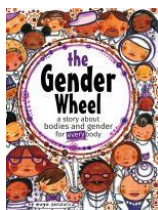


# LGBTQIA+ books for children

## General information

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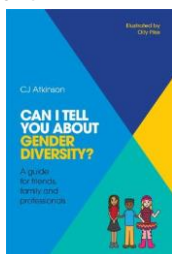


**The gender wheel:** a story about bodies and gender for every body  
by Maya Gonzalez (2017)

“This is our world. Like many things in nature, it’s round and holds everyone at the same time. This is the Gender Wheel. Like our world it’s round and holds everyone at the same time too...”

This body positive book is a powerful opportunity for a supportive adult and child to see a wide range of bodies, understand the origins of the current binary gender system, how we can learn from nature to see the truth that has always existed and revision a new story that includes room for all bodies and genders.

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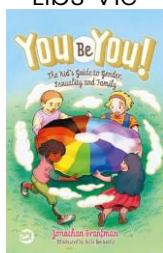
ages 7+years

**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

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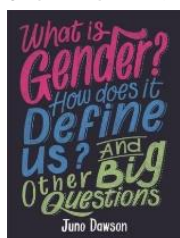


ages 5+years

**You be you!** The kid's guide to gender, sexuality, and family  
by Jonathan Brantman

This book that makes gender identity, sexual orientation, and family diversity easy to explain to children. Throughout the book kids learn that there are many kinds of people in the world and that diversity is something to be celebrated. It covers gender, romantic orientation, discrimination, intersectionality, privilege, and how to stand up for what's right. This book helps children think about how to create a kinder, more tolerant world.

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ages 9-13yrs

**What is gender?** How does it define us? And other big questions  
by Juno Dawson

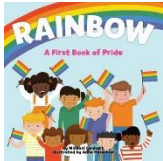
What's the difference between sex and gender? What does it mean to be defined by your gender? Are there only two genders? This informative book helps kids to explore these questions and many more. It explains how your gender can have an impact on your life, what it means to choose your own gender identity and the importance of gender equality. Topics covered include gender stereotypes, why there are different toys for boys and girls, being intersex and transgender, cross-dressing and gender around the world.

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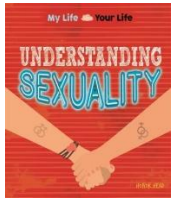
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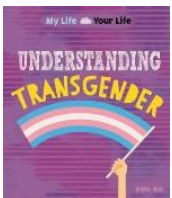
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ages 9+ years

**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.

**Rainbow: a first book of pride** by Michael Genhart, PhD (2019)

In this book of love, hope, diversity, and acceptance, each stripe of the rainbow flag gets a full double-page spread describing what its colour symbolizes within the context of LGBTQ+ pride. Red means life is presented along with an interracial gay couple holding their newborn baby in the hospital. The other colours standing for healing, sunlight, nature, harmony, and spirit likewise show happy scenes that depict children being supported by their same-sex parents in sweet moments from everyday life. A spread near the end shows a series of smiling, racially diverse families posing in front of global landmarks, waving rainbow flags to say, This is who I am, and I stand proud!

**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.

**Understanding transgender** by Honor Hea

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.

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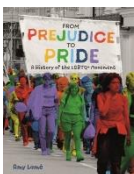


ages 4+years

**A house for everyone: a story to help children learn about gender identity and gender expression** by Jo Hirst (2018)

At lunchtime, all of Tom's friends gather at school to work together building their house. Each one of them has a special job to do, and each one of them has a different way of expressing their gender identity. Jackson is a boy who likes to wear dresses. Ivy is a girl who likes her hair cut really short. Alex doesn't feel like 'just' a boy, or 'just' a girl. They are all the same, they are all different – but they are all friends.

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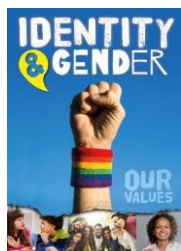


ages 12+ yrs

**From Prejudice to Pride: a history of the LGBTQ+ movement** by Amy Lamé (2017)

Follow LGBTQ+ history from ancient civilisations to the present-day and learn about key events including the trial of Oscar Wilde, the Stonewall riots, the AIDS crisis, same-sex marriage and changing laws that have impacted on LGBTQ+ life. Gain insight into the shifting attitudes that have challenged lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and the experiences that help us understand what it means to be LGBTQ+ today.

