

Keeping You a Secret by Julie Anne Peters
As she begins a very tough last semester of high school, Holland finds herself puzzled about her future and intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a Lesbian club at school.

Ask the Passengers by A.S. King
Astrid Jones desperately wants to confide in someone, but her mother's pushiness and her father's lack of interest tell her they're the last people she can trust. Instead, Astrid spends hours lying on the backyard picnic table watching airplanes fly overhead. She doesn't know the passengers inside, but they're the only people who won't judge her when she asks them her most personal questions . . . like what it means that she's falling in love with a girl.

Parrotfish by Ellen Wittlinger
Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.

I am J by Cris Beam
J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.

The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle
Teenaged Quinn, an aspiring screenwriter, copes with his sister's death while his best friend forces him back out into the world to face his reality.

Helpful Resources

The Trevor Project

A national 24-hour, toll free confidential suicide hotline for gay and questioning youth.
1-866-488-7386
www.thetrevorproject.org

It Gets Better Project

"The It Gets Better Project was created to show young LGBT people the levels of happiness, potential, and positivity their lives will reach – if they can just get through their teen years"

www.itgetsbetter.org

LGBT Network

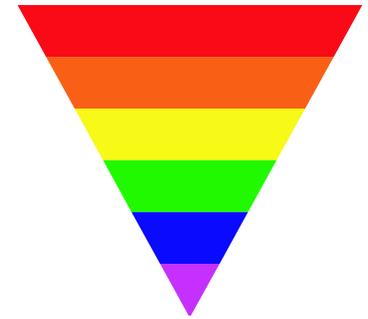
The LGBT Network is an association of non-profit organizations working to serve the LGBT community of Long Island and Queens, with a location for youth in Woodbury, NY.
Telephone: 516.323.0011

Pride for Youth

Pride for Youth is a service and an advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Their mission is to enhance the health, wellness and cultural competency of LGBTQ young people through supportive services, education and youth development. Phone: 679-9000

Out of the Closet

LGBTQ Booklist



"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are"
- e.e. cummings

List compiled by Ali Blau, YA Librarian
Westbury Memorial Public Library
www.westburylibrary.org
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None of the above by I.W. Gregorio

A groundbreaking story about a teenage girl who discovers she's intersex . . . and what happens when her secret is revealed to the entire school.

Down to the Bone by Mayra Lazara Dole

Laura, a seventeen-year-old Cuban American girl, is thrown out of her house when her mother discovers she is a lesbian, but after trying to change her heart and hide from the truth, Laura finally comes to terms with who she is and learns to love and respect herself.

The Bermudez Triangle by Maureen Johnson

The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.

Absolutely, Positively Not by David LaRochelle

Steven isn't gay. Lots of 16-year-old boys enjoy square dancing and study International Male catalogues for grooming tips, right? Just in case, Steven decides to macho up with his new plan of Healthy Heterosexual Strategies: hang out with jocks, date pretty girls, and learn to belch.

Absolute Brightness by James Lecesne

In the beach town of Neptune, New Jersey, Phoebe's life is changed irrevocably when her gay cousin moves into her house and soon goes missing.

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed.

Everything Leads to You by Nina LaCour

While working as a film production designer in Los Angeles, Emi Price finds a mysterious letter from a silver screen legend which leads her to Ava, who is about to expand Emi's understanding of family, acceptance, and true romance.

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan

In a community with a cross-dressing star quarterback/homecoming queen, Joy Scouts, and cheerleaders on motorcycles, nothing can get in the way of Paul finding his true love -- if he can just make up his mind who it is.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Almost Perfect by Brian Katcher

Sage Hendricks befriends Logan Witherspoon at a time when he no longer trusts or believes in people. Sage has been homeschooled for a number of years and her parents have forbidden her to date anyone, but she won't tell Logan why. One day, Logan acts on his growing feelings for Sage. Moments later, he wishes he never had. Sage finally discloses her big secret: she's actually a boy. Logan lashes out at Sage and disowns her. But once Logan comes to terms with what happened, he reaches out to Sage in an attempt to understand her situation. But Logan has no idea how rocky the road back to friendship will be.

Shine by Lauren Myracle

When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.

Sister Mischief by Laura Goode

Esme Rockett, also known as MC Ferocious, rocks her suburban Minnesota Christian high school with more than the hip-hop music she makes with best friends Marcy (DJ SheStorm) and Tess (The ConTessa) when she develops feelings for her co-MC, Rowie (MC Rohini).

Black Rabbit Summer by Kevin Brooks

When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening--and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet.

Geography Club by Brent Hartinger

A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.

Rage by Julie Anne Peters

At the end of high school, Johanna finally begins dating the girl she has loved from afar, but Reeve is as much trouble as she claims to be as she and her twin brother damage Johanna's self-esteem, friendships, and already precarious relationship with her sister.

Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

You and Me and Him by Kris Dinnison

Maggie Bowers thinks she knows what to expect her junior year of high school, but when she and her out-of-the-closet best friend Nash have feelings for the same boy she wonders if winning someone's heart means losing her soul mate.