

**American Library Association's
Rainbow Round Table**

**2026 Rainbow
Book List**

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Introduction



The 2026 Rainbow Book List proudly presents a curated selection of books that celebrate the lives, experiences, and families of LGBTQIA+ youth, spanning from birth through age 18. This year's list includes more than 160 titles published between July 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025.

At a time when queer stories are increasingly targeted for challenge and removal from public and school libraries, the continued existence of the Rainbow Book List is both necessary and intentional. This list exists to support librarians, educators, caregivers, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and community allies in identifying high-quality books that reflect and affirm diverse genders and sexual identities. In recent years, advocating for inclusive collections has become more difficult, and we recognize that this work may draw criticism from those who seek to censor or erase queer voices.

Despite these challenges, we remain encouraged by the abundance of powerful, joyful, and necessary LGBTQIA+ stories being published. Queer youth and families deserve to see themselves represented in all library collections. It is our hope that this list supports thoughtful, intentional collection development and affirms the importance of these stories. We are deeply grateful to the queer creators and publishers who persist in telling LGBTQIA+ stories with honesty and heart, even in the face of increasing challenges to their work.

Above all, this list is created with LGBTQIA+ youth and families at its heart. To those who see themselves reflected in these pages: we see you. Your stories, identities, and lived experiences matter, and they belong in libraries, classrooms, and homes. These books are offered not only as mirrors for those seeking representation, but as windows for understanding, empathy, and connection across our communities.

This past year, the Rainbow Book List committee assessed 417 books, enabling us to continue to offer two distinct top 10 lists. The Top Ten Titles for Young Readers are tailored for readers from birth to middle school, while the Top Ten Titles for Teen Readers cater to a young adult audience. Throughout the annotated list, the presence of an asterisk (*) signifies that a title has earned a spot on one of the top ten lists.

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Top Ten Titles for Young Readers



2026 Rainbow Round Table Top Ten for Young Readers

MenuDO Sunday: A Spanglish Counting Book by María Delores Águila, illustrated by Erika Meza

Ollie In Between by Jess Callans

The Gathering Table by Antwan Eady, illustrated by London Ladd

The Flicker by H. E. Edgmon

Outside In and Inside Out: A Story about Arnold Lobel by Emmy Kastner

Witchycakes #1: Sweet Magic and #2: Changing Magic by Kara LaReau, illustrated by Ariane Moreira

My Little Golden Book about Pride by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Michelle Jing Chan

Ice Apprentices by Jacob North

Glitch Girl! by Rainie Oet

Tales from Beyond the Rainbow: Ten LGBTQ+ Fairy Tales Proudly Reclaimed by Pete Jordi Wood

Top Ten Titles for Teen Readers



2026 Rainbow Round Table Top Ten for Teen Readers

Under the Same Stars by Libba Bray

Trans History: A Graphic Novel: From Ancient Times to the Present Day by Alex L. Combs and Andrew Eakett

I Shall Never Fall in Love by Hari Conner

The Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends by Jamie D'Amato

Thanks for Listening by Molly Horan

The Leaving Room by Amber McBride

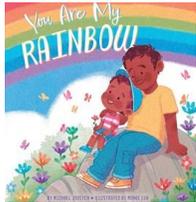
Hick: The Trailblazing Journalist Who Captured Eleanor Roosevelt's Heart by Sarah Miller

These Vengeful Gods by Gabe Cole Novoa

Come Home to My Heart by Riley Redgate

Compound Fracture by Andrew Joseph White

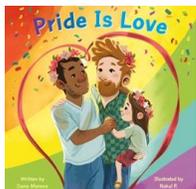
Preschool Titles



Board Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 0+

Joosten, Michael and Lua, Monge (illustrator). *You Are My Rainbow*. 2025. 20p. Little Simon/Simon & Schuster. \$8.99. (9781665975018).

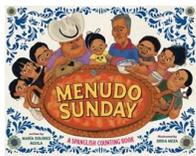
This colorful board book goes through the colors of the spectrum, associating each color with a vignette of family or friends, reminding children that families can be as varied as the colors of the rainbow.



Board Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 0-3

Moreno, Dano. and Nakul, P. (illustrator). *Pride is Love*. 2025. 18p. Random House Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$8.99 (9780593711767).

A beautifully-illustrated board book that follows a young girl and her two dads as they prepare for a Pride parade. As they make colorful flower crowns, the girl learns that Pride is not only about celebrating who you are; the true meaning of Pride includes kindness, self-acceptance, and that everyone deserves love.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-7

***Águila, María Dolores and Meza, Erika (illustrator). *Menudo Sunday: A Spanglish Counting Book*. 2025. 40p. Dial/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593462256).**

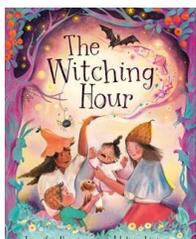
A bilingual book about the love and chaos of a large, multi-generational Latine family as they gather for a traditional family dinner of menudo at the home of two abuelitos. Readers will learn the numbers 1-15 in English and Spanish as well as many family-related Spanish words.



Picture Book, Fiction –Realistic, Ages 2-5

Dale, Angela H. and Wiseman, Daniel (illustrator). *Goodbye, Hello: A Going Home Travel Adventure*. 2024. 40p. Holiday House/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780823454778).

Goodbye, Hello illustrates the journey of Mommy and baby as they explore many modes of transportation on their way to pick up Mama, who has been away from home in the military. Engaging art and text is appropriate for preschool readers.



Picture Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 3-7

Harris, Jennifer and Lirius, Adelina (illustrator). *Witching Hour, The*. 2025. 32p. Tundra Books/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9781774884409).

As the youngest witch grows cranky after a minor dinner mishap, her two mothers and sibling scramble to soothe her with ordinary comforts and whimsical tricks—levitating toys and animals, pink poodles, and owl snuggles. Despite their best efforts, familiar challenges persist, echoing the bedtime struggles of any family.

Preschool Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Hoffman, Sarah and Hoffman, Ian and Case, Chris (illustrator). *Jacob's Missing Book*. 2024. 32p. Magination Press. \$17.99. (9781433844584).

Jacob's classmate Noah is confused about Emily's family, and Jacob knows just how to explain—with a book—but it's missing from the library! After he learns from the librarian that this is because some people are unhappy about certain books, he and his classmates play out the book's story during recess, which demonstrates the effect of their own empathy and agency and the importance of representation and inclusion in children's books.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-5

Lalji, Shireen and Fleming, Lucy (illustrator). *So Devin Wore a Skirt*. 2025. 32p. Frances Lincoln Children's Books/Quarto. \$18.99. (9780711298538).

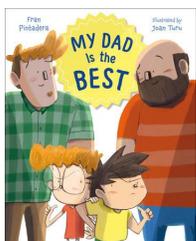
Devin's family is all dressed up to celebrate Nanabapa's birthday, but he doesn't have anything special to wear... until he sees one of his sister's skirts sitting out. But what if Nanabapa doesn't like the skirt?



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-7

Olitzky, Kerry and Moffic, Ari and Yehuda Newman, Rena (illustrator). *Just Like Queen Esther*. 2025. 32p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$18.95. (9781805013068).

Alara's crown gives her confidence and shows the world she is a girl, but after she reads the story of Queen Esther she discovers that she can be just as confident without it.

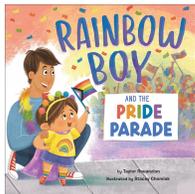


Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Pintadera, Fran and Turu, Joan (illustrator). *My Dad is the Best*. 2025. 40p. Charlesbridge. \$17.99. (9781623544911).

Two boys try to outdo each other with increasingly wild claims about their incredibly strong dads, bragging about feats that grow more outrageous with every turn. Their rivalry takes a heartfelt shift when they discover their dads are getting married, turning all that over-the-top imagination into a celebration of love, family, and the joy of having the strongest dads ever.

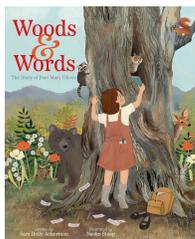
Preschool Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-5

Rouanzion, Taylor and Chomiak, Stacey (illustrator). *Rainbow Boy and the Pride Parade*. 2025. 32p. Beaming Books. \$17.99. (9781506490052).

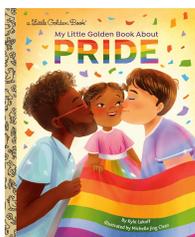
A little boy who feels “different” for loving rainbows finds new confidence when his parents bring him to a Pride parade where joy and community surround him at every turn. As he counts the many marchers and sees people celebrating themselves, he discovers a place where his own rainbow identity is not just accepted but celebrated.



Picture Book, Nonfiction - Biography, Ages 4-8

Ackerman, Sara Holly and Stoopo, Naoko (illustrator). *Woods and Words: The Story of Poet Mary Oliver*. 2025. 40p. Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99. (9781665921855).

Mary Oliver was an award-winning poet who was famous for her love of nature and her way of inspiring others to see and explore the beauty of the world. This whimsical picture book journeys through the story of her life, starting with her childhood in Ohio and showing her later life in Massachusetts with her partner, Molly Malone Cook.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 2-5

***Lukoff, Kyle and Chang, Michelle Jing (illustrator). *My Little Golden Book About Pride*. 2025. 24p. Golden Books/Penguin Random House. \$5.99. (9780593807859).**

This colorful book provides an introduction to the history and meaning of Pride for young children. The symbolism of each color of the flag is explored, helping readers better understand the meaning behind the Pride flag, along with the historical origin of Pride celebrations beginning with Stonewall.

Early Elementary Titles



Early Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 6-9

***LaReau, Kara and Moreira, Ariane (illustrator). *Witchycakes #1: Sweet Magic*. 2025. 80p. Random House BYR/Penguin Random House. \$15.99. (9798217025855).**

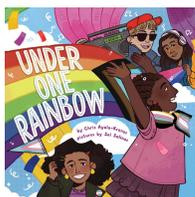
Blue is a witch-in-training and helps their mama by delivering all sorts of magical treats that she bakes. Along the way, they get to help out their neighbors and use their magic!



Early Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 6-9

***LaReau, Kara and Moreira, Ariane (illustrator). *Witchycakes #2: Changing Magic*. 2025. 80p. Random House BYR/Penguin Random House. \$15.99. (9798217025862).**

Blue is a young witch-to-be helping their mama at a magical bakery called Witchycakes... and the seasons are starting to shift, but they're not ready for change.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Ayala-Kronos, Chris and Salinas, Sol (illustrator). *Under One Rainbow*. 2025. 32p. Clarion/HarperCollins. \$12.99. (9780063378360).

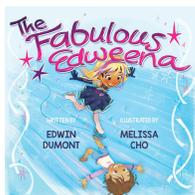
Rain or shine, in the LGBTQ+ community we are all under one rainbow, celebrating Pride together. Everyone is welcome as we share joy and love—and snacks!—during Pride.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic Ages 3-7

Buttigieg, Chasten and Taylor, Dan (illustrator). *Papa's Coming Home*. 2025. 40p. Philomel Books/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593693988).

Jojo and Rosie are super excited that Papa is coming home! With Daddy's help, they gather things to make him feel most welcome: books, flowers, his bike and hat, a welcome sign, and even a seven-layer chocolate cake. There's only one issue: where will Papa sit? This is a whimsical story of twins and their two dads, an ordinary family on a not-so-ordinary day.

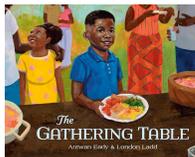


Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 6-8

Dumont, Edwin and Cho, Melissa (illustrator). *Fabulous Edweena, The*. 2025. 24p. Second Story Press. \$17.00. (9781772604047).

Edwin loves dressing up in his sister Patsy's dresses, shoes, and jewelry. Today is the school's figure skating competition, where he will skate as Edweena. How will the audience react? Will his drag persona win the day?

Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

***Eady, Antwan and Ladd, London (illustrator). *Gathering Table, The*. 2025. 40p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593480601).**

The Southern gathering table is a place to celebrate the most important holidays and family events as well as the everyday moments of love and community. This beautifully illustrated, thoughtfully written book reminds us that the table, a symbol of our family and our traditions, is a welcoming place for all of us, no matter how big or small.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 5-7

Huang, Eric and Phelps, Amy (illustrator). *Pride*. 2025. 48p. words & pictures/Quarto. \$14.99. (9781836000877).

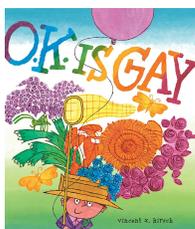
A young boy preparing for his local Pride parade learns about LGBTQIA+ history and celebration through school lessons, family activities, and the support of his two dads and friends. With a warm narrative and rich backmatter, this picture book offers an inviting introduction to Pride for readers of all ages.



Picture Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 3-6

Kasha, Manka. *Tiny Bear Goes Missing*. 2025. 40p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$18.99. (9781250856999).

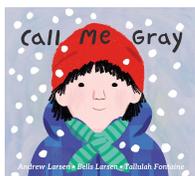
Small Knight goes on an adventure to search for their best friend, Tiny Bear, who has gone missing. Even with their Anxiety Monster following close behind, brave Small Knight finds Tiny Bear. Readers of this cozy picture book will learn that with some determination, and a best friend by your side, anxiety can be managed.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Kirsch, Vincent X. *O.K. Is Gay: A Picture Book*. 2025. 40p. Abrams BYR/Abrams. \$18.99. (9781419770791).

Olivio Kipling has exciting news to share: he is glad that he met George. While his friends don't bat an eye when he tells them he's gay, each friend then guesses the news and gets it wrong. This charming comedy of errors ends with George and O.K. declaring at the same time, "We belong together!"



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Larsen, Andrew and Larsen, Bells and Fontaine, Tallulah (illustrator). *Call Me Gray*. 2025. 32p. Kids Can Press. \$21.99. (9781525311352).

During their annual ritual of creating an ice rink in their backyard, Gray works up the courage to tell their dad that they look like a boy but sometimes they feel like a girl, and they'd like to be called Gray. And everything is ok.

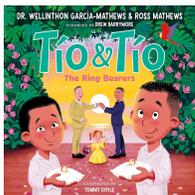
Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 3-7

Plummer, Rachel and Burdett, Forrest (illustrator). *Big Day, The: A GIANT Celebration of Love*. 2025. 32p. Tiger Tales. \$18.99. (9781664300668).

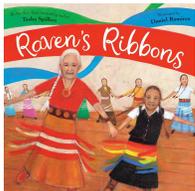
A young human is invited to the magical wedding of two giant grooms. Set in a vibrant world filled with mythical guests—witches, wizards, unicorns, and goblins—the ceremony brims with whimsical details, including unique bouquets of fresh morning dew and imaginative foods like rainbow root soup and pickled dragon's breath.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Ross, Mathews and García-Mathews, Wellinthon and Doyle, Tommy (illustrator). *Tio and Tio: The Ring Bearers*. 2025. 40p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593752586).

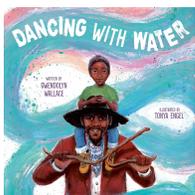
Dominican-American brothers Emilio and Andrés travel with their parents to Mexico for their uncles' wedding. As they witness their uncles' union, the boys discover the importance of being true to oneself, embracing heritage, and the power of supportive community.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Spillett, Tasha and Ramirez, Daniel (illustrator). *Raven's Ribbons*. 2025. 32p. Little, Brown BYR/Hachette. \$18.99. (9780316422161).

Raven loves Round Dances and drums but his favorite thing is to watch how the ribbon skirts swirl like a rainbow. His grandmother says that she has never seen a boy wear a ribbon skirt before but the next morning she tells him: "I've lived for a long time, Nosesim, and I'm lucky to see beautiful things that I've never seen before."



Picture Book, Fiction – Historical, Ages 4-8

Wallace, Gwendolyn and Engel, Tonya (illustrator). *Dancing with Water*. 2025. 40p. Kokila/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593617908).

In this intergenerational story, Kit, a young nonbinary Black child, learns the art of water seeking from their magical grandfather. Together, they bring clean water to their community, even as new hotels and factories make it harder to find. Kit watches Grandpa dance with water, sensing its presence, and eventually discovering their own connection to its life-giving flow.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic Fiction, Ages 3-8

Weed, Sara and Hawryluk, Erin (illustrator). *Getting Glam at Gram's*. 2024. 32p. Arsenal Pulp Press. \$18.95. (9781551529691).

What could be more fun than getting into Gram's trunk and closet of old clothes and dressing up with your cousins? The premise of this book is simple: no matter a kid's age or gender, there's no "wrong" way to glam it up!

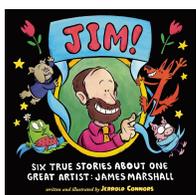
Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Woitas, Timmy and Sonda, Addy Rivera (illustrator). *Bobby and the Big Valentine*. 2024. 32p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593659779).

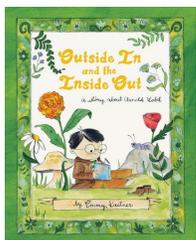
Bobby wants to create the perfect Valentine card to tell Eddie that he's his favorite person in the world. As he struggles to communicate his affection and highlight the adventures that he's shared with Eddie, Bobby grows concerned that Eddie may not like his card or, worse, that it will scare him away.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 5-8

Connors, Jerrold. *JIM!: Six True Stories about One Great Artist: James Marshall*. 2025. 80p. Dial/Penguin Random House. \$20.99. (9780593859346).

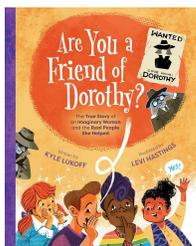
This lively picture book biography introduces James Marshall through playful, character-filled vignettes that capture his sharp humor and creative spirit. Illustrated in a style inspired by his own work, it celebrates the artist behind *Miss Nelson* and *George and Martha*, while offering rich backmatter for anyone curious about his life and legacy.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

***Kastner, Emmy. *Outside in and Inside Out: A Story About Arnold Lobel*. 2025. 40p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593692509).**

Arnold Lobel was an artist and a storyteller but he was many other things that went beyond his creation of the Frog and Toad series. This picture book captures the life of a man who wrote a children's book series that has inspired readers for generations and gives readers a look at how much of himself is infused into the characters he wrote.

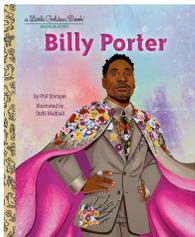


Picture Book, Nonfiction – Historical, Ages 4-8

Lukoff, Kyle and Hastings, Levi (illustrator). *Are You a Friend of Dorothy?: The True Story of an Imaginary Woman and the Real People She Helped*. 2025. 40p. Simon & Schuster BYR/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99. (9781665931663).

When it was illegal in many places to be publicly queer, many would ask others if they were a "friend of Dorothy" to check if they were safe to be out around. But who is Dorothy?

Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

Stamper, Phil and Walthall, Steffi (illustrator). *Billy Porter: A Little Golden Book*. 2025. 24p. Golden Books/Penguin Random House. \$5.99. (9780593898109).

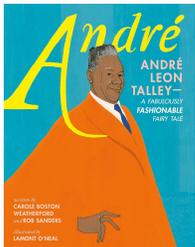
Billy Porter wasn't always the fashion icon we know today, but he did always love clothes and wanted to use them to express himself to the world. Despite not always feeling understood as a child, Billy worked hard to become a star in theater and on the big screen - now he gets to grace the red carpet in the fabulous outfits he once dreamed of, taking pride in living his truth out loud!



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

Tourmaline and Kristensen, Charlot. *One Day in June: A Story Inspired By the Life and Activism of Marsha P. Johnson*. 2025. 40p. G.P. Putnam's Sons BYR/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593525371).

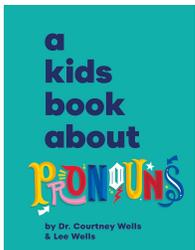
This picture book celebrates the life and legacy of Marsha P. Johnson through the eyes of a friend who remembers her joy, generosity, and unmistakable presence across New York City. With bright artwork and a narrative that moves from everyday moments to the 2020 rally for Black trans lives, it honors the lasting impact of a trailblazing activist whose spirit continues to inspire.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

Weatherford, Carol Boston and Sanders, Rob and O'Neal, Lamont (illustrator). *André: André Leon Talley - A Fabulously Fashionable Fairy Tale*. 2025. 56p. Henry Holt & Co. BYR/Macmillan. \$19.99. (9781250887283).

Fashion icon André Leon Talley grew up in the Jim Crow south, raised by his grandmother. Though his life admittedly was not a fairy tale, he wrote about fashion and came to design clothes for Michelle Obama. Fabulous, indeed.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 5-9

Wells, Courtney and Wells, Lee. *Kids Book About Pronouns, A*. 2025. 64p. DK Children/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780241743577).

This book explains pronouns in a kid-friendly way, and parents can learn with their kids all about why pronouns matter and how to use them.

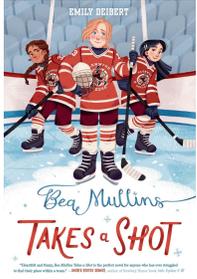


Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 5-9

West, Jonathan and West, Thomas. *Kids Book About Gay Parents, A*. 2025. 64p. DK Children/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780241743607).

Some people think families should only be a mom, a dad, and kids, but we know that's not true. Anyone can be a family!

Upper Elementary Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Sports, Ages 8-12

Deibert, Emily. *Bea Mullins Takes a Shot*. 2025. 336p. Yearling/Penguin Random House. \$17.99. (9780593808894).

Bea Mullins hates team sports, but her best friend Celia signed them both up for the girls hockey team this year. While Bea is far from a good hockey player, she gets help from her teammate Gabi. In a desperate attempt to stay out of the spotlight and avoid embarrassment, Bea prioritizes her crush on Gabi over her friendship with Celia and fundraising for the team, making things awkward for everyone. In order to save her relationships and the team, Bea has to learn that putting yourself out there isn't so bad when you have your team to back you up.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Edge, Clare. *Accidental Demons*. 2024. 384p. Inkyard Press/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9781335006974).

Ber can summon demons with just a drop of her blood. This used to be no big deal, but ever since her type 1 diabetes diagnosis she's been accidentally summoning demons by checking her blood sugar. Just like any other problem, this can be solved with magic, right? Nothing could go wrong with Ber and her older sister Maeve's plan to conjure a demon as Ber's blood sugar monitor...



Chapter Book, Fiction – Thriller, Ages 8-12

***Edgmon, H.E. *Flicker, The*. 2024. 288p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99. (9781250873972).**

Millie and Rose are step-siblings just trying to survive in the post-apocalyptic wasteland left behind after The Flicker, a massive solar flare wiping out life on Earth as we know it. Rose is determined to find the group of survivors calling themselves The Sanctuary, while Millie just wants to find her grandmother. Exploring concepts like gender identity and Indigenous ideas of land stewardship and found family, The Flicker is a heavy but engaging story of what it means not just to survive, but to live.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Huntoon, Caroline. *Going Overboard*. 2025. 208p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$17.99. (9781250347251).

Piper is a non-binary sixth-grader intent on breaking up zir mom's relationship. Sounds mean, but her girlfriend is the mom of Piper's Worst. Enemy. Ever. When the moms take the kids on a get-to-know-you cruise, Piper and Colton do everything they can to disrupt their parents' relationship, but their friendship grows in spite of their mission.

Upper Elementary Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Moon, Sarah. *Family Week*. 2025. 208p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99. (9780593899601).

Follow three queer families of various size and composition during Family Week in Provincetown, Mass. Even though they have been doing family week as a group for as long as the kids can remember, this year is completely different. This book explores upheaval like divorce, coming of age, and having to leave friends and family behind.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Nijkamp, Marieke. *Splinter & Ash*. 2024. 368p. Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins. \$18.99. (9780063326262).

