 9+. Urged on by her father's ghost, Hanalee and Joe search to find the truth about his murder in 1920s Oregon.

*Albertalli, Becky. ***Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda***. 2015. 320p. Balzer + Bray, \$17.99 (9780062348678). Gr. 8-12. Closeted high schooler Simon Spier is being blackmailed—either help Martin

Addison get together with the girl of his dreams (Simon's good friend) or Simon's sexuality and email romance with mystery classmate "Blue" will be made public. Follow Simon as he comes out, handles his bully, and navigates how to be with "Blue" in real life.

Clare, Cassandra, Sarah Rees Brennan, and Maureen Johnson. **The Bane Chronicles**. 2014. 507p. McElderry, \$22.99 (9780692238066). Gr. 8-12. When Magnus Bane is not battling in the world of Shadowhunters, vampires, werewolves, or tentacle demons, his universal amorous tastes (not to mention his cutting-edge fashion sense) lead him through adventures of a different kind. From the eighteenth century to the twenty-first, these stories augment the life of this fabulous character first introduced in *City of Bones*, giving fans and newcomers alike intriguing insights into the world of *The Mortal Instruments* and *The Infernal Devices*.

*Mesrobian, Carrie. **Cut Both Ways**. 2015. 352p. HarperCollins, \$17.99 (9780062349880). Gr. 9-12. Seventeen-year-old Will believes he is adept at straddling two worlds. He lives with his affluent mother in the suburbs where he makes out with his gay best friend; he lives with his struggling father in the city where he hooks up with a girl from school. When his worlds collide, he is cut both ways.

Nielsen, Susan. **We Are All Made of Molecules**. 2015. 256p. Wendy Lamb, \$16.99 (9780553496864). Gr. 7-10. Personalities clash when brainiac Stewart and his widower father move in with social-elite Ashley and her mother. To complicate matters (and to Ashley's chagrin), her gay dad lives in the carriage house in the backyard.

*Reid, Raziel. *When Everything Feels Like the Movies*. 2015. 171p. Arsenal Pulp, \$15.95 (9781551525747). Gr. 9-12. There is no such thing as bad press, especially to small town middle-schooler Jude Rothesay. Loosely based on the on the real-life story of Larry Fobes King, this brutal novel explores the life of a glamorous boy who is always in the spotlight.

Rowell, Rainbow. **Carry On**. 2015. 522p. St. Martin's Griffin, \$19.99 (9781250049551). Gr. 8-12. Simon Snow just wants to have a normal(ish) last year at his magical school, Watford, with his girlfriend Agatha and his best friend Penny. However, the Insidious Humdrum has other plans. On top of that, Simon's discovery that his probably-vampire roommate and definite nemesis, Baz, has gone missing is far more distracting than he would have expected.

Barakiva, Michael. **One Man Guy**. May 2014. 261p. FSG, \$17.99. (978-0-374-35645-3). Grades 7-10. Freshman Alek's idea of a great summer is not summer school, but his strict and academically driven Armenian parents have different plans. Enter Ethan, the totally suave, older, skater dude. School never looked so good.

*Cameron, Janet E. **Cinnamon Toast and the End of the World**. February 2014. 373p. Hachette Books Ireland, \$22.99. (978-1444743975). Stephen Shulevitz has three months to go before his high school graduation, when he's faced with the end of the world—realizing he's in love with very straight and very homophobic best friend. With only a few months left to go in his small town, Stephen tries to figure out who he is and who he wants to be.

LaCour, Nina. **Everything Leads To You**. May 2014. 307p. Dutton Juvenile, \$17.99. (978-0525425885). Grades 9-12. Emi and her best friend Charlotte are invited to stay at Emi's brother's apartment in LA for the summer after graduation, with one condition: they must do something "epic" while he's gone. When they discover a cryptic letter from a world-famous celebrity, Emi thinks that this mystery might be what they're looking for.

