

GLBTQ Reading

Another Kind of Cowboy

by Susan Juby

In Vancouver, British Columbia, two teenage dressage riders, one a spoiled rich girl and the other a closeted gay sixteen-year-old boy, come to terms with their identities and learn to accept themselves.

Debbie Harry Sings in French

by Meagan Brothers

When Johnny completes an alcohol rehabilitation program, his mother sends him to live with his uncle in North Carolina, he meets Maria. Maria seems to understand his fascination with the new wave band Blondie, and he learns about his deceased father's youthful forays into "glam rock," which gives him perspective on himself, his past, and his current life.

King of the Screwups

by K.L. Going

After getting in trouble yet again, popular high school senior Liam, who never seems to live up to his wealthy father's expectations, is sent to live in a trailer park with his gay "glam-rocker" uncle.

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.

From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.

Boy Meets Boy

by David Levithan

Paul, a high-school sophomore, is gay. Big deal! He's known he was gay since he was in kindergarten. Remarkably, everybody else knows it, too, and nobody cares. Clearly, the world Paul inhabits in this breakthrough book (the first upbeat gay novel for teens) differs from the real world: two boys walk through town holding hands; the cross-dressing quarterback, named Infinite Darlene, is not only captain of the football team but also homecoming queen; the school has a biker cheerleading team. Even in this whimsical world, however, the course of true love doesn't always run

smoothly: Paul meets -- and gets -- the boy, Noah, a new kid in town, but loses him. Then, in perfect balance with this extraordinarily large-hearted, cheerful book, something unpredictable, but deeply satisfying, happens.

Kissing Kate

by Lauren Myracle

Sixteen-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes after they kiss at a party and Lissa does not know what to do, until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.

Empress of the World

by Sara Ryan

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.

Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List

by David Levithan

Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year at New York University.

Grl2Grl: Short Fictions

by Julie Anne Peters

The complexities of love, romance, and dating for gay teenage girls are explored in this collection of short stories.

Some Day this Pain will be Useful to You

by Peter Cameron

Eighteen-year-old James living in New York City with his older sister and divorced mother struggles to find a direction for his life.

Sprout: Or My Salad Days, When I was Green in Judgement

by Dale Peck

Moving from Long Island to Kansas after his mother dies, a teenaged boy nicknamed Sprout is surprised to find new friends, a fascinating landscape, and romantic love.

Dramarama

by E. Lockhart

Spending their summer at Wildewood Academy, an elite boarding school for the performing arts, tests the bond between Sadye and her best friend Demi.

Deliver Us From Evie

by M.E. Kerr

Sixteen-year-old Parr Burrman and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, and she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker.

Swimming in the Monsoon Sea

by Shyam Selvadurai

After the death of his mother, fourteen-year-old Amrith is being raised by his Auntie Bundle and Uncle Lucky. Then, like an unexpected monsoon, his cousin arrives from Canada and Amrith's ordered life is storm-tossed. He finds himself falling in love with the Canadian boy.

Luna

by Julie Anne Peters

Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.

Hero

by Perry Moore

Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father. It is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust.

What if Someone I Know is Gay? : Answers to Questions About What it Means to be Gay and Lesbian / Eric Marcus.

Offers answers to questions young readers might ask about gay people, whether those questions concern a friend, a family member, or themselves.

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