

Unless otherwise stated, these books are suitable for each year group as described. However, please do research the books yourself before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.

Year Seven

Tim Federle	Better Nate than Ever	Everyone else seems to have decided that flamboyant, Broadway-obsessive thirteen-year-old Nate's sexuality already. They probably aren't wrong, but he's still working it out!
Sarah Hagger-Holt	Nothing Ever Happens Here	This is Littlehaven. Nothing ever happens here. Until one day when Izzy's dad comes out as Danielle, a trans woman.
Sarah Hagger-Holt	Proud of Me	Becky and Josh are almost-twins, with two mums and the same anonymous donor dad.
Joanna Kendrick	Out	When Natalie falls in love with her best friend Will, she doesn't know how to tell him. But, just as she has picked up the courage to confess her feelings, Will shares his own secret – he's gay. This story is dyslexia friendly with black and white illustrations.
Jo Knowles	See You at Harry's	After a bereavement, a family finds it hard to adjust. Meanwhile, one family member is also in the process of coming out as gay. A very sad book about growing up and coping with loss.
Keris Stainton	Starring Kitty	Kitty's keeping secrets. Like how she's struggling to cope with her mum's illness. And how she's falling for the girl with the purple-red hair.
Jacqueline Wilson	Kiss	A compelling story about love and sexuality.

Year Eight

Robbie Couch	The Sky Blues	Sky Baker is openly gay, but in his small town, he has always found being invisible easier than being himself. Determined not to let anything ruin his school year, Sky asks his crush, Ali, to prom.
Isaac Fitzsimons	The Passing Playbook	A feel-good romance about a trans athlete who must decide between fighting for his right to play and staying stealth.
Alice Gino	Rick	When Rick discovers an after-school club for LGBTQIAP+ kids, he realises there is an entire world of people out there who might understand him better than he does himself.
Amy Lamé	From Prejudice to Pride: A History of LGBTQ+ Movement	This non-fiction book looks at the rise and achievements of the LGBTQ+ movement and the different communities, pioneers and stories of heartbreak and courage that have marched alongside it.
Hayley Long	What's Up with Jody Barton?	Twins Jody and Jolene couldn't be more different. Jody likes Maths and Jolene is more interested in make-up and flirting. They might just be the world's least identical twins – that is, until one day they both fall head-over-heels for the same boy.
Mary McCoy	Indestructible Object	Funny, romantic, and heartfelt, this is a story about secrets, lies, friendship, family, an expired passport, a hidden VHS tape, fried pickles, and most of all, love.

Linda Newbery	The Shell House	Greg's casual interest in the history of a ruined mansion becomes more personal as he slowly discovers the tragic events that overwhelmed its last inhabitants. Set against a background of the modern day and the First World War, Greg's contemporary beliefs become intertwined with those of Edmund, a foot soldier whose confusion about his sexuality and identity mirrors Greg's own feelings of insecurity.
Alice Oseman	Heartstopper Series	Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. An LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love and everything that happens in between.

Year Nine

Becky Albertalli	Leah on the Offbeat	Set in the same world as <i>Love, Simon</i> , this book focuses on Simon's friend, Leah, who is a bisexual.
Becky Albertalli	Love, Simon	Straight people should have to 'come out' too. Simon Spier is sixteen and trying to work out who he is – and what he is looking for. But when one of his emails to Blue falls into the wrong hands, things get very complicated...
Juno Dawson	Proud	A collection of pride-themed short stories.
Grace Ellis	Moonstruck Volume 1: Magic to Brew	Werewolf barista Julie and her new girlfriend go on a date to a close-up magic show, but all hell breaks loose when the magician casts a horrible spell on their friend. This is a graphic novel.
Sophie Gonzales	Only Mostly Devastated	Ollie and Will were a summer fling and now they're classmates. The only problem is, only one of them has come out...
Jamie Lawson	Rainbow Revolutions	On June 28, 1969, New York City Police raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar in Greenwich Village, New York. This book charts the dramatic rise of the LGBTQ+ movement and celebrates the courageous individuals who stood up and demanded recognition.
David Levithan	Two Boys Kissing	The two boys kissing are Craig and Harry. They are hoping to set the world record for the longest kiss. They're not a couple, but they used to be.
Juno Roche	Gender Explorers	A collection of interviews where young trans people offer valuable insight and advice.
Meredith Russo	If I Was Your Girl	Amanda Hardy is the new girl at school. Like everyone else, she wants to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is holding back. Even from Grant, the guy she is falling in love with. Amanda has a secret: at her old school, she used to be called Andrew.
Ciara Smyth	The Falling in Love Montage	Saoirse meets Ruby, who might just be the prettiest girl she's ever seen. Ruby challenges cynical Saoirse to try a summer romance...
Ciara Smyth	Not My Problem	Aideen finds herself the school 'fixer': any problem a student has, Aideen will sort it out. However, Aideen's own life is a mess. Can every problem always be solved?
Phil Stamper	The Gravity of Us	When his pilot father is selected for a NASA mission to Mars, Cal and his family relocate from Brooklyn to Houston. Amidst the chaos, Cal meets sensitive and mysterious Leon, and finds himself falling head over heels – fast.
Lisa Williamson	The Art of Being Normal	David Piper has always been an outsider. His parents think he's gay. The school bully hates him. Only his two best friends know the truth: David wants to be a girl.