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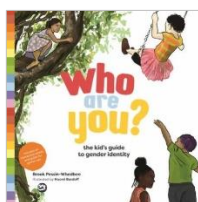


Ages 8+yrs

**Identity & gender** by Charlie Ogden (2020)

After covering the concept of identity in broad terms, Identity and Gender offers a lucid, pointed explanation of the gender spectrum, gender identity, and the difference between sex and gender. A repeated exhortation to respect everyone's gender identity drives the points home.

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ages 4+years

**Who are you? The kid's guide to gender identity** by Brook Pessin-Whedbee (2017)

It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression, and our identity. An interactive three-layered wheel included in the book is a simple, yet powerful, tool to clearly demonstrate the difference between our body, how we express ourselves through our clothes and hobbies, and our gender identity.

Guide for adults further explains the key concepts and identifies useful discussion points.

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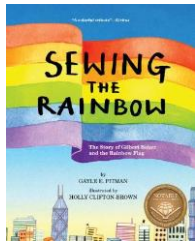
ages 4-8yrs

**This day in June** by Gayle E. Pitman (2014)

In a wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community, This Day In June welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united. Also included is a Reading Guide chock-full of facts about LGBT history and culture.

Note to Parents and Caregivers with information on how to talk to children about sexual orientation and gender identity in age-appropriate ways

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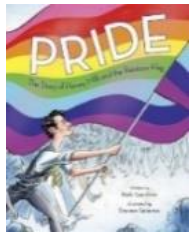
**Sewing the rainbow: the story of Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag**

by Gayle E Pitman & pictures by Holly Clifton-Brown (2018)

Gilbert Baker always knew he wanted a life full of colour and sparkle. In his small, gray, flat Kansas hometown, he helped his grandma sew and created his own art whenever he could. It wasn't easy; life tried over and over again to make Gilbert conform. But his sparkle always shone through. He dreamed of someday going somewhere as vibrant and colourful as he was.

This book shows that when you see a rainbow flag, you'll know it's okay to be your colourful self. Includes a 'Note to Parents and Caregivers' with more about Gilbert and the flag's history.

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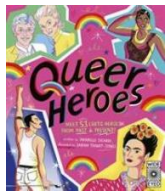


ages 5+years

**Pride: the story of Harvey Milk and the rainbow flag** by Rob Sanders

Harvey Milk had a dream. He wanted all people to be treated equally under the law; to love who they loved, be free to be themselves, and not be discriminated against. In 1977, Harvey became one of the first openly gay elected officials. The next year, he and his friend Gilbert Baker came up with a symbol to unite their community and the people who supported it, and to show pride. They created the first rainbow Pride Flag and introduced it at a march for equal rights.

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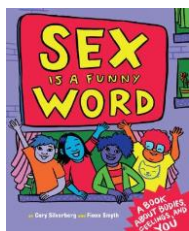
ages 9-12yrs

**Queer heroes: meet 53 LGBTQ heroes from past and present!**

by Arabelle Sicardi (2019)

This book celebrates the achievements of LGBTQ people through history and from around the world. It features dynamic full-colour portraits of a diverse selection of 53 inspirational role models accompanied by short biographies that focus on their incredible successes.

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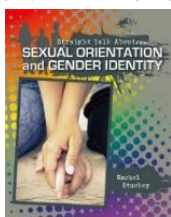


ages 8-10yrs

**Sex is a funny word: a book about bodies, feelings, and YOU** by Cory Silverberg

A book for kids that includes children and families of all makeups, orientations, and gender identities. This is an essential resource about bodies, gender, and sexuality for children ages 8 to 10 as well as their parents and caregivers. Much more than the "facts of life" or "the birds and the bees," This book opens up conversations between young people and their caregivers in a way that allows adults to convey their values and beliefs while providing information about boundaries, safety, and joy.

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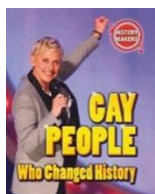


ages 12+yrs

**Sexual orientation and gender identity** by Rachel Stuckey. (2015)

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.

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ages 8+yrs

**Gay people who changed history** by Adam Sutherland. (2015)

Looks at gay people who have made a difference whether they are rulers and leaders in their field or ordinary people whose actions and example changed the lives of others. Biographies of each individual detail their struggles and achievements and look at the legacy each created.

