

## **Love is the Higher Law by David Levithan**

Claire and Peter are friendly acquaintances at their New York City high school. Jasper is a freshman in college. They attend a mutual friend's party, and Peter and Jasper make a date for the evening of September 11, 2001. They reschedule and have an excruciating date a week later. Claire and Jasper meet again by chance at Ground Zero when neither can sleep. Claire is called to action, Peter is reverent, and Jasper, a kind of "expert dodger," can't feel a thing. The three come to develop a deep friendship. Levithan's character development is quick and seamless. He defines the trio's personae by how they perceive the tragedy, how they interact, and how they observe the world. – *School Library Journal*

## **Getting It by Alex Sanchez**

Hoping to impress a sexy female classmate, fifteen-year-old Carlos secretly hires gay student Sal to give him an image makeover, in exchange for Carlos's help in forming a Gay-Straight Alliance at their Texas high school.

## **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.

## **Talk by Kathe Koja**

Hoping to escape from himself for awhile, Kit auditions for a controversial school play and discovers his talent for acting, struggles with coming out, and both he and his costar face crises in their view of themselves and in their close relationships. Told from two points of view.

## **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.

## **The Vast Fields of Ordinary by Nick Burd**

The summer after graduating from an Iowa high school, eighteen-year-old Dade Hamilton watches his parents' marriage disintegrate, ends his long-term, secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love.

## **Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan**

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

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# GLBTQ Reading



## **Almost Perfect by Brian Katcher**

With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student, who is hiding a big secret, arrives at his small-town Missouri high school.

## **Hello, Groin by Beth Goobie**

Sixteen-year-old Dylan tries to understand her feelings for her girlfriend Joq at the same time she is dating her boyfriend Cam.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 Aunt and Uncle. 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.

## **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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