

Novel-Review Checklist

Title: *see attached
Author: *see attached
Grade Level: high school
Reviewer(s): Lisa Krauze

Content/Scope/Theme of the Novel:

LGBTQ+ affirming books for grades 9-12

Point of view or bias of the author:

All books feature LGBTQ+ topics & characters

Accuracy and documentation:

N/A

Ethnic/culture/gender representation:

LGBTQ+, multiple cultures & genders, 1 novel written in Spanish

Language/Sexual Content:

Appropriate for high school

Is it for the beginner with no background in the subject? (If extensive background in the subject is required, please note this):

Each book can stand on it's own.

Style

Is the writing

Clear

Confusing

Lively

Dry

Is there oversimplification to the point of being unclear, inaccurate or misleading

Yes No

Is the organization logical:

Yes No

Quality of the index and/or cross-references:

Yes No



Is the information readily accessible

Yes No

Comparison

Does this book present new material for this grade range:

N/A Yes No

Does it cover basic material better than extant standard works:

N/A Yes No

Briefly describe the potential appeal to intended audience:
that address LGBTQ+ issues

LGBTQ+ affirming books

Recommendation

FOR GENERAL PURCHASE FOR SCHOOL

Yes No

NOT RECOMMENDED

All books were donated by GLSEN – www.glsen.org

Final Rational/Comments/Areas of Concern:

Lisa Krueger
Signature of Reviewer

9/21/21
Date

Sandra Paul

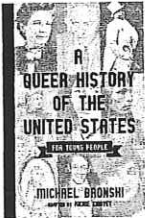
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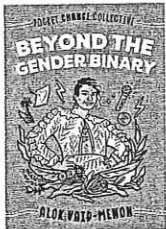
All these books are included in your Rainbow Library collection. This list has been vetted by educators, librarians, and students, and is the product of feedback from hundreds of previous Rainbow Library recipient schools and libraries. Almost all of these titles have won awards or have been featured on reputable lists, such as the American Library Association (ALA) Rainbow Book List. To purchase additional LGBTQ+ affirming titles for grades K-12, please visit [RainbowLibrary.org/buy](https://rainbowlibrary.org/buy). A portion of proceeds goes back to supporting this program.



A Queer History of the United States for Young People

By Michael Bronski • Best for 9th Grade - 12th Grade • Nonfiction

School Library Journal Best Nonfiction Books of 2019. It is crucial for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth to know their history. But this history is not easy to find since it's rarely taught in schools or commemorated in other ways. *A Queer History of the United States for Young People* corrects this and demonstrates that LGBTQ people have long been vital to shaping our understanding of what America is today. Through engrossing narratives, letters, drawings, poems, and more, the book encourages young readers, of all identities, to feel pride at the accomplishments of the LGBTQ people who came before them and to use history as a guide to the future.



Beyond the Gender Binary

By Alok Vaid-Menon • Best for 7th Grade - 12th Grade • Autobiography

2021 ALA Rainbow Book List. "For those ready to move beyond blog posts but who aren't ready to invest the time in an in-depth read, this book is essentially a long-form essay arguing that the gender binary is harmful and unnecessary. The first half explains what the gender binary is and how it functions in society, using the author's experiences to demonstrate their points. In the second half, Vaid-Menon addresses common arguments against gender-nonconformity and the recognition of nonbinary genders." (Rainbow Book List)



Elatsoe

By Darcie Little Badger • Best for 7th Grade - 12th Grade • Speculative Fiction

2021 ALA Rainbow Book List Top 10 Titles for Teen Readers. "Elatsoe is on a mission to discover who killed her beloved cousin, and why. If not for her cousin, then she is doing this for her people, the Indigenous Lipan Apache tribe. Elatsoe has the ability to raise ghosts from the dead, a tradition that has been passed down through generations. On this journey it will take vulnerability, wit, and the legends of her people for Elatsoe to understand all that is hidden in the small town of Willowbee." (Rainbow Book List)