*Nelson, Jandy. **I'll Give You the Sun**. 2014. 384p. Dial books for young readers (Penguin Young Readers division), \$13.74. (0803734964). Ages 14+ Artistic twins Jude and Noah each have only half the story of why they broke apart. Their art becomes a force of its own as they negotiate love, loss, lies and the possibility of reuniting their lives.

*Sharpe, Tess. **Far from You**. April 2014. 344p. Hyperion, \$17.99. (978-1-4231-8462-1). Grades 9-12. Sophie lives with chronic pain from a car accident that also left her hooked on Oxy. Sophie is clean now—but she's reeling from the loss of her love Mina, who died in a mysterious shooting that the police think was a botched drug deal. Will Sophie be able to solve the murder, or will she be the next victim?

*Smith, Andrew. **Grasshopper Jungle**. February 2014. 388p. Dutton Books. \$18.99. (978-0-525-42603-5). Ages 14+ As if living in a world overrun by six-foot-tall hungry and horny mutant praying mantises isn't bad enough, Austin realizes he is in love with both his best friend Robbie and his girlfriend Shann. #donteatthecorn

Westerfeld, Scott. **Afterworlds**. September 23, 2014. 608p. Simon Pulse, \$19.99. (978-1481422345). Ages 14+ With a contract in hand for her YA novel, eighteen-year-old Darcy Patel arrives in New York City. Over the course of a year, Darcy finishes her book, faces critique, and falls in love with the enigmatic Imogene. Woven into Darcy's personal story is her novel, *Afterworlds*, a suspenseful thriller about a teen who slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack.

Jackson, Corrine. **If I Lie**. 2012. 288p. Simon Pulse, \$16.99. (9781442454132). Grades 9 and up. Everyone in town is calling Quinn a whore and a slut because she's been caught cheating on her boyfriend Casey, who is serving in the Marines overseas. What they don't know is that Quinn is keeping Casey's secret, a secret that would prove her innocence.

Levithan, David. **Two Boys Kissing**. 2013. 208p. Random House \$16.99 (9780307931900). Grades 8 and up. Based on true events, this is the story of Harry and Craig's record-breaking 32-hour kiss, narrated by a Greek Chorus of older gay men lost to AIDS, and interwoven with the stories of other teen boys dealing with languishing long-term relationships, coming out, and navigating gender identity.

Moynihan, Lindsay. **The Waiting Tree**. 2013. 218p. Amazon Children's Publishing, \$17.99 (9781477816424). Grades 9 and up. Simon and Stephen get caught "in the act" by Stephen's dad, but that's just one of Simon's many problems. Simon has been ostracized by his church community, he has a going-nowhere job at the local Stop 'n Save, and he is the sole caretaker of his brother, Jude.

Ness, Patrick. **More Than This**. 2013. 480p. Candlewick Press, \$19.99. (9780763662585). Grades 9 and up. Seth clearly remembers drowning and dying, but now he is awake in a run-down, abandoned version of his childhood home. Whenever he closes his eyes, his dreams feel more lifelike than his new reality.

Ryan, Tom. **Tag Along**. 2013. 208p. Orca, \$12.95. (9781459802971). Grades 8 and up. On the evening of the high school prom, a series of disappointing events bring four very different teens together for an evening more memorable than anyone could have planned.

*Cronn-Mills, Kirstin. **Beautiful Music for Ugly Children**. 2012. 288p. Llewellyn Worldwide, Ltd., \$9.99 (9780738732510). Grades 8 & Up. Music geek Gabe has just come out to his family as transgender but is still known as Liz at school. He uses his late night community radio show to try on his male identity and encourage listeners to explore their own identity. Will the show's growing popularity expose his secret?

George, Madeleine. **The Difference Between You and Me**. 2012. 256p. Penguin, \$16.99 (9780670011285). Grades 6 & Up. Jesse and Emily are as opposite and can be, and are as head-over-heels for each other as you can get. But when they're on opposite sides during a heated battle, can they keep the discussion separate from their relationship?

