

LGBTQ Reading List

The Daddy Book

by Todd Parr

A board book edition of a popular picture book portrays a variety of fathers, some with lots of hair and little hair, making cookies and buying doughnuts, camping out and taking naps, and hugging and kissing their children. Preschool-3rd Grade.

Rainbow: A First Book of Pride

by Michael Genhart

Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colors in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

Pride Colors

by Robin Stevenson

"In this photographic concept book, babies and toddlers are introduced to the PRIDE flag and the meaning behind each color." Preschool - 3rd Grade.



Jacob's New Dress

by Sarah Hoffman

A heartwarming tale that speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who do not identify with traditional gender roles follows the experiences of young Jacob, who loves playing dress-up but who is told by his peers and parents that he cannot wear a

dress to school. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

Jacob's Room to Choose

by Sarah Hoffman

After Jacob and Sophie are prevented from using their school's bathrooms, their teacher helps her students write new rules about who can use which bathroom. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

All Are Welcome

by Alexandra Penfold

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is celebrated and songs, stories, and talents are shared. Preschool - 3rd Grade.



I Love My Colorful Nails

by Alicia Acosta

When Ben, who likes his nails painted cheerful colors, gets teased at school, his father and others paint their nails too and encourage Ben to be himself. Preschool -

3rd Grade.

Sparkle Boy

by Lesléa Newman

"Three-year-old Casey wants what his older sister, Jessie, has-a shimmery skirt, glittery painted nails, and a sparkly bracelet-but Jessie does not approve. After two boys tease Casey about his appearance, Jessie evolves to a place of acceptance and celebration of her gender creative younger brother".

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Julián Is a Mermaid

by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

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Jack (not Jackie)

by Erica Silverman

Susan loves her baby sister, Jackie, but as Jackie grows older and behaves more and more like a boy Susan must adjust to having a brother, Jack, instead.. Preschool - 3rd Grade.



Prince & Knight

by Daniel Haack

A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

Red: A Crayon's Story

by Michael Hall

Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons and art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do what's expected of him until a new friend offers a fresh perspective. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

Maiden & Princess

by Daniel Haack

Published in partnership with GLAAD, a modern fairytale finds a strong, heroic maiden feeling less than enthusiastic about attending a bride-seeking prince's royal ball, before finding unexpected true love elsewhere. Preschool - 3rd Grade.

Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag

by Rob Sanders

Traces the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world. Preschool-3rd Grade.

George

by Alex Gino

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self. Grades 3-5.

The Best Man

by Richard Peck

Sweet and observant sixth-grader Archer forges bonds with loyal friends and inspiring teachers against a backdrop of his beloved uncle Paul's gay marriage to Archer's favorite student teacher. By the Newbery Medal-winning author of The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail. Grades 3-5.



Hurricane Child

by Kacen Callender

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl--and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother. Grades 3-5.



You Be You! : The Kid's Guide to Gender, Sexuality, and Family

by Jonathan Branfman Simply explains the concepts of gender identity, romantic orientation, and family diversity. Grades 3-5.

Princess Princess Ever After

by Katie O'Neill

When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, the two band together to defeat a jealous sorceress with a dire grudge against Sadie. Grades 3-5.

It Feels Good to Be Yourself : A Book About Gender Identity

by Theresa Thorn

Providing sensitive vocabulary for initiating discussions, a warmhearted, straightforward exploration of gender identity offers children a fuller understanding of themselves and others, in a compassionate story written by the mother of a transgender child and illustrated by a non-binary transgender artist. Grades 3-5.



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