Princess Adelisa (“Ash” to her friends) was hoping for a happy homecoming after six years away, but her return has been anything but: her mother is struggling to hold the kingdom together, her brother bullies her, and the nobles mock her for using a cane and wearing rags. Then she meets Splinter, a bold commoner who dreams of becoming a knight, though girls and non-nobles are forbidden. When Ash makes Splinter her squire, the two forge an unlikely friendship and uncover a dangerous plot to overthrow the queen. Together, they might just save the kingdom.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

***North, Jacob. *Ice Apprentices*. 2025. 304p. Simon & Schuster BYR/Simon & Schuster. \$17.99. (9781665968720)**

Oswin is the only stray in Tundra, an outsider rescued from the Endless Expanse. He’s summoned to Corridor to become an Ice Apprentice, but all isn’t as it seems... The first in a trilogy, this book introduces a world full of magic, monsters, and mystery.

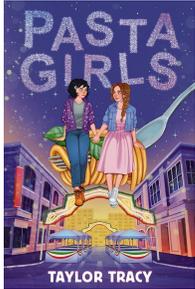


Chapter Book, Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 8-12

Oshiro, Mark. *Jasmine is Haunted*. 2024. 256p. Starscape/Tor Publishing Group. \$18.99. (9781250337290).

Jasmine is the new girl at school after she and her mom are forced to move, AGAIN, thanks to the nonstop chaos caused by Jasmine’s ghosts. She ends up confiding in a group of queer kids who take her in as one of her own. The GSA—that is, the Gay Supernatural Alliance—does not care that she's haunted; they are here to help.

Upper Elementary Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Taylor, Tracy. *Pasta Girls*. 2025. 336p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063326866).

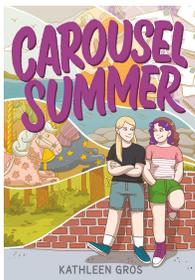
Ro and Jules fall for each other as soon as they meet at the San Gennaro festival... until things get much more chaotic than either expected after they realise their fathers run dueling restaurants in Little Italy. This sapphic, neurodiverse remix of Romeo and Juliet is a love letter to the magic of pasta and the wisdom of one's Nonna/Nana.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Anthology / Fairy Tales, Ages 8-12

***Wood, Pete Jordi. *Tales from Beyond the Rainbow: Ten LGBTQ+ Fairy Tales Proudly Reclaimed*. 2025. 272p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593889725).**

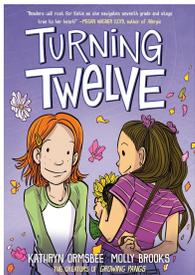
Folklore has a rich history of telling queer stories although some of these tales have been lost to time for many reasons that can be both purposeful and accidental. This illustrated collection reimagines ten classic fairy tales that have almost been lost to time with a special focus on showing the happy endings the characters in these tales deserve.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Gros, Kathleen. *Carousel Summer*. 2025. 304p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$24.99. (9780063057692).

Small-town girl Lucy finds the words for her identity one summer when an artist and her teenage daughter, Anaïs move to her small coastal town to build a new carousel. In this beautifully drawn story of self-discovery, self-acceptance, and first-love, Lucy must grapple with negotiating self-discovery with family and friends who may need some help to understand while she and her community struggle with the looming threat of gentrification.

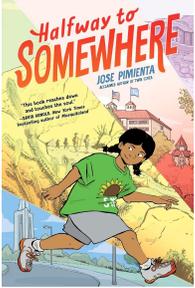


Graphic Novel, Fiction, Realistic, Ages 8-12

Ormsbee, Kathryn and Brooks, Molly (illustrator). *Turning Twelve*. 2024. 240p. Random House Graphic/Penguin Random House. \$21.99. (9780593650066).

Katie will be turning 12 and going into the seventh grade. She knows that this will bring all kinds of changes and exciting new freedoms. One of those changes is a maybe-crush on her girl friend! Even though Katie understands that some people might not approve of her crush, she also realizes that this is part of growing up, and that she must have the courage to figure out who she is.

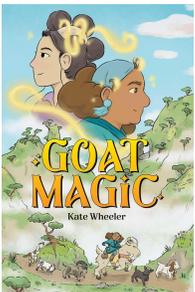
Upper Elementary Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Pimental, Jose. *Halfway to Somewhere*. 2025. 256p. Random House Graphic/Penguin Random House. \$21.99. (9780593569450).

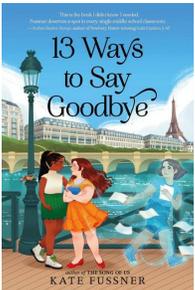
Ave, their mom, and their younger brother recently moved to Kansas from Mexico for their mom's job. Their father and sister were supposed to follow, but it turns out that their parents are actually getting a divorce and their dad and sister won't be coming after all. This graphic novel is a bittersweet exploration of handling big change and how hard it can be to be the new kid in town.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Wheeler, Kate. *Goat Magic*. 2025. 280p. Oni Press. \$14.99. (9781637158050).

Trill uses her "goat magic" to tend to her flock but she longs for a life beyond their pastures. When an assassination attempt causes Princess Alya to transform into a goat and take refuge among Trill's flock, they end up on a perilous adventure to reclaim the throne and undo Alya's curse.



Novel In Verse, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Fussner, Kate. *13 Ways to Say Goodbye*. 2025. 304p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063256989).

Nina has spent the three years since her older sister's sudden death completing Lily's Before Birthday checklists to maintain a sense of closeness with her lost sibling, but now that she's on the threshold of her thirteenth birthday she only has one more list to complete. When Nina flies to Paris to spend the summer working on Lily's last list, she must face looking into the past to relive moments with her sister while also looking forward to new opportunities and experiences Lily never had, including a big crush on her art classmate, Sylvie.

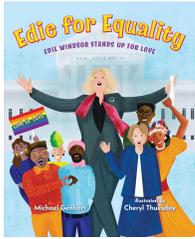


Picture Book, Fiction - Historical, Ages 8-12

Wind, Lee and Chen, Jieting (illustrator). *Love of the Half-Eaten Peach*. 2024. 40p. Reycraft Books. \$18.95. (9781478881872).

Yuan seeks perfection but cannot find it. Will his beloved Mi Zi Xia be able to find it for him?

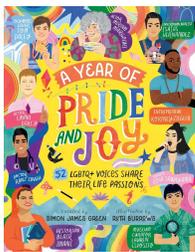
Upper Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Nonfiction - Biography, Ages 7-13

Genhart, Michael. and Thuesday, Cheryl (illustrator). *Edie for Equality*. 2025. 40p. Lee & Low Books. \$20.95. (9781643795829).

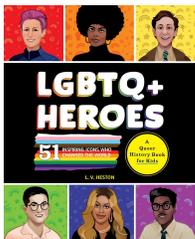
This picture book biography follows Edie Windsor from her rule-following childhood to the landmark Supreme Court case that affirmed her decades-long relationship and helped dismantle the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). With clarity and warmth, it highlights her belief that equal means equal and her determination to stand up for fairness and love.



Picture Book, Nonfiction - Biography, Ages 8-12

Green, Simon James and Barrows, Ruth (illustrator). *Year of Pride and Joy, A: LGBTQ+ Voices Share Their Life Passions*. 2025. 112p. Magic Cat Publishing. \$22.99. (9781419774089)

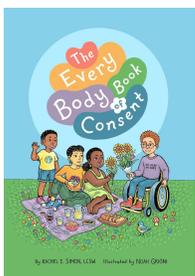
A Year of Pride and Joy is a vibrant, uplifting anthology celebrating the talent, creativity, and stories of 52 LGBTQIA+ voices, from Tom Daley to Rina Sawayama. Each entry highlights seasonal events, international days, or fun celebrations, offering readers everything from knitting guides and favorite recipes to personal reflections and joyful activities. Packed with engaging text and colorful illustrations, this empowering collection is perfect to enjoy one week at a time—or whenever you need a boost of pride and happiness.



Picture Book, Nonfiction - Biography, Ages 8-12

Heston, L.V. and Oliveira, Helder (illustrator). *LGBTQ+ Heroes: 51 Inspiring Icons Who Changed the World*. 2025. 232p. Callisto Kids. \$24.99. (9798886081473).

This beautifully illustrated collection introduces young readers to 51 LGBTQ+ trail blazers whose creativity, courage, and leadership have shaped communities across generations. With short biographies, vibrant portraits, and suggestions for further exploration, it offers an inviting way for kids to discover role models from many backgrounds and fields.



Picture Book, Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 8-12

Simon, Rachel E. *Every Body Book of Consent, The: An LGBTQIA-Inclusive Guide to Respecting Boundaries, Bodies, and Beyond*. 2024. 72p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$19.95. (9781839976834).

This book provides a kid-friendly explanation of consent, including boundaries, puberty and privacy, recognizing feelings, and being true to yourself.

Middle School Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 10-14

***Callans, Jess. *Ollie In Between*. 2025. 256p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$17.99. (9781250331342).**

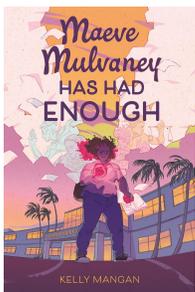
Ollie Thompson has to write an essay for health class on what it means to be a woman, but how are they supposed to do that when no one seems to have an answer? On top of that, their new friend is the target of transphobic bullying from the crowd they used to hang out with, which makes it even harder for Ollie to find where they fit. This book is an amazing reminder that there is no one right way to be yourself, and that trying to run away from what makes you different isn't always the best option.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 10-14

Lukoff, Kyle. *World Worth Saving, A*. 2025. 352p. Dial/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593618981).

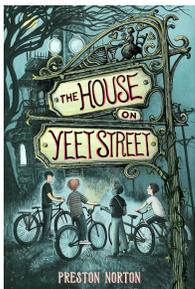
This middle grade novel follows A, a trans Ashkenazi Jewish teen who discovers that the conversion-therapy group his parents force him to attend is run by a demon feeding on the suffering of kids like him. With danger closing in and a friend missing, A must find the courage to step beyond his fear and fight for a world that keeps trying to shut him out.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 10-14

Mangan, Kelly. *Maeve Mulvaney Has Had Enough*. 2025. 272p. Holiday House/Penguin Random House. \$17.99. (9780823458288).

Fourteen-year-old Maeve Mulvaney wishes her life could be more like the comic books she loves, imagining how her life could be if she was a superhero with the power to change the world. A new bully causes her to connect and bond with other students being picked on and she starts to learn that her greatest superpower is her own voice... but can she use that power without becoming a bully herself?



Chapter Book, Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 10+

Norton, Preston. *House on Yeet Street, The*. 2024. 336p. Union Square Kids/Hachette. \$17.99. (9781454950400).

The Witch House is the most haunted house in Curtain Falls. It's into this house that Aidan yeets his very secret journal—just one night before his friends decide to have a sleepover there. Terrance, Zephyr, and Kai are eager to explore the mansion; Aidan just wants his journal back before one of them finds it and uncovers the story inside, where thinly veiled versions of himself and Kai are very much in a relationship. But when they discover a real ghost trapped inside the mansion, Aidan and his friends vow to uncover the truth behind the haunting.

Middle School Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 10+

Ryan, Sara. *Mountain Upside Down*. 2025. 240p. Dutton Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99. (9780593699515).

Alex lives with her grandmother, the retired town librarian, and is struggling with fears about her grandmother's fading memory, a looming town referendum on library funding, and whether she should ask her best friend, PJ, if they could explore being more than friends. Through the uncertainty and the challenges, like her new girlfriend moving away, Alex learns about her place in her family and in her community.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 10+

O'Neill, K. *Song for You and I*, A. 2025. 240p. Random House Graphic/Penguin Random House. \$21.99. (9780593182314).

