

Award Winners* Staff Favorites

*and nominees, too!

Lambda Literary Award

The Lambda Literary Foundation gives this award to books that explore LGBTQ themes.

2004: *So Hard to Say* – Alex Sanchez

Luna – Julie Anne Peters

2005: *Totally Joe* – James Howe

Rainbow Road – Alex Sanchez

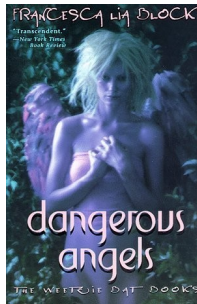
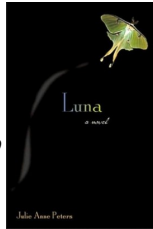
2007: *Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You* – Peter Cameron

Parrotfish – Ellen Wittlinger

2008: *How They Met & Other Stories* – David Levithan

Love & Lies: Marisol's Story – Ellen Wittlinger

Out of the Pocket – Bill Konigsberg



Dangerous Angels: The Weetzie Bat Books – Francesca Lia Block

In this series of beautifully written modern-day fairy tales, a group of friends searches for love, family, and acceptance in a Los Angeles where fairies, genies, ghosts, and second chances abound.



Empress of the World – Sara Ryan / YA FIC RYA

Nicola is spending the summer at a program for gifted teens when she meets Battle, a beautiful blonde dancer who is everything Nic isn't. They become friends—and then more than friends. What do you do when you think you're into guys, and then a girl steals your heart?

Stonewall Book Award

This award is for LGBTQ books, and is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA). 2010 was the first year they offered an award in the children's/young adult category.

2010: *The Vast Fields of Ordinary* – Nick Burd

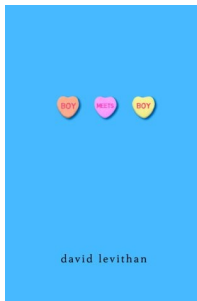
Michael L. Printz Award

This award is for excellence in young adult literature. It is also awarded by the ALA.

2003: *My Heartbeat* – Garret Freymann-Weyr

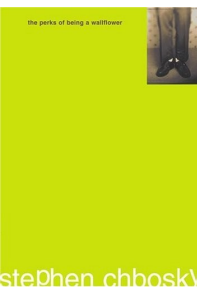
2004: *Keesha's House* – Helen Frost

2010: *Punkzilla* – Adam Rapp



Boy Meets Boy – David Levithan

In *this* school, the gay kids and the straight kids all get along fine, the quarterback is a cross-dresser, and the cheerleaders ride Harleys—yet the road to true love is still a strange and winding path, as Paul discovers when he meets the boy of his dreams.



The Perks of Being a Wallflower – Stephen Chbosky

Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, high school freshman Charlie navigates through the strange worlds of love, drugs, loss, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

GLBTQ* Resources for Teens

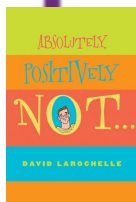
Whether you're queer, questioning, allied, something in between, or none of the above, the library has resources for you.



*GLBTQ stands for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning, in case you were wondering.

Fiction

There's more where this came from. Check the library website for links to more booklists.



Absolutely, Positively Not – David Larochele
Steven sets out to prove that he is definitely NOT gay by: dating a girl a day, ignoring his best friend (a girl) and spending quality time with jocks. Sounds like a plan...right?

More realistic fiction with a queer or questioning main character:

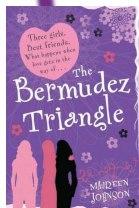
Geography Club – Brett Hartinger

Becoming Chloe – Catherine Ryan Hyde

Kissing Kate – Lauren Myracle

The House You Pass on the Way – Jacqueline Woodson

The Mariposa Club – Rigoberto Gonzalez



The Bermudez Triangle – Maureen Johnson
When Nina comes back from summer vacation, she isn't prepared to find out that her two best friends, Mel and Avery have fallen in love – with each other.

More realistic fiction with GLBTQ themes or supporting characters:

Almost Perfect – Brian Katcher

The Misfits – James Howe

Girl (Nearly) 16, Absolute Torture – Sue Limb

Into the Beautiful North – Luis Alberto Urrea



Ash - Malinda Lo

In this re-telling of the Cinderella story, Aisling (Ash for short) escapes her cruel stepmother and finds love...but not with Prince Charming.

More fantasy & sci-fi novels with GLBTQ themes or characters:

The Will of the Empress - Tamora Pierce

Eon: Dragoneye Reborn – Alison Goodman

No Castles Here – A.C.E. Bauer

Web Resources

Got questions? Get answers.

gbltq: the world's largest encyclopedia of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer culture
<http://www.gbltq.com/>

ALA [American Library Association] Rainbow Project
<http://rainbowlist.wordpress.com/>
A list of ALA-recommended GLBTQ-themed books for kids & teens published from 2005 to the present.

Illinois Safe Schools: Promoting Dialogue, Cultivating Change
<http://www.illinoisafeschools.org/>
The online home of Gay-Straight Alliances in Illinois

Amplify Youth Resource: a website by and for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people
<http://www.amplifyyourvoice.org/youthresource>

Go Ask Alice: Columbia University's Health Q&A Internet Service
<http://goaskalice.columbia.edu>
Go Ask Alice has *loads* of helpful, honest information about sexual health, relationships, and more.

The Human Rights Campaign's Resource Guide to Coming Out
http://www.hrc.org/about_us/7092.htm

Remember: If we don't own it, or if it's checked out, you can always put materials on hold online or at the youth services desk.

Nonfiction

GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer & Questioning Teens – Kelly Huegel

Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia – Planned Parenthood of Toronto

Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities – Edited by David Levithan and Billy Merrell

Out Law: What LGBT Youth Should Know about Their Legal Rights – Lisa Keen

The Gay and Lesbian Guide to College Life – Princeton Review

Gay America: Struggle for Equality – Linas Alsenas

Transparent: Love, Family, and Living the T with Transgender Teenagers – Cris Bean

In Your Face: Stories from the Lives of Queer Youth – Compiled by Mary L. Gray

Revolutionary Voices: A Multicultural Queer Youth Anthology – Edited by Amy Sonnie

Memoirs

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic – Alison Bechdel (graphic novel)

The Memoirs of a Beautiful Boy – Robert Leleux

Awkward and Definition – Ariel Schrag (graphic novel)

Talking in the Dark: A Poetry Memoir – Billy Merrell