Perkins, Stephanie. **Lola and the Boy Next Door**. 2011. 338p. Penguin, \$16.99 (9780525423287). Grades 8 & Up. Sixteen year old (going on seventeen) Lola Nolan lives in San Francisco's Castro district with her two fathers. She spends her time creating lavish costumes, working, avoiding the mean girls at school, and hanging out with her 22-year-old musician boyfriend, Max. Life is good "until the heartbreaks of her past come back to her present.

Takako, Shimura. **Wandering Son, Volume 2**. 2012. 200p. Fantagraphics Books, \$19.99 (9781606994566). Grades 6 & Up. Shuichi spends his grandmothers cash gift on a special present that leads to his sister finding out his secret, leading to disastrous consequences. But can Shuichi find the strength and courage to withstand the trials that are to come? **(MISSING)**

Takako, Shimura. **Wandering Son, Volume 3**. 2012. 200p. Fantagraphics Books, \$19.99 (9781606995334). Grades 6 & Up. As their friendship grows more strained after their secrets are exposed, Yoshino and Shuichi start to learn about the hard realities of being transgendered, and the consequences (unintended or not) that it can bring.

*Telgemeier, Raina. **Drama**. 2012. 240p. Scholastic Graphix, \$23.99 (9780545326988). Grades 6 & Up. Callie is a passionate theater geek who plunges into her middle schools production of *œMoon Over Mississippi* with enthusiasm for all things theater: sets, props, lighting “ you name it, shes on it. When twins Justin and Jesse join the cast, Callie quickly develops a crush on one, a friendship with the other, who is gay.

*Danforth, Emily M. **The Miseducation of Cameron Post**. 2012. 480p. Balzer + Bray, \$17.99 (9780062020567). Grades 9 & Up. When Cams conservative aunt discovers her niece is a lesbian, she sends Cam to Gods Promise, a church camp that promises to œcure• young people of their homosexuality. Cams engaging voice tells her story with wry humor, intelligence, and a strong sense of place in eastern Montana.

Griffin, Molly Beth. **Silhouette of a Sparrow**. 2012. 224p. Milkweed Editions, \$16.95 (9781571317018). Grades 9 & Up. During the summer of 1926, when sixteen-year-old Garnet discovers the truth about herself and her desires, can she find the courage and freedom to follow her dreams?

Hopkins, Ellen. **Tilt**. 2012. 608p. Margaret K. McElderry Books, \$18.99 (9781416983309). Grades 9 & Up. Shane, in love with HIV-positive Alex, is one of three teens sharing their fears and whispered secrets as they navigate lifes toughest decisions.

*Lo, Malinda. **Adaptation**. 2012. 400p. Little, Brown, \$17.99 (9780316197960). Grades 9 & Up. Something strange has been going on with Reese Holloway since her car accident and her top secret medical treatment- but will she be allowed to figure it out, or will others take her apart to figure it out first?

*Miller, Madeline. **The Song of Achilles**. 2012. 384p. HarperCollins, \$25.99 (9780062060617). Grades 9 & Up. Stirring and memorable, this novel is a reimagined retelling of the Homeric story of the love between Achilles and Patrocles.

Ryan, Tom. **Way to Go**. 2012. 224p. Orca Book Publishers, \$12.95 (9781459800779). Grades 9 & Up. High school junior Danny looks forward to a relaxing summer vacation with his two best friends, but a run-in with the local police has his mother insisting he find a summer job. Work in the new restaurant in town brings friendship with Lisa, a tattooed free spirit who helps him accept his true self.

*Saenz, Benjamin Alire. **Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe**. 2012. 368p. Simon & Schuster, \$16.99 (9781442408920). Grades 9-12. Dante and Aristotle are opposites in almost every way but, nevertheless, the two boys are best friends, almost like two halves making a whole. Saenz lyrical novel examines the bonds of friendship and the uncertainties and saving graces of love.