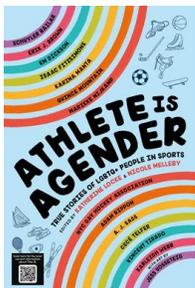
Rowan dreams of becoming a ranger, but after their eagerness leads to their flying horse's injury, a slow journey across the outlying lands forces them to confront doubt about their future. As Rowan and the steady, surprising Leone grow closer, Rowan must decide what kind of protector they want to be and whether following their calling means leaving something meaningful behind.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 9-12

Tang, Betty C. *Outsider Kids: A Parachute Kids Graphic Novel*. 2025. 288p. Graphix/Scholastic. \$14.99. (9781338832716).

In this companion to *Parachute Kids*, the Lin siblings are finally finding stability as undocumented immigrants in California until their demanding cousin, Josephine, arrives and throws their hard-won balance into chaos. Blending humor with real emotional stakes, this graphic novel explores family tension, identity, and the pressure of growing up on your own while trying to stay safe and hopeful in a new country.

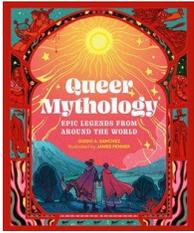


Nonfiction – Sports, Ages 9-14

Locke, Katherine (Editor) and Melleby, Nicole (Editor.) *Athlete is Agender: True Stories of LGBTQ+ People in Sports*. 2025. 224p. Christy Ottaviano Books/Hachette. \$19.99. (9780316572002).

Anyone of any gender can be an athlete. This collection celebrates the achievements of queer athletes from a wide variety of ages, genders, and sports.

Middle School Titles



Nonfiction - Folklore, Ages 13-17+

Sanchez, Guido A. and Fenner, James (illustrator). *Queer Mythology: Epic Legends From Around the World*. 2024. 120p. Running Press Kids/Hachette. \$19.99. (9780762487202).

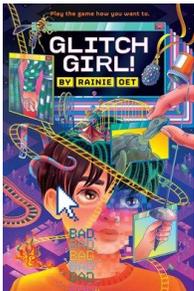
Myths and legends tell the stories of who we are, and these stories include the LGBTQIA+ community. We have been here since the dawn of storytelling, and our stories deserve to be celebrated.



Novel In Verse, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 10-14

Arango, Andrea Beatriz. *It's All or Nothing, Vale*. 2025. 272p. Random House Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99. (9780593810927).

Following an accident, award-winning athlete Vale now inhabits a body that no longer has the strength and mobility it once did. As her chronic pain threatens to put an end to her young but promising fencing career, Vale must learn that there is more to life, and more to her, than trophies and fame.

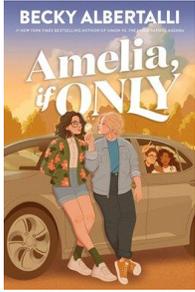


Novel In Verse, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 10+

***Oet, Rainie. *Glitch Girl!*. 2025. 448p. Kokila/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9780593696514).**

J— uses the video game *Coaster Boss* to process all her struggles, including living with ADHD, questioning her gender, and falling in love with a middle school classmate named Junie, in a story told entirely through verse... with an ending that grounds fiction in the real world.

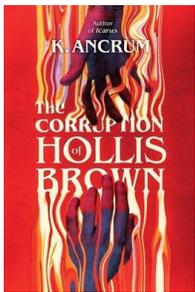
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Albertalli, Becky. *Amelia, If Only*. 2025. 304p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063045927).

Amelia’s quest to meet her favorite YouTuber turns into a road trip that reshapes her understanding of fandom, friendship, and the feelings she’s tried to ignore. This warm, sharply observed story follows a tight-knit group of teens on the edge of graduation as Amelia begins to realize her heart may be pointed closer to home than she expected.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Thriller, Ages 13+

Ancrum, K. *Corruption of Hollis Brown, The*. 2025. 384p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063285835).

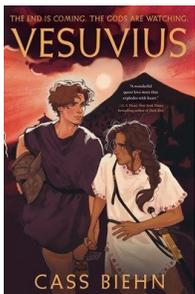
Hollis Brown is floating through life in his dying town, finding his thrills in picking fights with his classmates and standing too close to passing trains. One night, he makes a deal with a stranger named Walt; in exchange for food and shelter, Walt will help Hollis turn his life around. But Walt is a ghost, and he takes shelter in Hollis. As they adjust to sharing one body between them, and even begin to fall in love, can they save the town from the curse that’s befallen it—and avoid the exorcism that Hollis’ suspicious friends are planning?



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Arlow, Jake Maia. *Leaving the Station*. 2025. 304p. Storytide/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063078772).

Zoe wanted college to be a fresh start, but instead she found more questions than answers. She decides to take a train from New York to Seattle for Thanksgiving to give herself more time so she can figure out how everything went wrong, treating this as another chance at starting over... but on the train she encounters Oakley, who’s also using the train ride to run away from mistakes.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Historical Fantasy, Romance, Ages 14+

Biehn, Cass. *Vesuvius*. 2025. 384p. Peachtree Teen/Peachtree. \$19.99. (9781682637326).

Felix is a thief who spends his days running away from a past he can't remember, until his running takes him to a temple and to Loren, whose visions of Pompeii’s impending doom are centered around Felix...

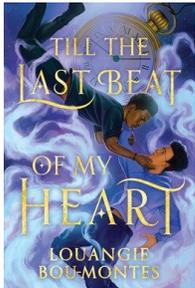
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+

Boteju, Tanya. *Messy Perfect*. 2025. 400p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063358492).

Cassie's attempt to atone for past inaction pulls her into a covert effort to build queer community at her conservative Catholic school, forcing her to confront guilt, identity, and the limits of perfection. A thoughtful look at faith, allyship, and the liberating messiness of growing into yourself.



Chapter Book, Fiction - Historical, Ages 13+

Bou-Montes, Louangie. *Till the Last Beat of My Heart*. 2024. 384p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063296725).

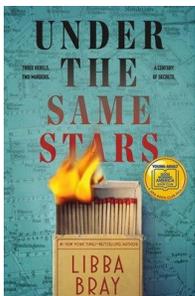
When Jaxon accidentally brings his former best friend (and first crush) Christian back from the dead, his life at the family funeral home takes a haunting turn. As Jaxon learns to control his unexpected necromancy, he uncovers chilling family secrets and the truth about Christian's borrowed time. Can he keep the boy he loves alive, or is it already too late?



Chapter Book, Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 12+

Braun-Arnold, Lily. *Last Bookstore on Earth, The*. 2025. 320p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593899489).

Loner Liz hasn't left the bookstore she once worked in since a devastating Storm ended life as we know it. She's safe in the bookstore, at least until she learns that another Storm is on its way and agrees to shelter a fellow survivor, Maeve, who can repair the dilapidated store, protect Liz from the Storm, and possibly make a special place in Liz's heart. As they grow closer, they learn that the Storm isn't the only thing that threatens them.

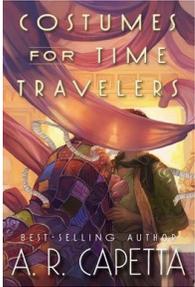


Chapter Book, Fiction - Historical, Ages 12-18

***Bray, Libba. *Under the Same Stars*. 2025. 480p. Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR/Macmillan. \$24.99. (9780374388942).**

This historical fiction follows three protagonists from different times: the 1940s and 1980s in Germany and 2020 Brooklyn. The way these stories become interwoven across time and space is truly masterful - in the end, love always finds a way.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

Capetta, A. R. *Costumes for Time Travelers*. 2025. 224p. Candlewick Press/Walker Books. \$18.99. (9781536233711).

All travelers through time must pass through Pocket... all except Fawkes. Many stories begin in Pocket, but for Calisto it seems that their story with Fawkes is starting in the middle.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Historical Fantasy, Ages 14+

Cold, Elias. *Duke Steals Hearts and Other Body Parts, The*. 2025. 352p. Page Street YA/Page Street Publishing. \$18.99. (9798890032317).

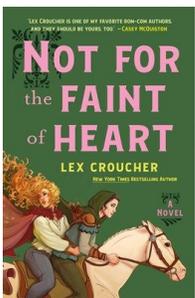
Phyllis, a transgender teenager, is a con artist with a magical ability that allows him to pop off limbs, an ability that allows him to earn his partner's love by stealing body parts for Lucent to ransom back to their owners. When a mark claims that he can't pay for his nose after his sister has been kidnapped, Phyllis gets caught up in investigating her disappearance while pretending to be a Duke and falls in love with a life that is different from his seedy past.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Corson, Carli J. *It's a Love/Skate Relationship*. 2025. 320p. Storytide/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063370869).

Accidentally starting a fight after a hockey match and getting suspended from the team and school was not part of Charlie Porter's plan for this year. Neither was teaming up with figure skater (and Charlie's exact opposite) Alexa Goldstein as a pairs partner, but this deal could benefit them both despite their mutual disdain. As they train together, the frostiness in their relationship begins to melt, revealing a partnership that extends beyond the rink.

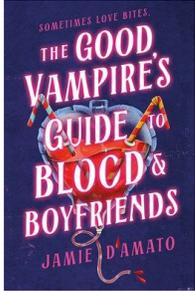


Chapter Book, Fiction – Historical, Ages 13-18

Croucher, Lex. *Not for the Faint of Heart*. 2024. 400p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$20.00. (9781250847232).

Mariel, the granddaughter of Robin Hood, is grappling with the legacy of the Merry Men under her father's leadership when she kidnaps Clem, a plucky apprentice to a local healer. As Mariel leads her band to rescue her father, Little John, and other leaders from the clutches of the Sheriff of Nottingham, Mariel and Clem's combative relationship begins to blossom with romance.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Paranormal Romance, Ages 13-18

***D'Amato, Jamie. *Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends, The.* 2025. 336p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$21.00. (9781250321206)**

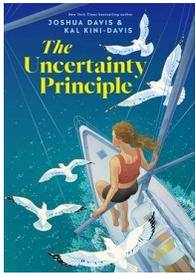
Brennan is surprised to wake up a vampire one day. He's also surprised to find himself falling for a cute librarian who seems oddly accepting of his quirkiness. Both of these mysteries are quickly overshadowed by "animal" attacks that start to take place near campus. Can Brennan figure out what's happening (with the help of the local vampires group) before someone else gets hurt?



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Daughtry, Mikki. *Time After Time.* 2025. 368p. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593533826).

Libby just used all of the money her grandmother left her to pay for college to purchase the Victorian house that she has been drawn to for years. Soon after moving in she discovers a journal left behind centuries ago by a young woman who was in secretly in love with her maid and she can't help but realize some uncanny similarities between their relationship and her own with her new roommate, Tish.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 12+

Davis, Joshua and Kini-Davis, Kal. *Uncertainty Principle, The.* 2025. 272p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593660300).

Mia, an autistic and clever inventor, works on building a satellite phone while her parents sail her and her brother around the Caribbean for months while she struggles to relate to her mother and her mother's psychological struggles. While thinking back on "the incident" that set her life on a whirlwind of leaving school and becoming trapped with her family on a sailboat, Mia leans into her true interests and identity while meeting new friends and potential love interests along the way.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Desombre, Auriane. *I Love You S'More.* 2025. 256p. Delacorte Romance/Penguin Random House. \$12.99. (9780593807545).

When Ivy is dumped by her high school sweetheart who just happens to be a TV celebrity, she finds a safe place to land as a councilor at her childhood summer camp only to find her former best friend working there too. Nothing goes the way Ivy plans as she realizes that her escape from the celebrity spotlight may not be as successful as she was hoping.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 13-18

Drews, CG. *Don't Let the Forest In*. 2024. 336p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99. (9781250895660).

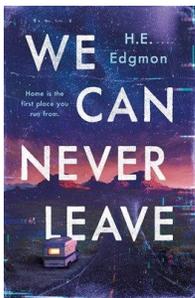
High school senior Andrew Perrault escapes into dark fairytales he writes for Thomas Rye, his closest friend and anchor to reality. When Thomas's abusive parents vanish and he begins acting strangely, Andrew discovers the terrifying truth: Thomas's macabre drawings have come to life, unleashing deadly monsters. As the boys secretly fight the creatures each night, their bond deepens... and the monsters grow stronger. Andrew soon realizes that to stop them, he may have to destroy the person he loves most.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Dugan, Jennifer. *Summer Girls*. 2025. 320p. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593696897).

