

YA Fiction by LGBTQ+ Authors

A sampling of novels for teens in a wide range of genres written by authors who identify as LGBTQ+ and featuring LGBTQ+ main characters.



***Leah on the Offbeat* by Becky Albertalli | [YAALB](#)**

With prom and graduation around the corner, senior Leah Burke struggles when her group of friends start fighting.



***The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta | [YAATT](#)**

Michael is a mixed-race gay teen growing up in London. When he discovers the Drag Society, he finally finds where he belongs--and the Black Flamingo is born.



***Victories Greater than Death* by Charlie Jane Anders | [YAAND](#)**

Tired of hiding in obscurity on Earth, Tina, the human clone of a brilliant alien tactician, pursues her destiny in space, but success is elusive until Tina and her best friend Rachael assemble a ragtag crew of humans and set out to save all the worlds.



***This Poison Heart* by Kalynn Bayron | [YABAY](#)**

Teenaged Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, even poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives.



***Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender | [YACAL](#)**

Felix Love, a transgender seventeen-year-old, attempts to get revenge by catfishing his anonymous bully, but lands in a quasi-love triangle with his former enemy and his best friend.



***Once & Future* by Amy Rose Capetta and Cori McCarthy | [YACAP](#)**

Resets the Arthurian legend in outer space, with King Arthur reincarnated as seventeen-year-old Ari, a female king whose quest is to stop a tyrannical corporate government, aided by a teenaged Merlin.



***The Miseducation of Cameron Post* by Emily M. Danforth | [YADAN](#)**

In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.



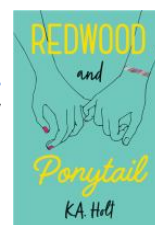
***I Wish You All the Best* by Mason Deaver | [YADEA](#)**

After coming out as nonbinary, Ben must leave home and goes to live with a sister and her husband to finish the last year of high school.



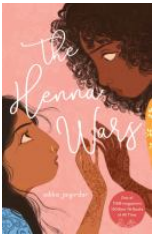
***Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi | [YAME](#)**

In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.



***Redwood and Ponytail* by K. A. Holt | [YAHOL](#)**

Told in verse in two voices, with a chorus of fellow students, this is a story of two girls, opposites in many ways, who are drawn to each other.



***The Henna Wars* by Adiba Jaigirdar | [YA JAI](#)**

Nishat doesn't want to lose her family, but she also doesn't want to hide who she is, and it only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life. Flavia is beautiful and charismatic - and Nishat's biggest competition.

***You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson | [YA JOH](#)**

When Liz's scholarship falls through she is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen, which plunges her into the gauntlet of social media and leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of true friendships.



***Let's Talk About Love* by Claire Kann | [YA KAN](#)**

Alice's last girlfriend, Margo, ended things when Alice confessed she's asexual. Now Alice is sure she's done with dating... and then she meets Takumi. Now Alice has to decide if she's willing to risk his friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated-- or understood.

***The Music of What Happens* by Bill Konigsberg | [YA KON](#)**

A cool and popular gay teen who harbors a secret, intense crush and a poetic youth who is looking for Mr. Right in spite of his troubled family weigh what they are willing to risk while working together at an organic food truck during a blistering Arizona summer.

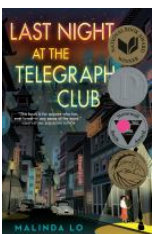
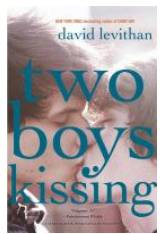


***Reverie* by Ryan La Sala | [YALAS](#)**

While recovering from an attack that leaves him without his memory, gay teenager Kane Montgomery stumbles into a world where dreams known as reveries take on a life of their own, and it is up to Kane and a few unlikely allies to stop them before they spillover into the waking world.

***Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan | [YALEV](#)**

A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.

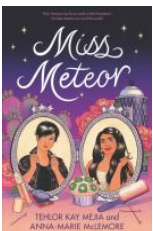


***Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo | [YALO](#)**

America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father, Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.