Williams III, J. H., and W. Haden Blackman. **Batwoman, vol. 1: Hydrology**. 2012. 160p. DC Comics (Warner Brothers Entertainment), \$22.99 (9781401234652). Grades 10 & Up. Kate Kane, drummed out of the military under the œDont Ask Dont Tell• regulations, continues her fight as Batwoman in the dark streets of Gotham. **(MISSING)**

Young Adult Non-Fiction

Andrews, Arin. **Some Assembly Required: The Not-So-Secret Life of a Transgender Teen.** September 2014. 256p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. \$17.99. (9781481416757). Ages 14+

Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews describes the struggles he faced being perceived as a girl growing up, and how things changed for him that he experienced once he began his transition in this humorous and sometimes heartbreaking memoir.

Hill, Katie Rain. **Rethinking Normal: A Memoir in Transition.** September 2014. 272p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$17.99. (978-1481418232). Grades 8+ In an honest and unique voice, Katie Rain Hill opens up about growing up, struggling with depression, family, love, and undergoing gender reassignment.

*Settington, Ken. **Branded by the Pink Triangle.** 2013. 158p. Second Story Press, \$15.95. (9781926920962). Grades 9 and up. Jews were not the only ones persecuted and executed by the Nazis in World War II. Instead of a Star of David, homosexual men were marked with a pink triangle, which now stands as an international symbol for gay rights.

*Moon, Sarah, editor. **The Letter Q: Queer Writers Notes to Their Younger Selves.** 2012. 288p. Scholastic, \$17.99 (9780545399326). Grades 6 & Up. Looking back on what they wished they knew when they were younger, 64 of today's award winning GLBTQ authors write and illustrate letters to their former selves in a way to reach out to those who are in the shoes they once filled.

Graphic Novels & Graphic Nonfiction

*O'Neill, Katie. **Princess Princess Ever After.** 2016. 53p. Oni Press, \$12.99 (9781620103401). Grades 2-5. A graphic novel where girls are heroes, monsters just want to dance, and two princess find their happily ever after together.

*Tamaki, Jillian. **SuperMutant Magic Academy.** 2015. 224p. Drawn and Quarterly, \$22.95 (9781770461987). Gr. 9-12 At this boarding school for paranormal teenagers the student body is a wild mix, from witches and shapeshifters to jocks and performance artists. Hilarity ensues.

Prince, Liz. **Tomboy: A graphic memoir.** September 2014. 256p. Zest Books, \$15.99. (978-1936976553). Grades 8+ For as long as she can remember, Liz has been happiest in jeans and sneakers, never in dresses and heels. Is there a place for a tomboy in girl culture?

Takako, Shimura, **Wandering Son, v. 4.** Fantagraphics Books, 2013. 200p. \$19.99. (9781606996058). Grades 6 and up. Love is in the air for Nitori-kun, Takatsukisan, and Chiba-san. Hurt feelings abound and friendships may dissolve as elementary school fades into junior high.

Williams III, J. H. and W. Haden Blackman. **Batwoman, Volume 3: World's Finest.** DC Comics, 2013. 168p. (9781401242466). \$22.99. Grades 9 and up. When searching for Medusa and the missing children of Gotham, Batwoman teams up with Wonder Woman for a fight they might not survive.

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Schiffer, Miriam B. ***Stella Brings the Family***. Written by Miriam Schiffer; illus. by Holly Clifton-Brown. 2015. 36p. Chronicle, \$16.99 (9781452111902). 3-7 yrs. It's Mother's Day, and everyone is making invitations for their mothers to come to the school celebration. But Stella has two dads and no mom to invite...What should she do?