For Cass, the only thing worse than a sunburn is dating a "summer girl," the daughters of rich families that visit during the tourist season. When faced with the gentrification her father's boss and frenemy Birdie's father may be supporting, Cass struggles with her own rule when she discovers that not all summer girls are as bad as they seem.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Edgmon, H. E. *We Can Never Leave*. 2025. 320p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$21.00. (9781250853653).

The Caravan exists to keep safe those who aren't quite human... until one day five teenagers wake up to see that their families, and all they've ever known, are gone.

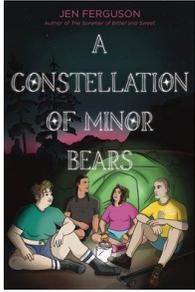


Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

England, M. K. *Roll for Love*. 2025. 272p. Running Press Kids/Hachette. \$19.99. (9780762488179).

When D&D-loving Harper Reid moves back to her grandfather's Virginia farm, she doesn't expect to reunite with her childhood best friend—and first crush—Ollie Shifflet. As Harper joins Ollie's Dungeons & Dragons group, their in-game chemistry starts to feel a little too real. Between quests, carpentry dreams, and figuring out their futures, the girls discover that second chances can be just as magical as fantasy worlds.

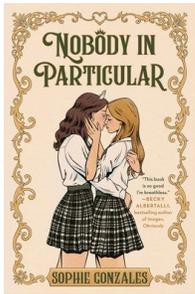
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 13+

Ferguson, Jen. *Constellation of Minor Bears*. A. 2024. 352p. Heartdrum/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063334229).

High school seniors Molly, Traylor, and Hank used to be inseparable before a climbing accident which left Hank with a traumatic brain injury. Molly blames both herself and Traylor for the accident, a fact they're forced to confront while hiking the Pacific Crest Trail after graduation. Features excellent Indigenous, disability, and fat representation, and beautifully highlights the struggles (and joys) of life going in unexpected directions.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13-18

Gonzales, Sophie. *Nobody in Particular*. 2025. 352p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$21.00. (9781250352491).

Danni, a musically-gifted American scholarship student, feels out of place among her wealthy classmates at the elite Bramppath College. Princess Rosemary, who is struggling to rebuild her reputation after a scandal that resulted in the tragic loss of a friend. With both girls out to only a small group of friends and/or family, Danni and Rose endeavor to navigate grief, public scrutiny, and the pressures of royal life as they begin a secret relationship that will change both of their lives.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 13-18

Gould, Courtney. *What the Woods Took*. 2024. 336p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$20.00. (9781250340672).

Devin Green is sent into the woods as part of an experimental therapy program for troubled teenagers. The two counselors are less than qualified—and the monsters they find there are much more than personal demons. When their counselors go missing, the teens will have to rely on each other to get out alive.

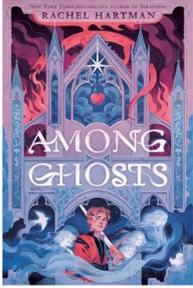


Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Speculative, Ages 13-17

Greenfield, Chatham. *Time and Time Again*. 2024. 336p. Bloomsbury YA/Bloomsbury. \$19.99. (9781547613908).

Phoebe Mendel is stuck in a time loop, reliving August 6th. She struggles with days filled with the same pancakes, Scrabble games, and her chronic IBS, which no one around her takes seriously. Everything changes when a minor car accident pulls nonbinary Jess—who is also chronically ill—into the time loop with her. Jess helps Phoebe break free from routine, embarking on adventures and rekindling their childhood friendship. As their romance deepens, Phoebe grows anxious about what awaits beyond the loop: Will Jess still care for her? Will her pain ever be taken seriously? Will it ever go away?

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12+

Hartman, Rachel. *Among Ghosts*. 2025. 400p. Random House Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$20.99. (9780593813720).

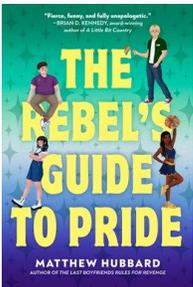
Charl is on the run after narrowly escaping from the remote town that had been his and his mother's refuge for years. Mercenaries sent by his abusive father are hunting him down, a beetle-bourne plague is spreading through the land, and on top of it all he can see the ghosts that haunt the abandoned abbey where he takes refuge with the elderly nun who aided in his escape.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

***Horan, Molly. *Thanks for Listening*. 2024. 240p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063318427).**

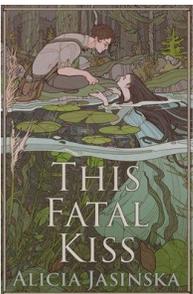
Mia, an asexual high school senior, is always giving advice to her friends, but they never listen to her. Frustrated, she creates an anonymous social media advice account, HereToHelp, hoping her friends and acquaintances will finally listen to her guidance. As she juggles the secret account, complicated friendships, and her first romance with new student Sadie, Mia faces the challenges of senior year with humor and heart.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 12+

Hubbard, Matthew. *Rebel's Guide to Pride, The*. 2025. 320p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593707210).

When Zeke's small Alabama town government starts to outlaw LGBTQ+ celebrations with a conservative agenda backed by Zeke's own father, he knows it's time to fight back. When joining the QSA doesn't feel like enough Zeke starts throwing Pride "Speakeasies" to rebel against the rules, ignoring his friends warnings that he is becoming reckless.

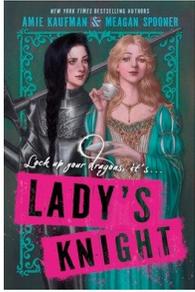


Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Jasinska, Alicia. *This Fatal Kiss*. 2024. 384p. Peachtree Teen/Peachtree. \$19.99. (9781682637364).

After an exorcism gone wrong, Kazik, the grandson of a local witch, has promised to help water nymph Gisela regain her humanity, which requires her to kiss a human. The only problem is Kazik is also falling for the boy Gisela has set her sights on, and he's realizing he also might not hate Gisela as much as he originally thought. This Slavic folklore-inspired polyamorous romance will leave you wanting more - good thing there's a sequel in the works!

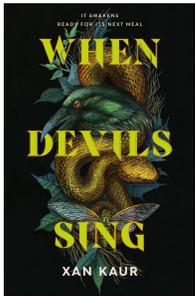
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13+

Kaufman, Amie and Spooner, Meagan. *Lady's Knight*. 2025. 432p. Storytide/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780062893390)

Gwen is sick of pretending that she isn't doing most of the blacksmithing work for her father despite patriarchal society seeing her as incapable of being anything greater than the blacksmith's daughter. Meanwhile, Lady Isobelle of Avington's been chosen as the grand prize in the Tournament of Dragonslayers, and Gwen might be her chance to dodge being married off to the winning (male) knight...



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 14-18

Kaur, Xan. *When Devils Sing*. 2025. 400p. Henry Holt and Co. BYR/Macmillan. \$21.99. (9781250357175).

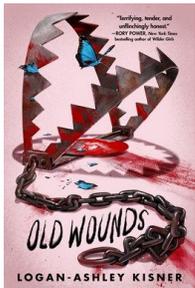
Neera Singh is unexpectedly thrown into peril when the periodic cicadas emerge in her small Georgia town--and people start disappearing. She and an unlikely group of comrades get to the bottom of it and save lives along the way. This horror story is also a searing social commentary on privilege in the small town South and the dangers of the corruption of power.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 13+

Kelly, Anita. *Donut Summer*. 2025. 368p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9781335012890).

Penny took the job at Delicious Donuts to save up money for college tuition over the summer, but she didn't expect Mateo, a classmate who she's been arguing with all year, to be the other new hire... and she definitely didn't expect to find out that the beloved donut shop is in danger of a corporate takeover.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Thriller, Ages 12+

Kisner, Logan-Ashley. *Old Wounds*. 2024. 336p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593814741).

Max and Erin are two trans teens on a cross country road trip to California, where Max wants to start his transition. Then they encounter Liberty Junction, a small Kentucky town that is at the mercy of a monster that "eats girls." Stranded and then separated in the nearby woods, they become stuck in endless night and are forced to face monsters--supernatural ones and human ones.

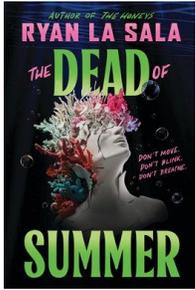


Chapter Book, Fiction – Thriller, Ages 14+

Krischer, Hayley. *You Belong to Me*. 2025. 320p. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593698389).

Frances Bean, a goth outsider at her elite school, is drawn into the alluring world of DEEP, a wellness brand run by her crush Julia's mother. After being paired with Julia for a class project and then invited to join a DEEP program for teens, Frances becomes increasingly isolated from her friends and family as she's manipulated by the cult-like group promising empowerment but hiding sinister secrets.

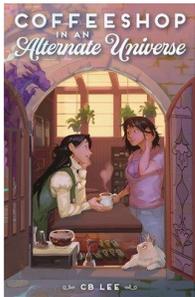
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 14+

La Sala, Ryan. *Dead of Summer, The*. 2025. 400p. PUSH/Scholastic. \$19.99. (9781546125877).

A deadly infection is spreading rapidly on a small island off the coast of Maine - Ollie and his best friends, with whom he has a strained relationship due to a sudden and prolonged absence, must get to the bottom of how to save the remaining residents of their tourist town. Body horror, suspicious government surveillance, quick humor, bachelorette parties, and drag brunch - what more could you ask for?



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Fantasy, Ages 13-18

Lee, C.B. *Coffeeshop in an Alternate Universe*. 2025. 400p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99. (9781250778024).

When Brenda loses internet access before a crucial scholarship deadline, she discovers refuge (and romance) in Kat's family's coffeeshop. Brenda is captivated by Kat's confidence and genuine interest in her ambitious scientific goals, while Kat is drawn to Brenda's intelligence and passion. Their connection seems perfect until an impossible truth emerges: they're from different universes entirely. Can two girls pursuing competing dreams—one determined to save the world, the other desperate to escape her prophesied destiny—find a way to be together?



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 14+

Mac, Carrie. *Zombie Apocalypse Running Club*. 2024. 304p. Crown Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9781524771041).

Queer twins Eira and Soren flee their survivalist parents' homestead after a plague transforms people into zombies. In town, they find Racer, a Special Olympics champion who insists on training them to outrun the undead. Soon, though, they must leave their sanctuary and traverse a corpse-littered landscape to find safety.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

Martin, Don. *Verity Vox and the Curse of Foxfire*. 2025. 336p. Page Street YA/Page Street Publishing. \$18.99. (9798890032706).

Verity Vox is a witch in training; each year, she is drawn to a new place to hone her skills. This year, an enchanted leaf claiming to be from a cursed town in need of help leads her to Foxfire, a small town cut off from the rest of the world and threatened by a malevolent, deal-making entity named Earl. Can Verity win the suspicious townsfolk over and save them from Earl's crooked deals?

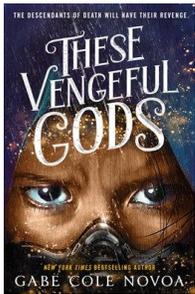
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Naudus, Natalie. *Gay the Pray Away*. 2025. 256p. Quirk Books/Andrews McMeel. \$12.99. (9781683695110).