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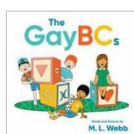
**It feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity** by Theresa Thorn (2019)

Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between.

Colourful illustrations and simple language explain the basics of gender identity, cis, trans, and nonbinary genders. Language is power. This book gives children that power.

*Ethnically inclusive; all abilities: wheelchair, glasses*

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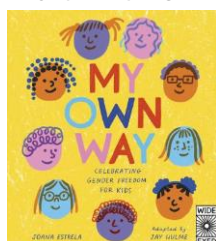


ages 4-8yrs

**The GayBCs** by M.L. Webb. (2019)

A playdate extravaganza transforms into a celebration of friendship, love, and identity as four friends sashay out of all the closets, dress up in a wardrobe fit for kings and queens, and discover the wonder of imagination. A glossary in the back offers opportunity for further discussion of terms and identities.

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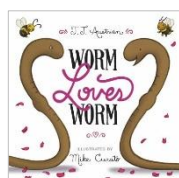
**My own way: celebrating gender freedom for kids**

by Joana Estrela adapted by Jay Hulme

Reminiscent of Todd Parr, this gender-affirming picture book features childlike illustrations with people with a wide range of head and facial hair, clothing, and skin tones, from white and brown to pink and blue to purple and orange. "Girl or boy? / What brings you joy? / Pink or blue? / It's up to you." For young readers questioning their gender, including what colors to wear, how to style their hair, and what activities to play, the simple, rhyming, and reaffirming text emphasizes "You'll find your way!" Without using the term nonbinary, the text shifts to recognize that boy and girl may not describe everyone accurately; people can be both or none. A scene with identical bathrooms, except for gendered signs, reinforces this individual expression. For budding allies who may want to attach gender to people based on physical traits and activities, the text gently recommends that they let individuals tell their own stories and offers the best advice, "Just be as kind as you can." However children identify, this book offers support and acceptance.

## Gay or Lesbian

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ages 4-8yrs

**Worm loves worm** by J J Austrian & pictures by Mike Curato (2016)

Two worms in love decide to get married, and with help from Cricket, Beetle, Spider, and the Bees they have everything they need and more, but which one will be the bride and which the groom?

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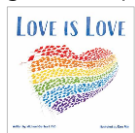


ages 5+years

**A day in the life of Marlon Bundo** by Marlon Bundo – rabbit, with Jill Twiss

The story of a lonely bunny, Marlon Bundo, who lives with his Grampa, Mike Pence, the Vice President of the United States. On a particular day, he meets another boy bunny, named Wesley, that changed his life forever.

ages 4-8yrs

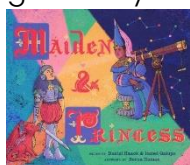


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**Love is love** by Michael Genhart, PhD

A boy becomes upset when he is teased for having two dads. After viewing his friend's family (with a mum and a dad) as not all that different from his own, he realises the best way to counter the ridicule is to be proud of who his fathers are and know that it is love that makes a family.

ages: 4-8years



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**Maiden & princess** by Daniel Haack & Isabel Galupo

A warrior maiden begrudgingly attends the matchmaker ball at the request of her friend, the Prince. Everyone considers her his perfect match until she surprises them by finding true love with someone else — with his sister, the Princess.

**The best man** by Richard Peck

Archer has four important role models in his life—his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favourite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

**Love around the world** by Fleur Pierets

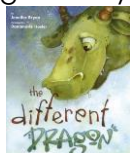
Inspired by a true story, Love Around the World is the beautiful and heart-warming adventure of two women's journey to marry each other in every country where same-sex marriage is legal

**A plan for Pops** by Heather Smith

Lou visits his two grandfathers--Grandad, who is interested in technology, and Pops, who loves rock and roll--every Saturday, but things change when Pops falls and will have to use a wheelchair, so Lou comes up with an idea to help Pops adjust.

## Same sex parents

ages 5-8yrs



Picture book B

**The different dragon** by Jennifer Bryan

This bedtime story about bedtime stories shows how a lively, curious boy helps one of his moms create a magical tale. Together they weave a night-time adventure that lands young Noah and his singing cat Diva deep in dragon territory. Where they meet a dragon, who doesn't want to be scary and fierce.

ages 4+ years



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ages 3+years

**Same-sex parents** by Holly Duhig (Topics to talk about)

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

Also covers surrogacy, adoption and fostering.