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*Selznick, Brian. ***The Marvels***. 2015. 667p. Scholastic, \$32.99 (9780545448680). Gr. 5-8. In black-and-white pencil illustrations, Selznick depicts three generations of actors descending from the sole survivor of a legendary shipwreck. As that story closes, another unfolds in prose as young Joseph discovers his connection to the actors and his family history, and he embraces his uncle's life story as it affects and changes his own.

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Riordan, Rick. ***The Hidden Oracle***. 2016. 376p. Disney, \$19.99 (9781484732748). Grades 5-8. Apollo's in trouble with Zeus and has been banished to Earth as a mortal with none of his godly powers, so he makes his way to Camp Half-Blood before finding out about an all-new threat to Camp Half-Blood and the world.

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Curtis, Simon. **Boy Robot**. 2016. 415p. Simon & Schuster/Simon Pulse, \$17.99 (9781481459297). Grade 9+. On the run in a dystopian society that wants him dead, Isaak finds refuge in an underground network of robots and humans.

Levithan, David, and Nina LaCour. **You Know Me Well**. 2016. 250p. Macmillan/St. Martin's/Griffin, \$18.99 (9781250098641). Grades 9+. Mark's boyfriend ditches him to flirt with older guys, and Kate runs away from meeting the girl of her dreams. Instead of finding themselves alone, they find each other for the kick off of San Francisco's Pride Week.

Logan, Kenneth. **True Letters from a Fictional Life**. 2016. 323p. HarperCollins Children's Books/HarperTeen, \$17.99 (9780062380258). Grades 9+. The real James Liddell is hidden inside his desk. His friends see his girlfriend, athleticism, and confidence as givens, but the letters inside tell another story.

Russo, Meredith. **If I Was Your Girl**. 2016. 288p. Flat Iron Books, \$17.99 (9781250078407). Grades 10+. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Award Book. Meredith Russo tells the story of Amanda Hardy, a trans teen who moves to rural Tennessee for a fresh start. Groundbreaking for its skill and authentic representation, this book displays the complexity, power, and hope possible when authors' #ownvoices are reflected in their art.

Self, Jeffrey. **Drag Teen**. 2016. 261p. Scholastic/Push, \$17.99 (9780545829939). Grades 9+. A drag competition offers JT the opportunity to break out of his small-town Florida life and live his dream onstage in wig, heels, and false eyelashes.

Spangler, Brie. **Beast**. 2016. 330p. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf, \$17.99 (9781101937167). Grades 9+. Fifteen-year-old Dylan, 6'4" and growing, is known as "Beast." When an incident sends him to a self-harm group he falls for Jamie and discovers he's not alone in struggling with his identity.

Thorne, Jenn Marie. **The Inside of Out**. 2016. 425p. Penguin Books/Dial Books for Young Readers, \$17.99 (9780803740587). Grades 9+. Daisy thinks being an ally to her best friend is going to be easy. As she leads the fight to allow same-sex dates at Homecoming, Daisy discovers that standing with her friend is different from standing in for her friend.

* Tilahun, Na'amén Gobert. **The Root**. 2016. 411p. Skyhorse Publishing/Night Shade Books, \$14.99 (9781597808637). Grades 9+. Two teens live in alternate versions of San Francisco, each fighting to keep their world alive from the dark forces that threaten destruction.

Adler, Dahlia. **Under the Lights**. 2015. [279p]. Spencer Hill Contemporary, \$9.95 (9781633920170). Gr. 9-12. Vanessa Park loves her job on the teen TV drama *Daylight Falls*; Josh Chester is a notorious Hollywood playboy whose career is spiraling out of control. As major life transitions happen, relationships blossom in unexpected ways.

Barzak, Christopher. **Wonders of the Invisible World**. 2015. 352p. Knopf, \$17.99 (9780385392792). Gr. 9-12. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's & Young Adult Award Honor Book. Seventeen-year-old Aidan feels like he is sleepwalking through his life until his childhood friend

Jarrold returns to his hometown. Jarrold and Aidan are inexorably drawn to each other. Can their connection help Aiden unlock the secrets in his family and find his true self?