***The Mirror Season* by Anna-Marie McLemore | [YAMCL](#)**

After Ciela and Lock are sexually assaulted at the same party, they develop a cautious friendship through her family's possibly-magical pastelería and his secret forest of otherworldly trees.



***Miss Meteor* by Anna-Marie McLemore and Tehlor Kay Mejia | [YAMEJ](#)**

A teen who secretly arrived with the meteor that gave her small hometown its name discovers that she is turning back into stardust and teams up with her best friend in an effort to secure her human existence by entering a local beauty pageant.

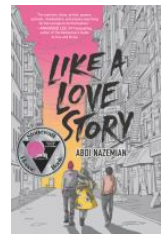
***We Set the Dark on Fire* by Tehlor Kay Mejia | [YAMEJ](#)**

A society wife-in-training has an uncomfortable awakening about her strictly polarized society after being recruited into a band of rebel spies and falling for her biggest rival.



***Like a Love Story* by Abdi Nazemian | [YA NAZ](#)**

An Iranian youth who hides his sexual orientation from his family, an openly gay photographer and an aspiring fashion designer with an HIV-positive uncle fall in love and find their voices as activists during the height of the AIDS crisis in New York City.

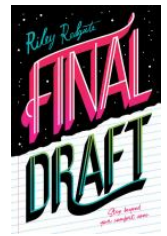


***Radio Silence* by Alice Oseman | [YA OSE](#)**

A studious girl and a quiet, straight-A boy start a controversial podcast together that challenges their courage and forces them to confront issues in the form of backlash and censorship.

***Final Draft* by Riley Redgate | [YA RED](#)**

Eighteen-year-old Laila Piedra is a biracial aspiring author whose creative writing teacher always told her she has a special talent, so when he suddenly dies and is replaced by Nadiya Nazarenko, a Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist who is sadistically critical and perpetually unimpressed, Laila grows obsessed with gaining the woman's approval.

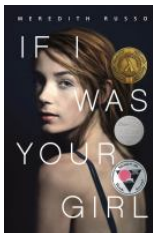
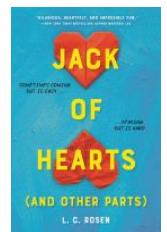


***Juliet Takes a Breath* by Gabby Rivera | [YA RIV](#)**

Juliet, a self-identified queer, Bronx-born Puerto Rican-American, comes out to her family to disastrous results the night before flying to Portland to intern with her feminist author icon--whom Juliet soon realizes has a problematic definition of feminism that excludes women of color.

***Jack of Hearts (and Other Parts)* by L. C. Rosen | [YA ROS](#)**

Jack, who is unapologetically sexually active and queer, works to uncover a blackmailer threatening him back into the closet.

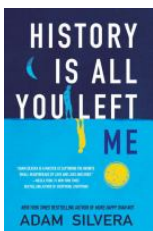
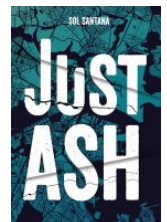


***If I Was Your Girl* by Meredith Russo | [YA RUS](#)**

Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.

***Just Ash* by Sol Santana | [YA SAN](#)**

Ash has never thought much about being intersex. But when he gets his period and his parents pressure him to 'try being a girl,' he must fight for who he really is.

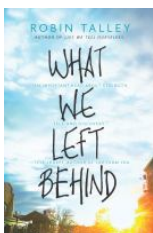


***History is All You Left Me* by Adam Silvera | [YA SIL](#)**

Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident.

***The Summer of Jordi Perez* by Amy Spalding | [YA SPA](#)**

Seventeen, fashion-obsessed, and gay, Abby Ives has always been content playing the sidekick in other people's lives. Then she falls for her fellow intern, Jordi Perez. Hard. And now she's competing against the girl she's kissing to win the coveted paid job at the end of the internship.



***What We Left Behind* by Robin Talley | [YA TAL](#)**

Toni and Gretchen are the couple everyone envied in high school. They've been together forever. They never fight. They're deeply, hopelessly in love. When they separate for their first year at college--Toni to Harvard and Gretchen to NYU--they're sure they'll be fine. The reality of being apart, though, is very different than they expected.

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