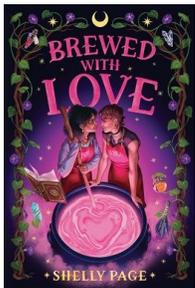
Valerie Danners realizes her fundamentalist Christian homeschooling group is a cult after discovering a book at the library that introduces her to queer identities... then a new girl named Riley joins the group, and everything she believes is thrown into question.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12+

***Novoa, Gabe Cole. *These Vengeful Gods*. 2025. 432p. Random House Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593898123).**

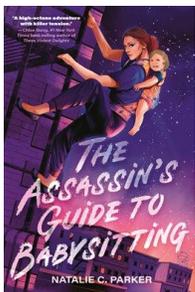
Crow is a Deathchild living in hiding after the genocide that killed many of the Deathchildren, the descendents of Death. When his uncles are arrested for helping Deathchildren, Crow knows the only way to save them is to join the Tournament of the Gods, win, and earn a favor from the Gods. But winning won't be easy when he has to hide who he really is or risk exposure and death.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Romance, Ages 12+

Page, Shelly. *Brewed with Love*. 2025. 336p. Joy Revolution/Penguin Random House. \$12.99. (9780593897621).

Sage Bishop helps run her family apothecary Bishop Brews, which is in danger - magic is running away and a large corporate apothecary chain is threatening to run her family's shop out of business. Meanwhile, as if everything wasn't hard enough already for Sage, her nana hired her ex-best friend and first crush Ximena Reyes to help out at Bishop Brews, and someone breaks in to steal tonics during Ximena's first shift...



Chapter Book, Fiction – Thriller, Ages 14+

Parker, Natalie C. *Assassin's Guide to Babysitting, The*. 2025. 320p. Candlewick Press/Walker Books. \$19.99. (9781536230093).

Tru has lost her parents and almost died herself, only surviving due to her biggest secret: she has a Bastion talent, which makes her nearly indestructible. She tries to survive in a society that will kill her (or worse) if they know who she truly is, and everything takes a turn for the deadly when a simple babysitting job becomes not so simple.

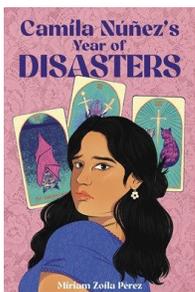
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Anthology - Realistic Fiction, Ages 12-17

Pérez, Ashley Hope (editor) and Fong, Debbie (illustrator). *Banned Together*. 2025. 304p. Holiday House/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780823458301).

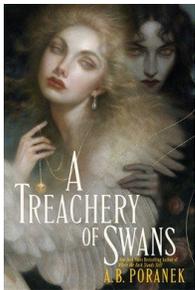
A wide-ranging collection of fiction, memoir, poetry, comics, and essays that examines the personal and political cost of book bans while spotlighting the creators most affected. Fifteen acclaimed YA authors and illustrators offer sharp, heartfelt, and empowering perspectives that encourage teens to push back against censorship.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Pérez, Miriam Zoila. *Camila Núñez's Year of Disasters*. 2025. 352p. Page Street YA/Page Street Publishing. \$18.99. (9798890032195).

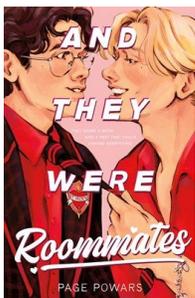
Cuban American teen Camila faces a year filled with anxiety, heartbreak, and family upheaval after a tarot reading for her sixteenth birthday predicts misfortune. Her anxiety about the reading intensifies as her parents' marriage crumbles, her first queer romance ends painfully, and her friendships are tested, turning the reading into a self-fulfilling prophecy. Camila must practice resilience and self-acceptance to confront her fears about the future.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

Poranek, A. B. *Treachery of Swans*, A. 2025. 368p. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99. (9781665936507).

In a kingdom where magic is forbidden, Odile has been raised to accomplish one goal: steal the enchanted crown and bring sorcery back to Auréal. Posing as a princess, she's ready for the perfect heist, until the King's murder upends everything. Forced to ally with Marie d'Odette, the real princess, Odile uncovers secrets that shake her mission and her heart. Torn between restoring magic and protecting the girl she's falling for, Odile must choose which truth to claim as her own.

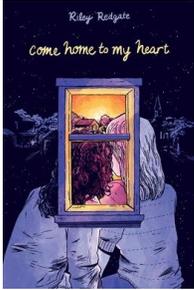


Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-18

Powers, Page. *And They Were Roommates*. 2025. 320p. Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan. \$19.99. (9781250347657).

Romance is the last thing on Charlie's mind as he begins his first day at Valentine Academy for Boys with a carefully crafted plan to hide his identity as the school's only trans student. These plans are immediately in jeopardy when he meets his new roommate: Jasper Grimes, the first boy he kissed. The boy who broke Charlie's heart the year before he transitioned.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

***Redgate, Riley. *Come Home to My Heart*. 2025. 336p. Union Square & Co./Hachette. \$19.99. (9781454957119).**

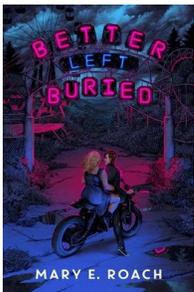
In a small South Carolina town, popular Christian student Gloria Forman and withdrawn loner Xia Harper form an unexpected friendship. Gloria secretly sleeps under the school auditorium stage after her parents kicked her out for being gay, while Xia is guarded and standoffish to hide that she's lesbian. As their connection deepens into romance, both must confront the secrets they've been hiding and decide what they truly want.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Science Fiction, Ages 14+

Reid, Ava. *Fable for the End of the World*. 2025. 384p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063211551).

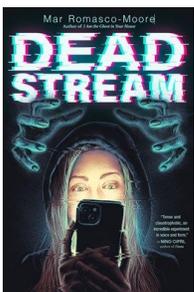
In this tense and tender dystopian story of a world riddled with disease and corruption brought on by corporate greed, Inesa's mother sells her daughter off to be a "sacrificial lamb" in exchange for debt forgiveness. "Lambs" are chased by "Angels"—biomechanically modified assassins—in an extreme reality show streamed worldwide. Inesa finds herself running for her life from Angel Melinoë until they both begin to question everything they know. The girls work together to achieve surprising results.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Mystery, Ages 12-17+

Roach, Mary E. *Better Left Buried*. 2024. 304p. Disney Hyperion. \$18.99. (9781368098403).

Lucy is having an interesting spring break. Her mom, a private detective, has been summoned to her extremely small Tennessee hometown only to find her friend dead. The adventure that ensues includes intrigue, murder, a mysterious rich family, and... there's this girl. Namely, Audrey, whose past is also tangled in this town and the corrupt, rich family. Opposites in almost every way, Lucy and Audrey are drawn to each other as they work through the clues.

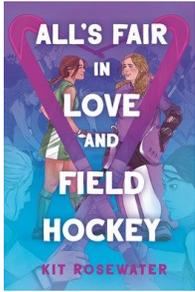


Chapter Book, Fiction – Thriller, Ages 14+

Romasco-Moore, Mar. *Deadstream*. 2025. 320P. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$12.99. (9780593691885).

Teresa, a pansexual agoraphobic teen who retreats to her bedroom after surviving a car accident that killed her best friend, finds comfort in the world of online streaming, where she connects with a supportive, fellow queer community. But Teresa's sense of safety crumbles when a sinister, ghostly entity begins to appear in livestreams, urging victims to "open the door." The threat escalates as a popular streamer dies on camera, and the haunting invades more streams - including Teresa's own.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Rosewater, Kit. *All's Fair in Love and Field Hockey*. 2025. 320p. Delacorte Romance/Penguin Random House. \$12.99. (9780593898451).

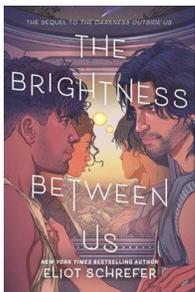
Evelyn lives for field hockey—and for winning. With her family’s legacy on the line and a championship in sight, nothing will stop her...except Rosa Alvarez, the gorgeous new player on a rival team. After a heated rivalry and an unexpected truce, their partnership sparks something deeper than competition. As Evelyn’s drive for victory clashes with her growing feelings, she must decide what truly matters: the game or her heart.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Sass, Adam. *Cursed Boys and Broken Hearts*. 2024. 352p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593464816).

Grant Rossi has been cursed ever since he wished on his family’s Wishing Rose, all of his romantic relationships are doomed to end and so far they all have with the most recent being a very public dumping. He escapes to a broken down vineyard and B&B owned by his aunt and uncle but he arrives at the place where he was first cursed as a child and finds it in total disrepair with the first boy who broke his heart being hired to help him fix it.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Science Fiction, Ages 13+

Schrefer, Eliot. *Brightness Between Us, The*. 2024. 464p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063343764).

Owl and Yarrow were created on a distant planet, Minerva, after their fathers’ spaceship crashed here seventeen years ago during their mission to establish human life under new, alien skies. Unfortunately, events from 30,000 years ago when their fathers were still strangers back on Earth are haunting them - unbeknownst to them or their parents, there’s a ticking bomb in their genetics and a cosmic threat hurtling toward them that could end life as they know it on their new home.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12-18

Selznick, Brian. *Run Away With Me*. 2025. 320p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic. \$24.99. (9781339035529).

Danny, 16, accompanies his academic mother on a research trip for the summer. There, he falls in love with a mysterious boy who looks his age but claims to be thousands of years old— and who knows all the city's history and secrets to back his claim. The city of Rome itself plays as much a main character in the gorgeously-written and -illustrated story as Danny and Angelo do.

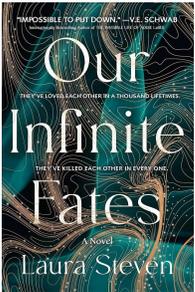
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Paranormal, Ages 13+

Snipes, Kevin Christopher. *Don't Let Me Go*. 2025. 400p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063062610).

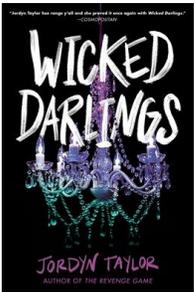
Riley knows there's nothing more cringe than crushing on a straight boy, but he can't help but feel an instant connection with Jackson... especially since Jackson is the spitting image of the boy in Riley's dreams of another time and place.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Romance, Ages 13-18

Steven, Laura. *Our Infinite Fates*. 2025. 352p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$20.00. (9781250333889).

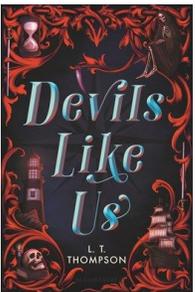
Evelyn and Arden are brought together in life after life only to die at each others' hands before reaching the age of 18. Caught in a cycle that goes back centuries, the two navigate rich, beautiful, and terrifying historic moments, always drawn to each other - sometimes as a boy and girl, sometimes as two girls, and other times two boys - by their underlying love and sense of belonging.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Mystery, Ages 12+

Taylor, Jordyn. *Wicked Darlings*. 2025. 288p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593709856).

Noa is an aspiring journalist grappling with the death of her sister, Leah. Relieved yet guilt-ridden over Leah's death, Noa begins to investigate after learning that the circumstances of her sister's supposed overdose and suicide may have involved foul play. She infiltrates elite social circles and becomes entangled with the wealthy Avalon family. Torn between the seductive allure of wealth and her quest for truth, Noa navigates dangerous territory to expose what really happened to Leah—even as she risks falling prey to the same darkness that claimed her sister.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Historical Fantasy, Ages 14+

Thompson, L.T. *Devils Like Us*. 2025. 384p. Bloomsbury YA/Bloomsbury. \$20.99. (9781547615193).

When three teens in 1840's New England meet up to investigate a secret society, they sneak aboard a smuggling ship and discover more about themselves and magic than they could ever imagine.

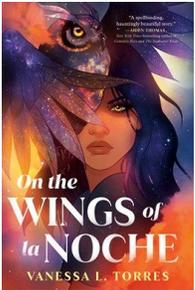
Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Tirreno, Lisa. *Prince of Fortune*. 2024. 416p. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99. (9781665957786).

Seen to become a great king, shy Prince Edmund bears the weight of prophecy, rare magic, and an expected political marriage. But when he meets Aubrey Ainsley, a charming, politically insignificant Seer, everything changes. As their bond deepens, Aubrey's visions of war turn frighteningly real, and dark sorcery threatens the nation of Saben. To save their homeland and each other, Edmund and Aubrey must defy fate, resist forces bent on tearing them apart, and claim a future shaped by love rather than prophecy.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12+

Torres, Vanessa L. *On the Wings of la Noche*. 2025. 352p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99. (9780593426173).