Brown, Rachel Manija and Sherwood Smith. **Stranger**. 2014. 432p. Viking, \$18.99 (9780670014804). Gr. 7-12. Generations after a natural disaster destroyed civilization as we know it, eighteen-year-old prospector Ross Juarez escapes King Voske's bounty hunter and finds refuge in the town of Las Anclas. Mutated residents with strange powers live side-by-side with "Norms," yet not even this haven is free from the shadow of King Voske's greed for dominion.

Whaley, John Corey. **Highly Illogical Behavior**. 2016. 249p. Dial Books, \$17.99 (9780525428183). Grades 8+. Solomon Reed hasn't stepped out of his house in three years; Lisa Praytor wants nothing more than to leave their town. Solomon may be her ticket out.

* White, Kiersten. **And I Darken**. 2016. 486p. Random House Children's Books/Delacorte, \$18.99 (9780553522310). Grades 9+. Lada and Radu, children of the Wallachian prince Vlad Dracul, are abandoned to the Ottoman Empire to ensure peace between the kingdoms. When assassination plots and unexpected loves arise, both must decide where their loyalties arise.

Winters, Cat. **The Steep and Thorny Way**. 335p. 2016. Abrams/Amulet, \$17.95, (9781419719158). Grade 9+. Urged on by her father's ghost, Hanalee and Joe search to find the truth about his murder in 1920s Oregon.

Black, Holly. **The Darkest Part of the Forest**. 2015. 328p. Little, Brown, \$18.00 (9780316213073). Gr. 8-12. Hazel should have known better than to make a deal with the fairies of the forest for her brother Ben's talent, but it's too late. The long-sleeping horned boy—the unrequited love of both siblings—has broken out of his glass box, and the Fae have come to exact their price.

Bray, Libba. **Lair of Dreams**. 2015. 624p. Little, Brown, \$19.99 (9780316126045). Gr. 8-12. After escaping a psychotic killer, the Diviners believe their life will be easier. Instead they find that a mysterious phantom is drawing people into a dream world, where they are trapped within a nightmare and murdered. Can dreamwalkers Henry and Ling save the city?

Brugman, Alyssa. **Alex As Well**. 2015. 224p. Henry Holt, \$16.99 (9781627790147). Gr 9-12. Fourteen years old and intersex, Alex was raised by her parents as a boy, but she knows she is a girl. Taking her identity into her own hands, she stops her testosterone pills and starts over at a new school. This presents a whole new set of challenges, from facing down disapproving parents to navigating her legal rights.

Clare, Cassandra, Sarah Rees Brennan, and Maureen Johnson. **The Bane Chronicles**. 2014. 507p. McElderry, \$22.99 (9780692238066). Gr. 8-12. When Magnus Bane is not battling in the world of Shadowhunters, vampires, werewolves, or tentacle demons, his universal amorous tastes (not to mention his cutting-edge fashion sense) lead him through adventures of a different kind. From the eighteenth century to the twenty-first, these stories augment the life of this fabulous character first introduced in *City of Bones*, giving fans and newcomers alike intriguing insights into the world of *The Mortal Instruments* and *The Infernal Devices*.

*Mesrobian, Carrie. **Cut Both Ways**. 2015. 352p. HarperCollins, \$17.99 (9780062349880). Gr. 9-12. Seventeen-year-old Will believes he is adept at straddling two worlds. He lives with his affluent mother in the suburbs where he makes out with his gay best friend; he lives with his struggling father in the city where he hooks up with a girl from school. When his worlds collide, he is cut both ways.

Nielsen, Susan. **We Are All Made of Molecules**. 2015. 256p. Wendy Lamb, \$16.99 (9780553496864). Gr. 7-10. Personalities clash when brainiac Stewart and his widower father move in with social-elite Ashley and her mother. To complicate matters (and to Ashley's chagrin), her gay dad lives in the carriage house in the backyard.