**The girl with two dads** by Mel Elliot (2019)

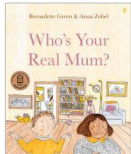


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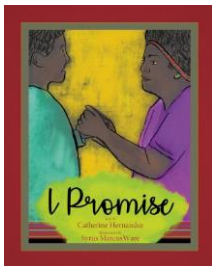
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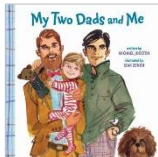
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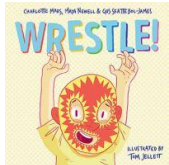
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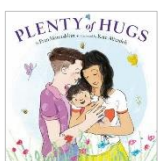


ages 4+years



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ages 5+years

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...

**My two super dads** by Bronny Fallens

Families come in all different shapes, sizes and makeup these days. This family has two dads and shares the story of day to day life: cooking, games and fun all around!

**Who's your real mum** by Bernadette Green & pictures by Anna Zobel

Nicholas is obsessed with discovering which of Elvi's two female parents is her 'real mum': a notion young Elvi calmly, resolutely, and creatively rejects the very suggestion of. When asked to provide clues, Elvi proceeds to offer a plethora of her 'real' mother's fantastical talents and interests: she 'speaks fluent gorilla', she is a pirate. Ultimately though, Nicholas comes to understand that a 'real' mother is one who loves, comforts and nurtures – of course, both Elvi's mums are her real mum.

**I promise** by Catherine Hernandez,

A story about how queer families start with the promise to love a child. It captures parenting in diverse families in all their messy glory – from dealing with a kid who doesn't want to brush their teeth to looking under the bed for monsters to cuddling after a long day. It showcases the many shapes, sizes, and colours that families come in.

**My two dads and me** by Michael Joosten

An adorable board book for the babies and toddlers of gay fathers, featuring a variety of diverse loving families with two dads.

**My two moms and me** by Michael Joosten

Families with same-sex parents are celebrated in this board book that follows busy moms and their kids throughout their day--eating breakfast, going on a playdate, heading to the pool for a swim, and settling back in at night with a bedtime story and a good-night lullaby.

**Wrestle!** By Charlotte Mars, Maya Newell & Gus Skattebol-james  
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

**Plenty of hugs** by Fran Manushkin & pictures by Kate Alizadeh

This cheerful book follows a family from morning to night. The toddler and mummies take a morning bike ride to a farm stand, they visit a zoo in the afternoon, and in the evening there's the bath and storybook routine before the child is tucked cosily into bed.

**Heather has two mummies** by Lesléa Newman

Heather's favourite number is two. She has two arms, two legs, two pets

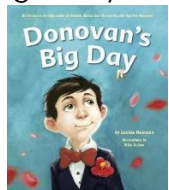


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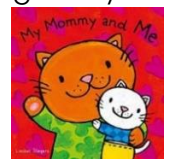


ages 5+years



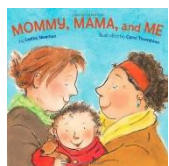
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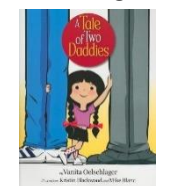


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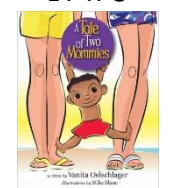
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and two mummies. On her first day at school someone asks Heather about her daddy. Heather wonders, Am I the only one here who doesn't have a daddy? And guess what? It turns out that families come in lots of different shapes and sizes – and as Heather's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

**Heather has two mommies** by Lesléa Newman

When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

**Donovan's big day** by Leslea Newman

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.

**My Mommy and me** by Liesbet Slegers

What do you love to do with your mommy? There are so many things you can do together! Will you come and take a look?

**Mommy, mama, and me** by Leslea Newman – board book

Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its mommies. 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

**A tale of two daddies** by Vanita Oelschlager

A young girl describes how her two daddies help her through her day, including her poppa cooking eggs and toast, her daddy fixing her knee when she is hurt, and both fathers being there for her when she needs love.

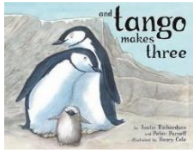
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A Tale of Two Mommies is a beach conversation among three children. One boy asks another boy about having two mommies. A young girl listening in asks some questions too.

