

Thankfully LGBTQ+ characters are becoming more commonplace, more diverse and more accessible to readers.				
This booklist explores relationships, sexuality and gender and challenges the way in which we view ourselves and others.				
Author		Title	Description/Additional Comments	
Cat	Clarke	The Pants Project	Liv knows he was always meant to be a boy, but with his new school's terrible dress code, he can't even wear pants. Only skirts. Operation: Pants Project begins! The only way for Liv to get what he wants is to go after it himself. But to Liv, this isn't just a mission to change the policy--it's a mission to change his life. And that's a pretty big deal.	Fiction
Juno	Dawson	What Is Gender	What's the difference between sex and gender? What does it mean to be defined by your gender? Are there only two genders? This informative book helps young people to explore these questions and many more. It explains how your gender can have an impact on your life, what it means to choose your own gender identity and the importance of gender equality. Topics covered include gender stereotypes, why there are different toys for boys and girls, being intersex and transgender, cross-dressing and gender around the world.	Non Fiction
Susie	Day	The Secrets Of Billy Bright	Billie Bright's family is pretty big for one that's got somebody missing. There's Billie who is a girl Billie and eleven and about to go to secondary school. Then there are her three big brothers and her Dad, who also runs the cafe under their flat. Life's loud but Billie likes it, even without her mum there any more. But with the new school comes having to make new friends and all kinds of other grown-up things to deal with. And at home it feels like all her brothers are keeping secrets from her. So when she decides to do a project on her mum, she has to do all the research herself and ends up finding out all kinds of things she doesn't expect to .	Fiction

Tim	Federle	Better Nate Than Ever	Thirteen-year-old Nate Foster has always wanted to star in a Broadway show. (In fact, he'd settle for seeing a Broadway show.) With best pal Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There's an open casting call for E.T.: The Musical, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom. This hilarious and touching novel is full of broken curfews, second chances and the adventure of growing up - because sometimes you have to get four hundred miles from your back garden to finally feel at home.	Fiction
Alex	Gino	George	When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.	Fiction
Morris	Gleitzman	Two Weeks With The Queen	I need to see the Queen about my sick brother.' Colin Mudford is on a quest. His brother Luke has cancer and the doctors in Australia don't seem to be able to cure him. Sent to London to stay with relatives, Colin is desperate to do something to help Luke. He wants to find the best the doctor in the world. Where better to start than by going to the top? Colin is determined to ask the Queen for her advice.	Fiction

Meg	Grehan	The Deepest Breath	<p>Stevie is eleven and loves reading and sea creatures. She lives with her mum, and she's been best friends with Andrew since forever. Stevie's mum teases her that someday they'll get married, but Stevie knows that won't ever happen. There's a girl at school that she likes more. A lot more. Actually, she's a bit confused about how much she likes her. It's nothing like the way she likes Andrew. It makes her fizz inside. That's a new feeling, one she doesn't understand. Stevie needs to find out if girls can like girls - love them, even - but it's hard to get any information, and she's too shy to ask out loud about it. But maybe she can find an answer in a book. With the help of a librarian, Stevie finds stories of girls loving girls, and builds up her courage to share the truth with her mum.</p>	Fiction
Sarah	Hagger-Holt	Nothing Ever Happens Here	<p>This is Littlehaven. Nothing ever happens here. Until the spotlight hits my family. Izzy's family is under the spotlight when her dad comes out as Danielle, a trans woman. Izzy is terrified her family will be torn apart. Will she lose her dad? Will her parents break up? And what will people at school say? Izzy's always been shy, but now all eyes are on her. Can she face her fears, find her voice and stand up for what's right?</p>	Fiction
Jo	Knowles	See You At Harry's	<p>Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible. It seems as though everyone in her family has better things to do than pay attention to her. Mum helps Dad run "Harry's," the family restaurant; Sarah is taking a gap year after high school, and Holden pretends that Mum and Dad and everyone else don't know he's gay, even as he fends off bullies at school. If it wasn't for Ran, Fern's calm and positive best friend, there'd be nowhere to turn. Ran's mantra, "All will be well," is soothing in a way that nothing else seems to be. And when Ran says it, Fern can almost believe it's true. But then tragedy strikes – and Fern feels not only more alone than ever, but also responsible for the accident that has wrenched her family apart. All will not be well. Or at least all will never be the same.</p>	Fiction

Amy	Lame	From Prejudice To Pride	Follow LGBTQ+ history from ancient civilisations to the present-day, and learn about key events including the trial of Oscar Wilde, the Stonewall riots, the AIDS crisis, same-sex marriage and changing laws that have impacted on LGBTQ+ life. Gain insight into the shifting attitudes that have challenged lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and the experiences that help us understand what it means to be LGBTQ+ today.	Non Fiction
Raina	Telgemeier	Drama	Callie loves theatre and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry, ticket sales are down, and the crew members aren't working together? Not to mention the onstage AND offstage drama that occurs and when two cute brothers enter the picture!	Fiction
David	Walliams	The Boy In The Dress	Dennis loves football but he also loves fashion and Vogue magazine. His lorry-driving father and laddish older brother don't like or understand his fascination with dresses and since his mother left home, he has no-one to turn to. Then Dennis meets Lisa, an older, cooler girl who wants to be a designer and with her help he realises that it's ok to be different.	Fiction
Jacqueline	Wilson	Kiss	Sylvie and Carl have grown up together and still share a childhood fantasy existence in Carl's garden shed. Throughout their friendship, Sylvie's unthinking expectation has been that they will marry. However their moves to separate schools, and Carl's growing friendship with Paul, and Sylvie's with the extrovert Miranda, cause a rift. Carl is driven to the edge by the homophobic bullying he encounters at school, and Sylvie is forced to re-evaluate the places of friendship and love in her life.	Fiction