

READ the RAINBOW

From inspirational memoirs to irresistible adventures, these stories honor the journeys of LGBTQIA+ individuals and the larger movement for love, acceptance, and equality for all. Available for checkout with your ACPL library card.

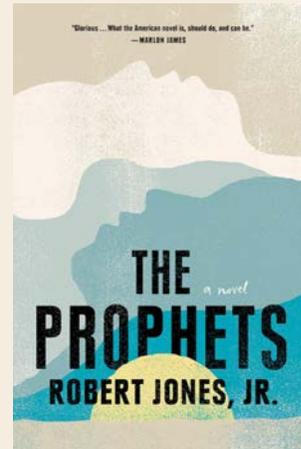


LITERARY FICTION



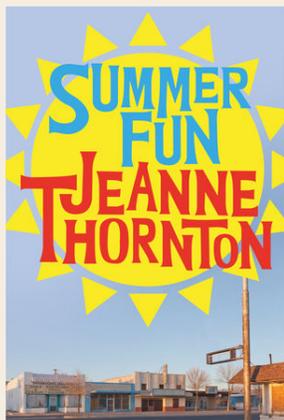
The Guncle by **Steven Rowley**

When a former sitcom star takes on the role of guardian for his young niece and nephew for the summer, he soon learns that parenting isn't solved with treats or jokes as his eyes are opened to a new sense of responsibility.



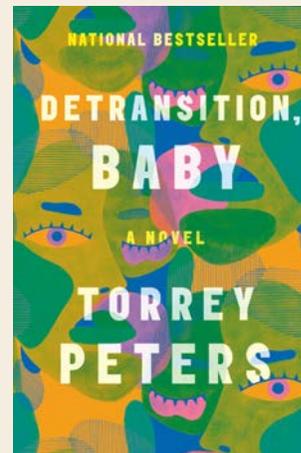
The Prophets by **Robert Jones, Jr.**

Two enslaved young men on a Deep South plantation find refuge in each other while transforming a quiet shed into a haven for their fellow slaves, before an enslaved preacher declares their bond sinful.



Summer Fun by **Jeanne Thornton**

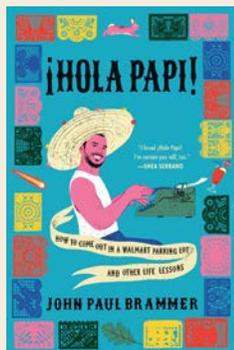
Young trans woman Gala is obsessed with the Get Happies, a fabled 1960s California band whose mysterious leader Gala finally writes. What starts as a mournful conversation about the band's failure to release its final album, Summer Fun, ends up as a discussion about music, identity, and culture.



Detransition, Baby by **Torrey Peters**

In this whipsmart and bighearted debut novel, a trans woman, her detransitioned ex, and his cisgender lover build an unconventional family together in the wake of heartbreak and an unplanned pregnancy.

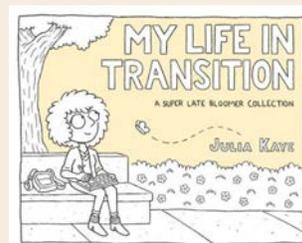
NONFICTION



¡Hola Papi!: How to Come Out in a Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons

by **John Paul Brammer**

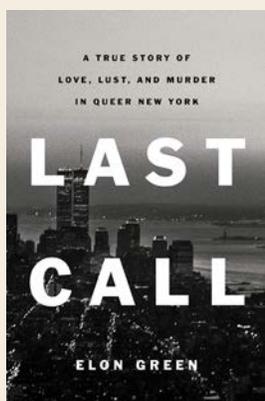
The popular LGBTQ columnist and writer presents a memoir through a series of essays that chronicle his life growing up as queer, mixed race kid and offers advice for young people facing the same journey.



My Life in Transition

by **Julia Kaye**

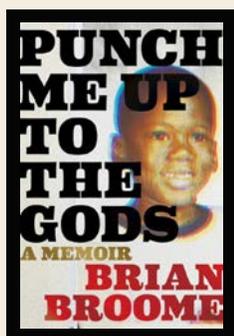
This follow-up to the critically acclaimed autobiographical comics collection Super Late Bloomer illustrates six months of the author's life as an out trans woman—about the beauty and pain of love and heartbreak.



Last Call A True Story of Love, Lust, and Murder in Queer New York

by **Elon Green**

Documents the decades-long effort to capture the “Last Call Killer” of 1980s and 1990s New York City, discussing how he took advantage of period discrimination to prey upon gay victims against a backdrop of the AIDS epidemic.



Punch Me Up to the Gods A Memoir

by **Brian Broome**

Playful, poignant and wholly original, this coming-of-age memoir about Blackness, masculinity and addiction follows the author, a poet and screenwriter, as he recounts his experiences, revealing a perpetual outsider awkwardly squirming to find his way in.

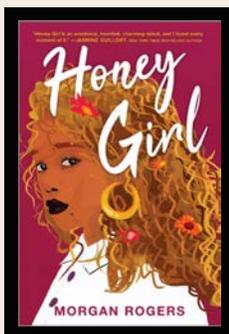


The Natural Mother of the Child A Memoir of Nonbinary Parenthood

by **Krys Malcolm Belc**

The author of this non-binary parenthood memoir explores how the experience of gestational parenthood—conceiving, birthing, and breastfeeding his son Samson—eventually clarified his gender identity.