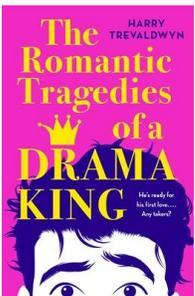
Noche is a Lechuza, a supernatural owl who escorts the spirits of the dead to the afterlife. She cannot make herself escort her girlfriend, Dante, who died right in front of her, even though it's been four months. She is shocked to learn that she is not the only Lechuza, and meets a family of women like her. This novel is a tender exploration of grief, love, friendship, and found community.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 14+

Tran, Trang Thanh. *They Bloom at Night*. 2025. 272p. Bloomsbury YA/Bloomsbury. \$19.99. (9781547611119).

In hurricane-ravaged Mercy, Louisiana, Noon and her mother eke out a living scavenging mutated wildlife from waters choked by strange red algae. When people begin disappearing, a corrupt harbor master sends Noon on a mission to hunt down the beast he believes is responsible. Forced to partner with the harbor master's daughter, Noon must confront not only the mystery drowning Mercy but also her own bodily transformations.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12-18

Trevaldwyn, Harry. *Romantic Tragedies of a Drama King, The*. 2025. 352p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$24.00. (9781250381309).

Patrick "Patch" Simmons is a flamboyant and endearingly awkward drama enthusiast determined to find his first boyfriend before prom. In a school where he's familiar with most students, he quickly settles on two new boys who join drama club, taciturn Sam and his close American friend Peter. Patch begins a hilariously chaotic quest for romance, aided by his mom's outdated self-help books and the unwavering support of his best friend Jean. As Patch navigates the messy highs and lows of teenage crushes, friendship drama, and self-discovery, the novel delivers laugh-out-loud moments while still tugging on readers' heartstrings.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Underhill, Edward. *In Case You Read This*. 2025. 368p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063373778).

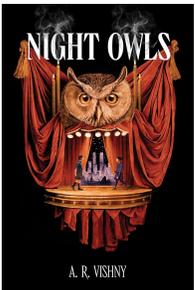
Arden and Gabe are both: 1) trans, 2) huge fans of the band Damaged Pixie Dream Boi, and 3) currently spending the night at a motel in Nebraska while moving across the country - in opposite directions. They spend one evening hanging out, then head their separate ways to never see each other again. So why can't they stop thinking about each other, and can the internet fanbase of Damaged Pixie Dream Boi help them reunite?



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Vinesse, Cecilia. *All-Nighter*. 2025. 384p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063285927).

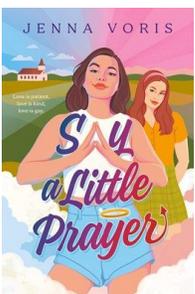
Student Council president and straight-A student Autumn needs a fake ID to impress the cute girl at her library, but she has no idea where to get one. Known bad girl Tara knows where to get one, but has to finish this essay on Mrs. Dalloway TONIGHT or she's not graduating. They strike a deal, leading to a series of chaotic escapades that brings their relationship from reluctant partners in crime to something much deeper.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 13+

Vishny, A. R. *Night Owls*. 2024. 368p. HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063327306).

Clara runs a historic Yiddish theater by day with her sister Molly, and by night they turn into estries - owl-shifting vampires. Boaz sees ghosts everywhere he goes, but at least he can hope that his job as a box office attendant at the theater will eventually lead to Clara flirting back. When Molly's secret girlfriend vanishes, the three find themselves forced together and debating whether they can trust each other.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Voris, Jenna. *Say a Little Prayer*. 2025. 320p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$12.99. (9780593692745).

After slapping someone for talking about her sister, Riley is forced to choose between going to church camp for spring break or giving up her spot in the school musical. Riley has given up on church, but her best friend (who happens to be the pastor's daughter) will be there, so maybe it won't be too bad - plus, she's determined to prove a point by committing one of the seven deadly sins each day for the whole week. She did not, however, plan on falling for the pastor's daughter in the process.

Young Adult Titles



Chapter Book, Fiction – Horror, Ages 14+

***White, Andrew Joseph. *Compound Fracture*. 2024. 416p. Peachtree Teen/Peachtree. \$19.99. (9781682636121).**

Miles Abernathy's family is embroiled in a century-old feud with the local sheriff, and transgender and autistic Miles becomes its latest victim when he is nearly beaten to death in what everyone says was a transphobic attack. Miles knows the real reason, though, and after seeing the ghost of his great-great-grandfather, decides it's time to bring the feud to a final, bloody end.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Woody, Amanda. *Exes & Foes*. 2024. 384p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$12.99. (9780593403143).

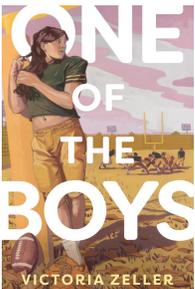
Emma and Caleb were inseparable until they had a falling out in eighth-grade. Years later, they find themselves competing for the affections of Juliet, a new girl at school, and they set themselves a challenge: whoever earns Juliet's kiss first gets to pursue her, while the other will step aside. When their rivalry reignites old chemistry, awkwardness, and unresolved trauma, Emma and Caleb are forced to confront their buried feelings and difficult pasts— including fraught family relationships and questions of self-worth.



Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

Yasmin, Seema. *Unbecoming*. 2024. 352p. Simon & Schuster BYR/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99. (9781665938440).

Layla, a Muslim teen living in Texas, is pregnant. Dealing with how to find abortion care in this near-future (but scarily too close to home) post-Roe world was not in Layla's Life Plan to go to medical school. The journey to find what she needs is harrowing, even though she is the co-author of a document intended for Texas teens in need of reproductive care. Using this information, she sets out on her own but ultimately finds that the village around her is more than on her side.

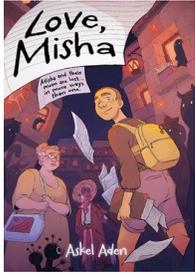


Chapter Book, Fiction – Sports, Ages 12-18

Zeller, Victoria. *One of the Boys*. 2025. 344p. Arthur A. Levine/Levine Querido. \$19.99. (9781646145027).

Grace comes out as trans just before senior year of high school. This wouldn't necessarily be a huge problem except that Grace is a big star on her very traditional town's high school football team. A great story of friendship and support from several of her teammates, including one teenage father.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Aden, Askel. *Love, Misha*. 2025. 320p. FirstSecond/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781250866219).

A strained mother and non-binary teen are forced to rely on each other after a wrong turn pulls them into a dangerous spirit realm. As they search for a way home, both must confront the distance between them and what it will take to truly reconnect.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 13+

Charm, Derek. *Toxic Summer*. 2025. 120p. Oni Press. \$19.99. (9781637156445).

Two newly minted lifeguards expecting a carefree summer instead find their beach town overrun by toxic sludge, dead fish, and creatures rising from the deep. With friends disappearing and danger closing in, they join forces with the only other teens around to uncover the truth and fight for their town before the season is lost.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Historical, Ages 13+

***Conner, Hari. *I Shall Never Fall in Love*. 2024. 288p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$26.99. (9780358682394).**

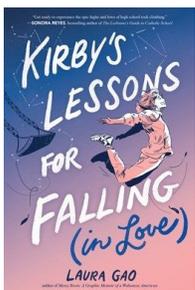
George is struggling with a newly-inherited, struggling family estate and their best friend Eleanor worries about her ability to do everything "right." The appearance of a new suitor causes both of them to confront feelings they never knew they had and to rewrite the rules society has set for them in this graphic novel inspired by Jane Austen and queer history.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+

Erdos, Emily and Muniz, Deya (illustrator). *Blades of Furry (A Graphic Novel): Volume 1*. 2025. 512p. Little, Brown Ink/Hachette. \$32.99. (9780316459839).

Emile, a rising rookie in the brutal world of battle skating, is stunned to be matched against his legendary idol, Radu, and soon uncovers a secret that could upend everything. As rivalry shifts into something far more complicated, the two must navigate fame, danger, and growing feelings on and off the ice.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+

Gao, Laura. *Kirby's Lessons for Falling (in Love): A Graphic Novel*. 2025. 304p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$26.99. (9780063067806).

Kirby Tan, once her school's top climber, is sidelined by injury and pushed into writing astrology-based love advice with free-spirited Bex Santos. As the two grow closer, Kirby must juggle new feelings with the expectations of her family and church community while trying to chart a path that feels true to her.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 14-18

Grace, Sina and Clayton, Bradley (illustrator). *West Hollywood Monster Squad*. 2025. 176p. Abrams ComicArts - Surely/Abrams. \$24.99. (9781419764820).

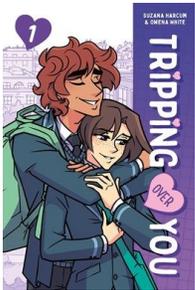
Marvin Matocho's night at a local drag show takes a wild turn when strange pink snow unleashes monsters across Los Angeles, forcing him and an eclectic group of friends to fight their way through the chaos. As they scramble to uncover who's behind the attack, this unlikely crew has to confront their own baggage while trying to save the city before dawn.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12-16

Graley, Sarah and Purenins, Stef (illustrator). *Pizza Witch*. 2025. 296p. Image Comics/Simon & Schuster. \$16.99. (9781534327962).

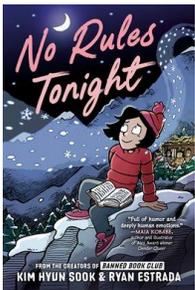
Roxy, a Pizza Witch determined to become a legend, finally gets her chance to prove herself when she's sent on a quest to find the mythical Remarkable Oregano after hitting a standstill with her fraud of a boss and her well-meaning but unsupportive parents. With her fiery cat, George, and a cute witch she meets along the way, she discovers that bigger magic, unexpected challenges, and maybe even love can come from the unlikeliest ingredients.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14-18

Harcum, Suzana and White, Owena. *Tripping Over You, Book 1*. 2025. 240p. FirstSecond/Macmillan. \$25.99. (9781250330710).

Milo, an infamous theater kid, and Liam, a quiet wallflower, form an unlikely friendship at their boarding school that slowly deepens into something neither of them is sure how to name. As misunderstandings, family pressures, and secret dating complicate their lives from high school through college, the two navigate a relationship that grows and changes as they figure out who they are and what a future together might look like.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Historical, Ages 12+

Kim, Hyun Sook and Estrada, Ryan (illustrator). *No Rules Tonight*. 2024. 208p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$24.99. (9780593521298)

A winter camp in the mountains of 1980s South Korea gives a group of university students one rare night without curfews, rules, or watchful authorities, even as police surveillance and political tension linger in the background. As Hyun Sook tries to revive her banned book club, Taehee and Kiwoo wrestle with unspoken feelings, and Suji prepares to share a lifelong secret, each student navigates the risks and exhilaration of a single night where friendship, courage, and first love collide.

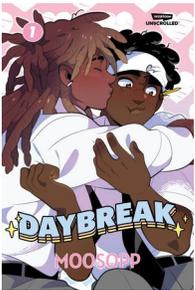
Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 12+

Moore, John and Neetols (illustrator). *Ditching Saskia*. 2024. 192p. Flying Eye Books/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9781838741556).

Damian, struggling to fit in at a new high school and grieving his mother, tries to summon her ghost but accidentally brings forth Saskia, a scruffy, chaotic kid who refuses to leave him alone. As the two clash, connect, and slowly open up, they find that the flaws they hide and the grief they carry might be exactly what helps them heal.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Romance, Ages 13-17

Moosopp. *Daybreak, Vol. 1*. 2025. 288p. WEBTOON Unscrolled/Penguin Random House. \$18.99. (9781998341443).

