

LGBTQIA+ books for children

General information

ages 7+years



J 306.76 ATK

[Can I tell you about gender diversity?](#) a guide for friends, family and professionals by CJ Atkinson

Meet Kit, a twelve-year-old who identifies as trans and is currently going through female to male medical transition. Kit explains what it is like to transition and how his friends, family, and teachers can help by using the right pronouns, respecting his name change, introducing gender neutral toilets at school, and much more. Includes a useful list of recommended readings, organisations, and websites for further information and support

ages 4-8yrs

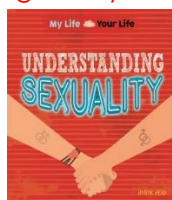


Picture book F

[The rainbow flag: bright, bold and beautiful](#) by Michelle Millar Fisher

It's 1978 in San Francisco, and the city is filled with music and art and protests for social justice - and the Gay Freedom Day Parade needs a new symbol. Harvey Milk and Gilbert Baker come up with the idea for a flag. Making it a rainbow, Gilbert decides, will be the perfect way to express love, togetherness, and pride. Gilbert and his good friends make it happen. They unfurl the flag at the parade to the delight of the crowd. Today the Rainbow Flag is a familiar sight, at the Pride Parade and around the world.

ages 8+years



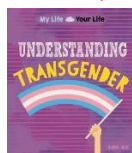
J 306.76 HEA

[Understanding sexuality: what it means to be lesbian, gay or bisexual](#)

by Honor Head

This book looks at the issues around sexuality - what it means, being lesbian, gay or bisexual, coming out, homophobia and accepting yourself and being happy in your own skin. It includes talking and debating points and is perfect for someone starting to question their sexuality. It explores issues including sexuality, gender, self-esteem, prejudice and discrimination and promotes and encourages discussion. By thinking creatively and critically, children can learn to accept their differences, embrace diversity and improve their sense of self and how they fit into the bigger picture.

ages 10+ years

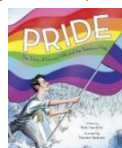


J 306.76 HEA

[Understanding transgender](#) by Honor Head (JNF) 8yrs & up

A sensitive book that explores the issue of people who feel they do belong to the gender they were born with. It looks at what this means for the person and their family, issues around school policy, bullying and discrimination and explores the journey of transitioning.

ages 5+years

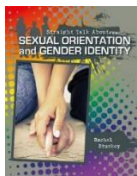


J 979.461 SAN

[Pride: the story of Harvey Milk and the rainbow flag](#) by Rob Sanders

Traces the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world.

ages 12+ years [Sexual orientation and gender identity](#) by Rachel Stuckey.



J 306.76 STU

This title gives young people a better understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity, and the LGBTQ community. Personal testimonials shed light on the difficulties individuals face coming out and dispel myths of gender stereotypes. Also included is advice on how to support family members, friends, or classmates who identify as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Same sex parents

ages 4+ years [Same-sex parents](#) by Holly Duhig (Topics to talk about)



J 306.874 DUH

Using simple language and photographs, this book tells the story of Daisy and her 2 dads.

Also covers surrogacy, adoption and fostering.

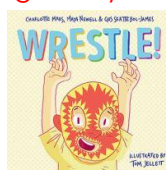
ages 3+ years [The girl with two dads](#) by Mel Elliot (2019)



Picture book E

Matilda is a new girl at Pearl's school, but there's something really different and cool about her family - she has TWO dads! Pearl is sure that Matilda's family must be very different to her own but, as they become friends, she starts to discover that maybe Matilda's family aren't so different after all...

ages 4+ years [Wrestle!](#) By Charlotte Mars, Maya Newell & Gus Skattebol-james



Picture book M

I love wrestling. When I grow up, I want to be just like my wrestling heroes: big and tough, with huge muscles. The only problem is, my mums don't like fighting... A funny story about identity, family and dressing up, inspired by the award-winning documentary, Gayby Baby

ages 5+ years [Heather has two mummies](#) by Lesléa Newman



Picture book N

Heather's favourite number is two. She has two arms, two legs, two pets and two mummies. On her first day at school someone asks Heather about her daddy. Heather wonders, Am I the only one here who doesn't have a daddy? And guess what? It turns out that families come in lots of different shapes and sizes - and as Heather's teacher tells her, "The most important thing about a family is that all people in it love one another"

ages 5+ years [Donovan's big day](#) by Leslea Newman



Picture book N

Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ring-bearer, he has a very important job to do. Any boy or girl with same-sex parents—or who knows a same-sex couple—will appreciate this picture book about love, family, and marriage. The story captures the joy and excitement of a wedding day while the illustrations show the happy occasion from a child's point of view.