Age 14-18 Senior Fiction and Non-Fiction

Dahlia Adler	Cool for the Summer	Lara is haunted by a memory of a perfect summer spent with a girl named Jasmine.
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Becky Albertalli	Kate in Waiting	Kate and Andy's share a crush and when he shows up at their school, everything goes to off-script.
Dean Atta	The Black Flamingo	This unique coming-of-age book explores identity and sexuality with an emboldening message to remember that 'you have the right to be you'.
Alex Bertie	Trans Mission	When I was 15, I realised I was a transgender man. That makes it sound like I suddenly had some kind of lightbulb moment. In reality, coming to terms with my identity has taken a long time. Over the last six years, I have come out to my family and friends, changed my name, battled the healthcare system and started taking male hormones. This is my story.
Alyssa Brugman	Alex As Well	When Alex was born, the doctors described him as 'sexually ambiguous', with both male and female reproductive organs. For the last fourteen years, his parents have raised Alex as a boy. They dressed him in boys' clothes, sent him to a boys' school and gave him medication to help regulate his hormones. But last night at dinner, Alex made an announcement, three words that would change everything: 'I'm a girl'.
Tanya Byrne	Afterlove	Ash Persaud is about to become a reaper in the afterlife, but she is determined to see her first love Poppy Morgan again. The only thing that separates them is death.
Sophie Cameron	Last Bus to Everland	Brody Fair has had enough of real life. Enough of the bullies on his block, and of being second best to his genius brother. Then one day he meets Nico. Colourful, confident, and flamboyant, he promises to take Brody to Everland, a diverse and magical place. A place where he can be himself.
Natasha Carthew	Only the Ocean	Kel Crow lives in a dead-end swamp with her deadbeat family and a damaged heart. But she has a plan to escape. It's a one-two-three fortune story that goes: stow away on a ship; kidnap a girl; swap the girl to play for passage to America and a life-saving operation.
Orlagh Collins	All The Invisible Things	Sexuality, love and friendship are explored as Vetty, Pez and their wider circle of friends try to make sense of the world and their place within it.
Mason Deaver	The Ghosts We Keep	When Liam's older brother Ethan is killed in a hit-and-run, Liam must learn to face the world without one of the people that he loved the most. Feeling more alone and isolated than ever, Liam finds himself sharing time with Marcus, Ethan's best friend.
Lucinda Dyer	If I Was Your Girl	My name is Amanda, and I am 18. When you look at me, you might see that I'm pretty and popular. But being me has never been easy. Because I haven't always been Amanda. When I was born, I was named Andrew. Now, at my new school, I finally feel like myself. But do I owe my new friends the truth about my past?
Emma Goswell & Sam Walker	Coming Out Stories	This empowering, humorous and deeply honest book invites you to share one of the most important moments in many LGBTQ+ people's lives.
Simon James Green	Heartbreak Boys	At the start of the summer, Jack and Nate find themselves dumped as their respective exes, Dylan and Tariq, start up a new relationship together. Not only that, but their exes also start posting pictures on social media, showing the world how fabulous their new life together is!
William Hussey	Hideous Beauty	Dylan is forced to come out after his secret relationship with Ellis is exposed on social media. However, everyone is supportive. Or so they appear to be...
Sangu Mandanna	Colour Outside the Lines	An anthology of stories about race, gender, sexuality, and love that celebrates the beauty of difference.
Alice Oseman	Loveless	Through the tangled identity struggles of authentic characters, this book extends an understanding hand to aromantic asexuals, whilst guiding all readers through fears of being alone and dealing with the pressure to hook up.
Jasper Sanchez	The (Un)Popular Vote	A transmasculine student's foray into the student body president election, against the wishes of his politician father.