True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. "Which mom is there when you want to go fishing? / Which mom helps out when Kitty goes missing?" To which he answers: "Mommy helps when I want to go fishing. / Both Mommies help when Kitty goes missing.

**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



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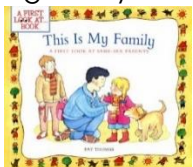


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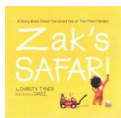
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ages 4+years

not like any of the others. Roy and Silo year after year build a nest. One year the zookeeper gives them an egg to hatch.

**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.

**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.

**Harriet gets carried away** by Jessie Sima

While shopping with her two dads for supplies for her birthday party, Harriet, who is wearing a penguin costume, is carried away by a waddle of penguins and must hatch a plan in order to get herself back to the store in the city.

**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!

**This is my family: a first look at same-sex parents** by Pat Thomas

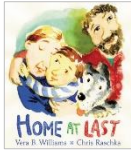
This book introduces children to families that have parents of the same sex. The terms gay and lesbian are used. Whether a family has a mum & dad, two mums or two dads, this book shows that all parents love, care and support their children in the same way.

**Zak's safari:** a story about donor-conceived kids of two-mom families  
by Christy Tyner LVx1

Zak's Safari is a book about donor-conceived kids of two-mom families. When the rain spoils Zak's plan for a safari adventure, he invites the reader on a very special tour of his family instead. Zak shows us how his parents met, fell in love, and wanted more than anything to have a baby--so they decided to make one.

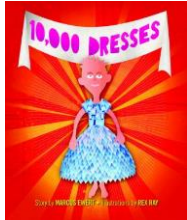
**Home at last** by Vera Williams & Chris Raschka

Lester finds a loving home with Daddy Rich and Daddy Albert and their

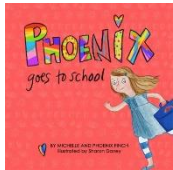


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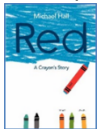


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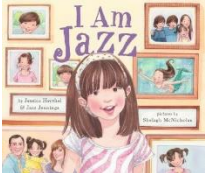
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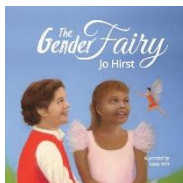
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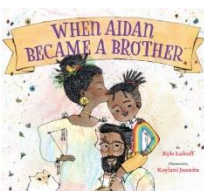
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big, fluffy dog. But he can't fall asleep in his new bed. What will it take to make Lester feel home at last?

## Transgender

**10,000 dresses** by Marcus Ewert

Bailey longs to wear the beautiful dresses of her dreams but is ridiculed by her unsympathetic family which rejects her true perception of herself.

**Phoenix goes to school:** story to support transgender and gender variant children by Phoenix and Michelle Finch

With encouragement from her mother, teacher, and a fellow student, Phoenix, who was assigned male at birth but identifies as female, finds the courage to face the first day of school.

**Red: a crayon's story** by Michael Hall

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.

**I am Jazz** by Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings

From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. This confused her family, until they took her to a doctor who said that Jazz was transgender and that she was born this way.

**The gender fairy** by Jo Hirst

Only you know whether you are a boy or a girl. No one can tell you. It is a tale of two children who are taking their first joyful steps toward living as their true selves. It is an educational resource for all children and adults to understand what it might feel like to be a transgender child.

It includes notes for parents and teachers.

**Jacob's room to choose** by Ian and Sarah Hoffman

After kindergarteners Jacob and Sophie are prevented from using their school's bathrooms, their teacher helps her students write new rules about who can use which bathroom.

**When Aidan Became a Brother** by Kyle Lukoff

explores what it's like for Aidan when his parents expect a new baby. He wants to ensure everything will be just right for his younger sibling. Aidan knows that sometimes grown-ups can make mistakes, like when his parents thought he was a girl when he was born. As Aidan prepares

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for his role as big brother, he realizes that mistakes can be fixed with open communication. He knows the most important thing about being a big brother is how to love with his whole self.