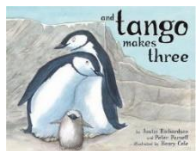
ages 3+ years [My Mommy, Mama, and me](#) by Leslea Newman



Picture book S

Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its mummies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.

ages 4+ years



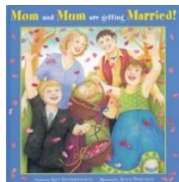
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[And Tango makes three](#) by Justine Richardson and Peter Parnell

There are all kinds of animal families in the zoo. But Tango's family is not like any of the others. –cover

Roy and Silo year after year build a nest. One year the zookeeper gives them an egg to hatch.

ages 5+years



Picture book S

[Mom and mum are getting married](#) by Ken Setterington

When Rosie comes home to find her mom dancing alone in the living room--on a school day--she knows something wonderful is about to happen. So, when one of her two mothers announce, "Your Mum and I are getting married!" they can't wait to start planning the big day. At this party, family, friends and fun come together for a joyous celebration of love in a changing world.

ages 3+years



Picture book S

[Stella brings the family](#) by Miriam Baker Schiffer

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? Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

ages 5+years

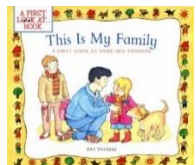


J SKO

[Enid and her two Mums](#) by Jessica Skogstad 2016

Young Enid is on her usual walk to school one day, when she notices that her family looks slightly different to the other families she sees on the street. Enid has two mums, and she begins to wonder just what makes up a normal family. The day brings her many opportunities to see the diverse nature of modern families, and Enid makes a very important discovery along the way - family is love!

ages 4+years



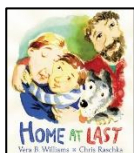
Picture book T

J 306.848 THO

[This is my family: a first look at same-sex parents](#) by Pat Thomas

This book introduces children to families that have parents of the same sex. The terms gay and lesbian are used. Whether a family has a mum & dad, two mums or two dads, this book shows that all parents love, care and support their children in the same way.

ages 4+years



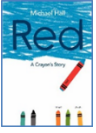
Picture book W

[Home at last](#) by Vera Williams & Chris Raschka

Lester finds a loving home with Daddy Rich and Daddy Albert and their big, fluffy dog. But he can't fall asleep in his new bed. What will it take to make Lester feel home at last?

Transgender

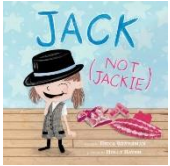
ages 4+ years [Red: a crayon's story](#) by Michael Hall



Picture book H

Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons and art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

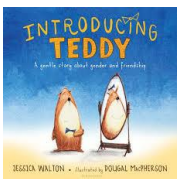
ages 4+ years [Jack \(not Jackie\)](#) by Erica Silverman



Picture book S

Susan loves her baby sister, Jackie, but as Jackie grows older and behaves more and more like a boy Susan must adjust to having a brother, Jack, instead. Includes a list of additional (USA) resources.

ages 3+ years [Introducing Teddy](#) : a story about being yourself by Jessica Walton

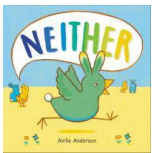


Picture book W

Errol and his teddy bear, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. Whether it's riding a bike, playing in the tree house or having a tea party, every day holds something fun to do together. But one sunny day, Errol finds that Thomas the Teddy is sad, and Errol can't figure out why. Until Thomas finally tells Errol what's truly in his heart. "In my heart, I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. I wish my name was Tilly, not Thomas." And Errol says, "I don't care if you're a girl teddy or a boy teddy! What matters is that you are my friend."

Other

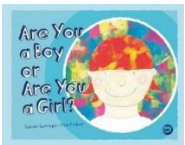
ages 4+ years [Neither](#) By Airlie Anderson



CCL on order

In the Land of This and That, there are only two kinds: blue bunnies and yellow birds. But one day a funny green egg hatches, and a little creature that's not quite a bird and not quite a bunny pops out. It's neither! Neither tries hard to fit in. Eventually it sets out to find a new place where all kinds of creatures are welcome.

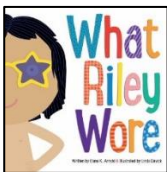
ages 3-7 years [Are you a boy or are you a girl?](#) by Sarah Savage & Fox Fisher



Picture book S

Tiny loves costumes! Tiny likes to dress up as an animal, or a doctor, or a butterfly. Tiny also prefers not to tell other children whether they are a boy or a girl. When Tiny moves to a new town, Buster, the class bully, wants to know if Tiny is a boy or a girl but others wonder why it matters to him.

ages 4+ years [What Riley wore](#) by Alena K Arnold



Picture book A

Riley's a creative kid who loves to mix up their wardrobe. Each day of the week, Riley decides to wear something unexpected, like a bunny costume on the first day of school, outer space pyjamas for a lesson on the planets, or a ballgown to dinner. Riley gets plenty of support from parents, adults, and other children, most of whom are delighted by Riley's choices. One question at the end; Are you a girl or a boy? is the only mention of gender, and Riley's answer, Today I'm a firefighter, is good enough for everyone.