

YA LGBTQ+ Nonfiction

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Growing Up Trans

by Lindsay Herriot

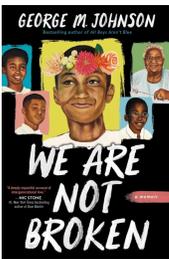
This illustrated nonfiction anthology is a collection of stories, essays, poetry and art by transgender youth. Available digitally on Hoopla.



Welcome to St. Hell

by Lewis Hancox

In Welcome to St. Hell, author-illustrator Lewis Hancox takes readers on the hilarious, heartbreaking, and healing path he took to make it past trauma, confusion, hurt, and dubious fashion choices in order to become the man he was meant to be.



We Are Not Broken

by George M. Johnson

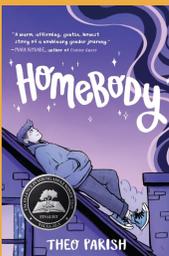
Touching upon themes of vulnerability, sacrifice and culture, an award-winning Black non-binary author/activist captures the unique experience of growing up as a Black boy in America under the care of his fiercely devoted grandmother.



Continuum

by Chella Man

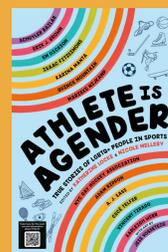
Fine artist, activist, and actor Chella Man uses his experiences as a deaf, trans, genderqueer, Jewish person of color to talk about cultivating self-acceptance and acting as one's own representation.



Homebody

by Theo Parish

This intimate and defiantly hopeful graphic novel memoir shares the author's journey to find a home within themselves, taking readers through the experiences and everyday moments that led up to them finding the term nonbinary.



Athlete Is Agender

by Katherine Locke

A groundbreaking nonfiction collection of well-known LGBTQ professional athletes and queer authors telling stories about the feeling of belonging that comes with finding a sport that's yours.

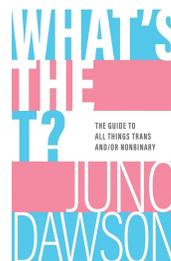


Flamboyants

by George M. Johnson

An Emmy nominated & award-winning Black nonbinary author/activist interweaves personal stories with profiles of the Black and Queer icons from the Harlem Renaissance in order to bring these flamboyant writers, artists, and activists to life, detailing their

contributions to American thought and culture.



What's the T?

by Juno Dawson

Defining an array of labels and identities, this eye-opening book offers uncensored advice on coming out, sex and relationships in the 21st century, while also providing real-life stories from the author's trans and nonbinary friends.

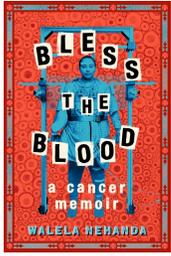


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Bless the Blood

by Walela Nehanda

Walela is diagnosed with advanced stage blood cancer and thrust into the world of tubes, pills, doctors who don't use their correct pronouns, and hordes of people offering unsolicited advice. They begin to realize that cancer is where all forms of their oppression intersect: Disabled. Fat.

Black. Queer. Nonbinary.



Still Stace

by Stacey Chomiak

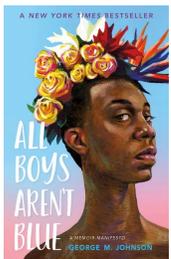
In this illustrated memoir, Stacey tells the story of her teen/young-adult years: of heartbreak, family conflict, trying to become ex-gay, wrestling with faith, and finding love while learning to love herself. Available digitally on Hoopla.



The Fire Never Goes Out

by ND Stevenson

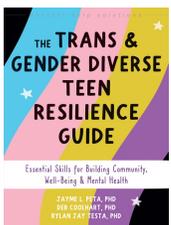
The National Book Award finalist and creator of *Nimona* presents a collection of personal essays and mini-comics spanning years of the author's young-adult life to reveal the experiences and embarrassments that shaped her career.



All Boys Aren't Blue

by George M. Johnson

A first book by a journalist/LGBTQIA+ activist, sharing personal essays that chronicle his childhood, adolescence and college years as a Black queer youth. This explores subjects ranging from gender identity and toxic masculinity to structural marginalization and Black joy.



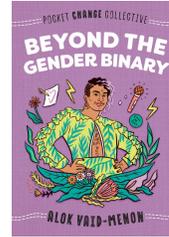
The Trans & Gender Diverse Teen Resilience Guide

by Jayme Peta

A teen-friendly guide to help you embrace your identity, build resilience, and thrive. As a transgender or nonbinary teen, you may sometimes feel like you are alone.

The world can be a scary, unkind place,

and if you're struggling to find support, you may be tempted to lose hope. But it's important to know that there are other teens out there like you—as well as a whole community of folks who have been where you are now, and are thriving as adults. Finding hope, happiness, and community takes time. In the meantime, this guide can help. Available digitally on Hoopla.



Beyond the Gender Binary

by Alok Vaid-Menon

Poet, artist, and LGBTQIA+ rights advocate Alok Vaid-Menon deconstructs, demystifies, and reimagines the gender binary. Taking from their experiences as a gender-nonconforming artist, they show us that gender is a malleable and creative form of expression.



The Book of Awesome Queer Heroes

by Eric Rosswood

The LGBTQ+ community has made countless positive impacts throughout history as scientists, world leaders, athletes, and entrepreneurs, and each one of them deserves to be celebrated. Available digitally on Hoopla.



Breathe

by Maia Kobabe

To create *Breathe*, the authors interviewed real life people and then combined excerpts from those interviews with evidence-based resources on binding. The result is both a practical resource for trans and nonbinary folks and an engaging and perspective-

broadening read for anyone interested in what it means to be on a journey of expressing one's gender in ways that are joyful, healthy, and affirming.



Here and Queer

by Rowan Ellis

This vibrant, inclusive guide, designed for all kinds of girls, is designed to help you be the strongest, proudest, happiest version of yourself! A celebration of the gift of queerness, it's packed full of heartfelt advice, comforting stories, and stylish illustrations, and will give you the

tools you need to explore your own identity, on your own terms. Available digitally on Hoopla.



Spinning

by Tillie Walden

Unable to conceive of a life beyond her competitive training regimen, a teen figure skater begins to question her unrelenting lifestyle in the wake of a growing passion for art and a first love with a new girlfriend.