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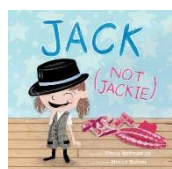


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**I'm not a girl** by Maddox Lyons and Jessica Verdi, illustrations by Dana Simpson

Nobody seems to understand that Hannah is not a girl. His parents ask why he won't wear the cute outfits they pick out. His friend thinks he must be a tomboy. His teacher insists he should be proud to be a girl. But a birthday wish, a new word, and a stroke of courage might be just what Hannah needs to finally show the world who he really is. Based on a true transgender identity journey, I'm Not a Girl is an empowering story about a boy who is determined to be himself.

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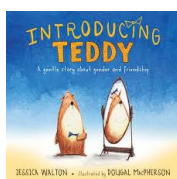
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**Jack (not Jackie)** by Erica Silverman

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.

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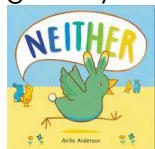
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**Introducing Teddy : a story about being yourself** by Jessica Walton

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."

## Gender Queer

ages 4+years

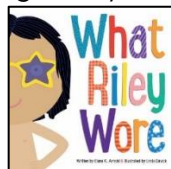


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**Neither** By Airlie Anderson

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.

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**What Riley wore** by Alena K Arnold

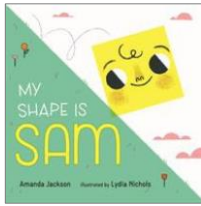
Riley's a creative kid who loves to mix up their wardrobe. Each day of the week, Riley decides to wear something unexpected, like a bunny costume on the first day of school, outer space pyjamas for a lesson on the planets, or a ballgown to dinner. Riley gets plenty of support from parents, adults, and 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

Picture book G

only mention of gender, and Riley's answer, Today I'm a firefighter, is good enough for everyone.

**Ho'onani:** Hula warrior by Heather Gale & pictures by Mika Song 2019  
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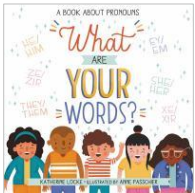
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**My shape is Sam** by Amanda Jackson

Circles were smooth and round. Good at rolling, spinning, and pushing. They all turned together to make things go. Squares were sturdy and even. Good at stacking, steadying, and measuring. They all fit together to make things stay. In a world where everybody is a shape and every shape has a specific job, Sam is a square who longs for softer corners, rounder edges, and the ability to roll like a circle. But everyone knows that squares don't roll, they stack. At least that's what everyone thinks until the day Sam takes a tumble and discovers something wonderful. He doesn't have to be what others want or expect him to be.

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**What are your words?: a book about pronouns** by Katherine Locke & pictures by Anne Passchier

Ari knows a lot of words for neighbors, including the pronouns each prefers, and with help from Uncle Lior, who always asks "What are your words," figures out which pronouns--and other words--fit best today.

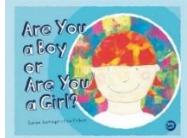
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**The name I call myself** by Hasan Namir & pictures by Cathryn John (2020)

Meet Ari, a young person who doesn't like to be called by their birth name. From age six to adolescence, we see Ari grow up before our eyes: As a child, they [refer dolls and princess movies, and want to grow out their hair, though their father insists on cutting it short because that's "what a boy looks like." At ten, they play hockey but wish they could try on their mother's dresses. At eighteen, they tell their parents the name in their heart and can finally be themselves.

ages 3-7years

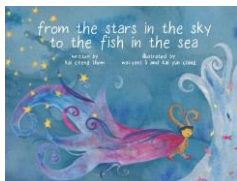


**Are you a boy or are you a girl?** by Sarah Savage & Fox Fisher

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.

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**From the stars in the sky to the fish in the sea** by Kai Cheng Thom

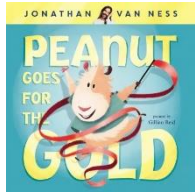
A magical gender variant child brings transformation and change to the world around them thanks to their mother's enduring love. Miu Lan faces many questions about who they are and who they may be. But one thing's for sure: no matter who this child becomes, their mother will love them just the same.

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**Peanut goes for the gold** by Jonathan Van Ness & pictures by Gillian Reid (2020)

Peanut just has their own unique way of doing things. Whether it's



ages 4-8years

cartwheeling during basketball practice or cutting their own hair, this little guinea pig puts their own special twist on life. So, when Peanut decides to be a rhythmic gymnast, they come up with a routine that they know is absolutely perfect, because it is absolutely, one hundred percent Peanut.