*Reid, Raziell. *When Everything Feels Like the Movies*. 2015. 171p. Arsenal Pulp, \$15.95 (9781551525747). Gr. 9-12. There is no such thing as bad press, especially to small town middle-schooler Jude Rothesay. Loosely based on the on the real-life story of Larry Fobes King, this brutal novel explores the life of a glamorous boy who is always in the spotlight.

Rowell, Rainbow. *Carry On*. 2015. 522p. St. Martin's Griffin, \$19.99 (9781250049551). Gr. 8-12. Simon Snow just wants to have a normal(ish) last year at his magical school, Watford, with his girlfriend Agatha and his best friend Penny. However, the Insidious Humdrum has other plans. On top of that, Simon's discovery that his probably-vampire roommate and definite nemesis, Baz, has gone missing is far more distracting than he would have expected.

*Cameron, Janet E. *Cinnamon Toast and the End of the World*. February 2014. 373p. Hachette Books Ireland, \$22.99. (978-1444743975). Stephen Shulevitz has three months to go before his high school graduation, when he's faced with the end of the world—realizing he's in love with very straight and very homophobic best friend. With only a few months left to go in his small town, Stephen tries to figure out who he is and who he wants to be.

LaCour, Nina. *Everything Leads To You*. May 2014. 307p. Dutton Juvenile, \$17.99. (978-0525425885). Grades 9-12. Emi and her best friend Charlotte are invited to stay at Emi's brother's apartment in LA for the summer after graduation, with one condition: they must do something "epic" while he's gone. When they discover a cryptic letter from a world-famous celebrity, Emi thinks that this mystery might be what they're looking for.

*Nelson, Jandy. *I'll Give You the Sun*. 2014. 384p. Dial books for young readers (Penguin Young Readers division), \$13.74. (0803734964). Ages 14+ Artistic twins Jude and Noah each have only half the story of why they broke apart. Their art becomes a force of its own as they negotiate love, loss, lies and the possibility of reuniting their lives.

*Smith, Andrew. *Grasshopper Jungle*. February 2014. 388p. Dutton Books. \$18.99. (978-0-525-42603-5). Ages 14+ As if living in a world overrun by six-foot-tall hungry and horny mutant praying mantises isn't bad enough, Austin realizes he is in love with both his best friend Robbie and his girlfriend Shann. #donteatthecorn

Westerfeld, Scott. *Afterworlds*. September 23, 2014. 608p. Simon Pulse, \$19.99. (978-1481422345). Ages 14+ With a contract in hand for her YA novel, eighteen-year-old Darcy Patel arrives in New York City. Over the course of a year, Darcy finishes her book, faces critique, and falls in love with the enigmatic Imogene. Woven into Darcy's personal story is her novel, *Afterworlds*, a suspenseful thriller about a teen who slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack.

*Clark, Kristin Elizabeth. *Freakboy*. 2013. 448p. Farrar Straus Giroux \$18.99 (9780374324728). Grades 7 and up. Three lives intertwine: Angel, a transwoman who works at an LGBTQ center for teens; Vanessa, a high school girl who's on the wrestling team; and Brendan, Vanessa's boyfriend who has just started having dreams that he is actually a she. Brendan feels at home in his female-bodied dreams, but what does that mean for his relationship with Vanessa, and how can Angel help him?

Konigsberg, Bill. *Openly Straight*. 2013. 320p. Arthur A. Levine Books, \$17.99 (9780545509893). Grades 7 and up. High school junior Rafe leaves his accepting parents, his accepting school, and his accepting Colorado hometown to start life over at an all-boys boarding school where he decides *not* to come out as gay. As he navigates his new identity as a jock and a cøboy's boy,• the strain of keeping his secret begins to take its toll.