Felix Ever After

By Kacen Callender • Best for 9th Grade - 12th Grade • Realistic Fiction

2021 ALA Rainbow Book List. "Black, queer, and trans Felix explores love, friendship, and possibly retribution in this powerful #OwnVoices story of identity and self-worth. Seventeen-year-old Felix Love hopes the summer art program he's attending will help raise his grades and increase his chances of getting a full scholarship to attend Brown. Surrounded by a diverse and mostly queer group of artist friends, Felix navigates complicated relationships, including transphobia and harassment from his own friends, from his loving but still learning father, and from an anonymous bully... Felix is achingly relatable, both vulnerable and guarded, often on the sidelines but wanting so much more. His explorations address privilege, marginalization, and intersectionality while he learns about what and who get to define a person." (School Library Journal)



Flamer

By Mike Curato • Best for 8th Grade - 12th Grade • Graphic Novel

2021 ALA Rainbow Book List. "It's the summer between middle school and high school, and Aiden Navarro is away at camp. Everyone's going through changes--but for Aiden, the stakes feel higher. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can't stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance." (Rainbow Book List)



I'll Be the One

By Lyla Lee • Best for 7th Grade - 12th Grade • Realistic Fiction

2021 ALA Rainbow Book List Top 10 Titles for Teen Readers. "Skye Shin dreams of becoming the world's first plus-sized K-pop star, and a reality TV competition may just be her chance. To win, she'll have to deal with fatphobic beauty standards, fierce competition, and intense media scrutiny--as well as unexpected attraction to one of her competitors." (Rainbow Book List)



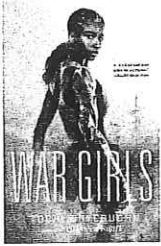
Juliet Respira Profundo (en español)

Por Gabby Rivera • Mejor Para 11° Grado - 12° Grado • Ficción Realista

2017 ALA Amelia Bloomer List. Juliet Milagros Palante es una adolescente lesbiana puertorriqueña, nacida en el Bronx. Aún está "en el clóset", aunque no tanto como ella cree. Una noche antes de viajar a Portland, Oregón, donde ha logrado conseguir un trabajo de verano con su escritora feminista favorita, Juliet le confiesa la verdad a su familia. Pero cuando su anuncio oficial no sale como esperaba, está convencida de que su madre no le volverá a hablar. En un verano rebotante de fiestas queer, rematado por una aventurilla romántica con una bibliotecaria motociclista y mezclado con intensas exploraciones de raza e identidad, Juliet aprende lo que significa salir del clóset y encajar en el mundo, en su familia y dentro de sí misma.

War Girls

By Tochi Onyebuchi • Best for 6th Grade - 12th Grade • Science Fiction / Afro-Futurism



2021 ALA Rainbow Book List Top 10 Titles for Teen Readers. "In a not-so-distant future, climate change and nuclear disasters have made much of the earth unlivable. In the midst of war in Nigeria, two sisters, Onyii and Ify, are torn apart and face two very different futures. As their lives progress through years of untold violence and political unrest, battles with deadly mechs and cyborg soldiers outfitted with artificial limbs and organs, they are brought together again and again and must come to terms with how the war has impacted their lives." (Rainbow Book List)

We Set the Dark on Fire

By Tehlor Kay Mejia • Best for 9th Grade - 12th Grade • Speculative Fiction



2020 ALA Rainbow Book List Top Ten. "Daniela Vargas is the Medio School for Girls' top student, and upon her graduation, she's guaranteed a life of comfort and luxury as she's picked to be one of two wives to the city's most promising young bachelor. As Primera, she's been through years of rigid training, but nothing prepares her for the decisions she'll have to make after her marriage — especially not when she's asked to spy for the resistance, or when she finds herself falling for someone forbidden." (Rainbow Book List)

You Should See Me in a Crown

By Leah Johnson • Best for 7th Grade - 12th Grade • Realistic Fiction



2021 ALA Rainbow Book List Top 10 Titles for Teen Readers. "In this affectionate rom-com, Liz Lighty finds herself an unlikely candidate for prom queen at her affluent suburban school. Shy, awkward, Black, and low-income, Liz has never felt like she belonged, and she can't wait to leave for her dream college. But when her scholarship falls through, it seems her last resort is to win prom queen, and the scholarship money that comes with it. Liz's plan is complicated when new girl Mack decides to run for prom queen also...and ends up running away with Liz's heart." (Rainbow Book List)