Marcus and Cog, two senior high school students in different friend groups, just started hanging out together and Marcus has a crush even though Cog is oblivious and unprepared for the hijinks. As they grow closer and spend more time together, they start to see each other in a new light and realize just how deep their feelings for each other can become.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Historical, Ages 12-18

Neus, Nora and Robine, Julie (illustrator). *Renegade Girls: A Queer Tale of Romance and Rabble-Rousing*. 2025. 304p. Little, Brown Ink/Hachette. \$25.99. (9780316439831).

Nell is unwillingly participating in her debut Season in New York when she meets Alice Austen, an enchanting Staten Island resident from a “good” family. When Nell’s friend Lydia is injured in her sewing job, Nell learns how immigrant women and girls as young as six are treated in this industry and vows to become a “stunt reporter,” infiltrating and exposing these harmful practices. This historical fiction is loosely based on real-life Helen Cusak and Alice Austin.

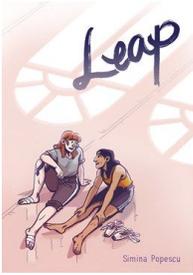


Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fairytale, Ages 12+

Nguyen, Trung Le. *Angelica and the Bear Prince*. 2025. 224p. Random House Graphic/Penguin Random House. \$24.99. (9780593125472).

Angelica, once the girl who could handle anything, is rebuilding her life after burnout with help from her friends and the unexpected comfort she finds in Peri, the theater’s beloved bear mascot who has been sending her anonymous messages. In this reimagining of *East of the Sun and West of the Moon*, her search for the person behind the costume leads her into a world of new possibilities, where she begins to imagine a future that doesn’t require perfection to feel full and magical.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18

Popescu, Simina. *Leap*. 2024. 304p. Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan. \$24.99. (9781250838292).

Ana and Sara, two dancers chasing perfection at an elite arts school in Bucharest, Romania, find themselves questioning the futures they've worked toward as ambition, identity, and first love collide. As Ana hides a fragile relationship with Carina and Sara navigates complicated feelings for her mentor, their growing friendship becomes the grounding force they both need to face who they are and who they want to become.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Prentice-Jones, Sam. *Arcana: The Lost Heirs*. 2025. 384p. Feiweil & Friends/Macmillan. \$27.99. (9781250290236).

James, Daphne, Koko, Sonny, and Eli uncover a dangerous truth at the heart of the Arcana, the secretive witch organization ruled by the Majors, a powerful leadership circle whose rise to authority is tied to the deaths of their parents. As Eli finds both a long-missing sense of family and a budding romance with James, the five friends must confront the curse that connects them in order to claim their own futures.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 13+

Ries, Ariel Slamet. *Strange Bedfellows*. 2025. 288p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$18.99. (9780063158085).

Oberon is having a tough time after a fairly public breakdown, dropping out of university, and breaking up with his boyfriend. This seems like a perfect time to suddenly manifest the superhuman ability to bring his dreams into real life, including terrifying monsters and a conjured version of his high school crush, Kon, who mysteriously disappeared three years ago.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12+

Sunny and Gloomy (illustrator). *Rainbow! Volume 2*. 2025. 320p. Graphix/Scholastic, Inc. \$24.99. (9781546110187).

Boo Meadows is doing her best to rebuild her life after leaving her mother's home, but balancing school, work, and a growing crush on Mimi is harder than anything she daydreams about. As Boo and Mimi try to stay together while facing Mimi's disapproving mother and their own fears, Boo must figure out whether real life can hold as much courage and hope as the worlds she imagines.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Tarrell, Kennedy. *Evil-ish*. 2025. 208p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$25.99. (9781250839961).

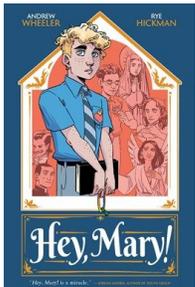
Hawthorne Vandercast has dedicated themselves to a life of villainy, but soon discovers that this may not be their true path when faced with the real embodiment of evil: a wide-eyed, seemingly innocent, flowery girl who's out for revenge.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 12+

Terciero, Rey, and Aguirre, Claudia (illustrator). *Dan in Green Gables: A Modern Reimagining of 'Anne of Green Gables'*. 2025. 256p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$24.99. (9780593385579).

This retelling of *Anne of Green Gables* focuses on Dan, a queer and gender-non-conforming teenager, who is dropped off to live at his grandparents' house in rural Tennessee. While waiting for his mom to return, Dan learns about the importance of found family, self love, and working through grief.



Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+

Wheeler, Andrew and Hickman, Rye (illustrator). *Hey, Mary!*. 2025. 128p. Oni Press. \$17.99. (9781637156384).

Mark is a devoted Catholic kid who begins to question everything he has been taught once he realizes he has a crush on another boy. As he seeks guidance from his priest, a local drag performer, and even figures from Catholic history, Mark must decide whether there is room in his life for both his faith and his identity.

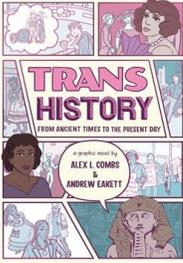


Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18

Wroten, K. *Everyone Sux But You*. 2025. 368p. Henry Holt & Co. (BYR)/Macmillan. \$27.99. (9781250821669).

Carson Flynn lives for concerts with her best friend Ash, but when their friendship shifts into something tender and confusing, she is forced to confront the grief she carries and the limits she has set around her own future. As Carson begins to imagine a life with more possibility than she ever allowed herself to hope for, she has to find a way to show Ash that there might be something bright ahead for both of them.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Nonfiction – History, Ages 12+

***Combs, Alex L. and Eakett, Andrew. *Trans History: A Graphic Novel: From Ancient Times to the Present Day*. 2025. 384p. Candlewick Press/Walker Books. \$24.99. (9781536219234).**

This full-color graphic history traces trans experiences from ancient civilizations to the present, introducing readers to a wide range of historical figures and cultural roles that reveal how diverse gender has always been. Through vivid storytelling and extensive research, it explores how shifting beliefs, global influence, and ongoing activism have shaped what it means to be trans today.



Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 13+

Russo, Kristin and Teixeira, Ravi (illustrator). *Quick and Easy Guide to Coming Out, A*. 2024. 80p. Oni Press. \$9.99. (9781637155066).

What is coming out? How do you do it, and should you? Why is it so hard? This guide will help navigate the twists and turns of coming out, including finding resources, embracing your community, and handling awkward conversations.



Manga, Fiction - Slice of Life, Ages 13+

Taji, Makoto. *Let's Eat Together, Aki and Haru, Volume 1*. 2024. 130p. LoveLove/Tokyopop. \$12.99. (9781427878168).

College roommates Aki and Haru share more than a dorm, finding comfort in home-cooked meals and the quiet closeness that grows between them. As the seasons shift and their routines deepen, their gentle boys' love story unfolds with moments that simmer with affection, uncertainty, and the possibility of something real.

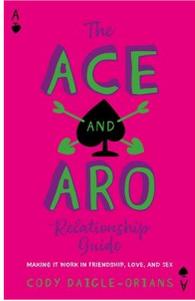


Manga, Fiction - Romance, Ages 12+

Takase, Umi. *I Wanna Be Your Girl, Volume 1*. 2025. 240p. Ink Pop/Penguin Random House. \$20.99. (9780593902936).

Hime has loved her best friend Akira for years, but once Akira begins high school as her true self, Hime's fierce attempts to protect her only complicate the attention Akira receives. When Hime tries to shield Akira by dressing as a boy, her plan unravels fast, forcing both girls to confront what support, allyship, and first love really look like.

Young Adult Titles



Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 12-20

Daigle-Orians, Cody. *Ace and Aro Relationship Guide, The: Making It Work in Friendship, Love, and Sex.* 2024. 224p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$19.95. (9781839977343).

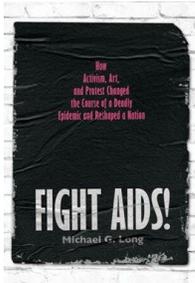
This thoughtful relationship guide offers clear, affirming support for asexual and aromatic youth while also giving older teens practical tools for navigating friendships, romance, and other forms of connection in ways that honor their boundaries and identities. Through compassionate advice and a focus on living authentically, it encourages readers to build relationships that feel safe, joyful, and genuinely their own.



Nonfiction, Biography - Illustrated Prose, Ages 14-18

Johnson, George M. and Palmer, Charly (illustrator). *Flamboyants: The Queer Harlem Renaissance I Wish I'd Known.* 2024. 144p. Farrar, Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan. \$18.99. (9780374391249).

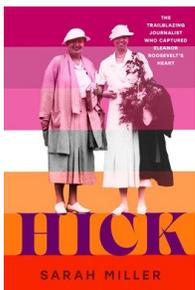
Gorgeously illustrated, this collection of stories feature many important, creative queer figures during the Harlem Renaissance, the golden age of black expression at a time when these artists could not publicly acknowledge the full truth of their identities. This book is not only inspiring, but can easily serve as a non-fiction resource for students on this time period in history.



Nonfiction – History, Ages 14-18

Long, Michael G. *Fight Aids!: How Activism, Art, and Protest Changed the Course of a Deadly Epidemic and Reshaped a Nation.* 2025. 288p. Norton Young Readers/W. W. Norton & Company. \$19.99. (9781324053538).

From the 1980s to the 1990s, AIDS went from a nameless killer of gay men to a worldwide epidemic, with many groups forming to fight for the rights of those with AIDS.

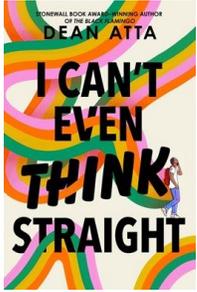


Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 12+

***Miller, Sarah. *Hick: The Trailblazing Journalist Who Captured Eleanor Roosevelt's Heart.* 2025. 384p. Random House Studio/Penguin Random House. \$20.99. (9780593649091).**

Lorena Hickok - Hick to her friends - was a journalistic powerhouse in an era during which women had no place in the newsroom. This riveting biography of her incredible life and intimate relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt is informed by a close reading of 3500 letters exchanged by Hick and Eleanor that describe their life-long friendship and romance.

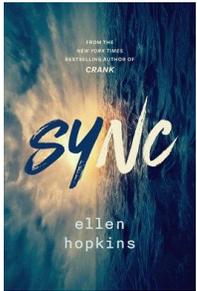
Young Adult Titles



Novel In Verse, Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+

Atta, Dean. *I Can't Even Think Straight*. 2025. 304p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063158030).

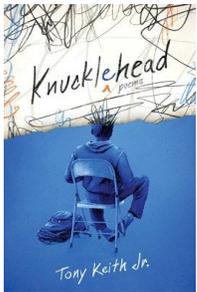
Kai wants to come out at school, but his best friend Matt remains closeted due to conservative parents and asks Kai to do the same. When rumors circulate about them dating, tensions rise. Meanwhile, Kai begins dating Obi, but their relationship isn't what Kai hoped. Is true love closer than he thinks?



Novel In Verse, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+

Hopkins, Ellen. *Sync*. 2024. 448p. Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Random House. \$20.99. (9780593463246).

Storm and Lake are twins who have always been perfectly in-sync. When they were younger, they were thrown into the foster system, sometimes together and sometimes separately. Their new placements end disastrously - Storm's actions take him into the justice system, while Lake's choices leave her out on the streets, both with devastating consequences.



Novel In Verse, Fiction - Poetry, Ages 14+

Keith, Tony, Jr. *Knucklehead: Poems*. 2025. 128p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99. (9780063296053).

Tony Keith Jr. uses poetry to talk directly to Black boys and men about his experience growing up Black and homosexual.



Novel In Verse, Fiction - Speculative, Ages 12-18

***McBride, Amber. *Leaving Room, The*. 2025. 224p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99. (9781250908087).**

Gospel is a Keeper: She tends to her tiny Leaving Room, helping those who died young pass on from one place to the next. She is content to do her job and help these Leavers until one day, she hears music from the other side of the wall and meets another Keeper. Melodee is everything Gospel didn't know she needed. But can two Keepers fall in love? What comes next for them?