Levithan, David. *Two Boys Kissing*. 2013. 208p. Random House \$16.99 (9780307931900). Grades 8 and up. Based on true events, this is the story of Harry and Craig's record-breaking 32-hour kiss, narrated by a Greek Chorus of older gay men lost to AIDS, and interwoven with the stories of other teen boys dealing with languishing long-term relationships, coming out, and navigating gender identity.

Moynihan, Lindsay. **The Waiting Tree**. 2013. 218p. Amazon Children's Publishing, \$17.99 (9781477816424). Grades 9 and up. Simon and Stephen get caught "in the act" by Stephen's dad, but that's just one of Simon's many problems. Simon has been ostracized by his church community, he has a going-nowhere job at the local Stop 'n Save, and he is the sole caretaker of his brother, Jude.

Smith, Andrew. **Winger**. Simon & Schuster, 2013. 438p. \$16.99. (9781442444928). Grades 9 and up. Learning the ways of love and life are never easy, especially when you are a 14-year-old high school junior like Ryan Dean. Ryan Dean knows that with his best friend Joey at his side, life is always better "until the unthinkable happens.

Cashore, Kristin. **Bitterblue**. 2012. 576p. Penguin, \$19.99 (9780803734739). Grades 7 & Up. Eight years after the death of her father, the young Queen Bitterblue finds herself and her kingdom mired in secrets left over from his abusive reign.

Coyote, Ivan E. **One in Every Crowd: Stories**. 2012. 238p. Arsenal Pulp Press, \$15.95 (9781551524597). Grades 8 & Up. Autobiographical stories about growing up as a tomboy and queer kid in Yukon, showing the fear and struggle along with acceptance kindness, and that everyone has insecurities.

Newman, Leslea. **October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard**. 2012. 128p. Candlewick Press, \$15.99 (9780763658076). Grades 8 & Up. The fence, the road, the clothesline, the truck "these are some of the 68 spare, poetic voices joining together to tell the story of what happened to Matthew Shepard that tragic night.

Perkins, Stephanie. **Lola and the Boy Next Door**. 2011. 338p. Penguin, \$16.99 (9780525423287). Grades 8 & Up. Sixteen year old (going on seventeen) Lola Nolan lives in San Francisco's Castro district with her two fathers. She spends her time creating lavish costumes, working, avoiding the mean girls at school, and hanging out with her 22-year-old musician boyfriend, Max. Life is good "until the heartbreaks of her past come back to her present.

*Telgemeier, Raina. **Drama**. 2012. 240p. Scholastic Graphix, \$23.99 (9780545326988). Grades 6 & Up. Callie is a passionate theater geek who plunges into her middle schools production of *æMoon Over Mississippi* with enthusiasm for all things theater: sets, props, lighting "you name it, shes on it. When twins Justin and Jesse join the cast, Callie quickly develops a crush on one, a friendship with the other, who is gay.

Hopkins, Ellen. **Tilt**. 2012. 608p. Margaret K. McElderry Books, \$18.99 (9781416983309). Grades 9 & Up. Shane, in love with HIV-positive Alex, is one of three teens sharing their fears and whispered secrets as they navigate lifes toughest decisions.

Kokie, E. M. **Personal Effects**. 2012. 352p. Candlewick Press, \$16.99 (9780763655273). Grades 9 & Up. After his beloved older brother T.J. is killed in action in Iraq, seventeen-year-old Matt begins to read a series of his brothers letters and discovers his brothers secret- and must come to terms with his brothers secret life and what it means.

*Lo, Malinda. **Adaptation**. 2012. 400p. Little, Brown, \$17.99 (9780316197960). Grades 9 & Up. Something strange has been going on with Reese Holloway since her car accident and her top secret medical treatment- but will she be allowed to figure it out, or will others take her apart to figure it out first?

*Miller, Madeline. **The Song of Achilles**. 2012. 384p. HarperCollins, \$25.99 (9780062060617). Grades 9 & Up. Stirring and memorable, this novel is a reimagined retelling of the Homeric story of the love between Achilles and Patrocles.