ROMANCE



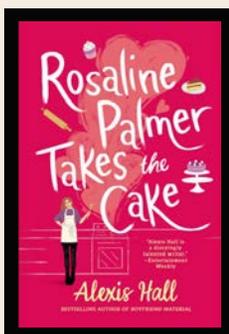
Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers

After completing her Ph.D. in astronomy, a young, straightlaced, Type A personality black woman goes on a girls' weekend to Vegas to celebrate and gets drunkenly married to a woman whose name she doesn't even know.



One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston

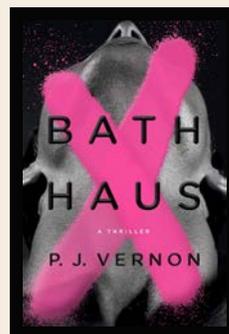
Cynical August starts to believe in the impossible when she meets Jane on the subway, a mysterious punk rocker she forms a crush on, who is literally displaced in time from the 1970s and is trying to find her way back.



Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake by Alexis Hall

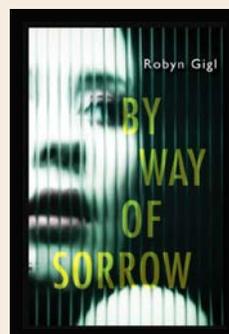
A bisexual, 27-year-old single mother becomes a contestant on a British reality-television baking competition show she develops feelings for two other very different contestants.

THRILLER



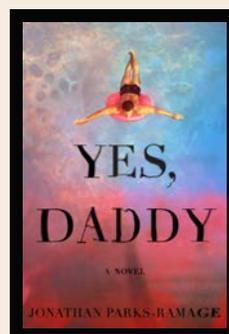
Bath Haus by P. J. Vernon

Finally sober and with his life back on track, Oliver Park visits a gay bathhouse in a moment of weakness and races home to his partner, bruised and barely escaping with his life, to begin a web of ongoing lies.



By Way of Sorrow by Robyn Gigli

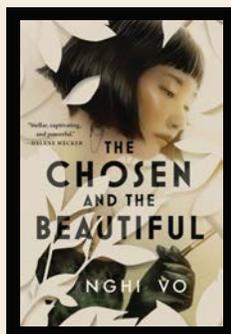
Erin McCabe is a New Jersey criminal defense attorney and trans woman doing her best to live a quiet life in the wake of profound personal change, until a newsworthy case - the murder of a state senator's son - puts both her career and safety in jeopardy.



Yes, Daddy by Jonathan Parks-Ramage

In this propulsive, scorching modern gothic, an ambitious young man is lured by an older, successful playwright into a dizzying world of wealth and an idyllic Hamptons home where things take a nightmarish turn.

SCI-FI & FANTASY

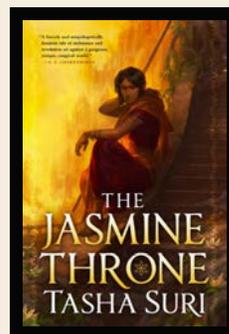


The Chosen and the Beautiful

by Nghi Vo

Treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, Jordan Baker, queer and Asian, has the world of illusion, magic and mystery at her fingertips but the

most important doors remain closed to her until she can figure out a way to open them.



The Jasmine Throne

by Tasha Suri

A ruthless princess and a powerful priestess come together to rewrite the fate of an empire in this fiercely and unapologetically feminist tale of endurance and revolution set against a gorgeous, unique magical world.



Malice

by Heather Walter

In this darkly magical retelling of Sleeping Beauty, Alyce, an evil sorceress, finds an ally in Princess Aurora and wonders if she can lift Aurora's curse so that together they can forge a new world.



Future Feeling

by Joss Lake

After a real-life encounter with a fellow trans man and wildly popular social media influencer goes poorly, a disgruntled dog walker and former superfan enlists the help of his roommates to put a hex on him.

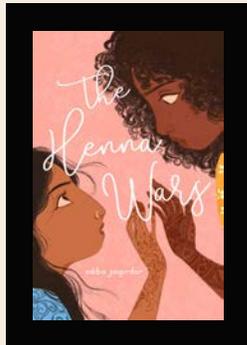


Winter's Orbit

by Everina Maxwell

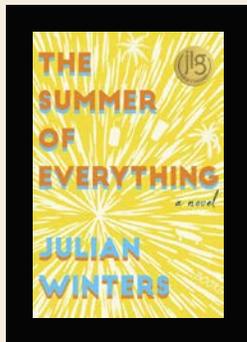
After being forced by his Emperor grandfather into a marriage of convenience to unite their planets, Prince Kiem discovers that his intended, Count Jainan, is a suspect in his late husband's death despite it being ruled an accident.

NOVEL FICTION



The Henna Wars
by **Adiba Jaigirdar**

Nishat doesn't want to lose her family, but she also doesn't want to hide who she is, and it only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life.



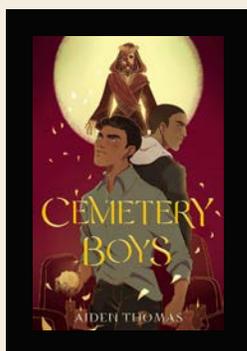
The Summer of Everything
by **Julian Winters**

An avid comic book geek, Wes excels at two things: slacking off and pining after his best friend, Nico.



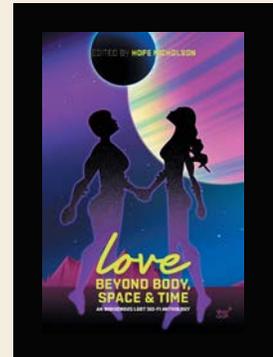
Girl Crushed
by **Katie Heaney**

Before Quinn Ryan was in love with Jamie Rudawski, she loved Jamie Rudawski, who was her best friend. But when Jamie dumps Quinn a month before their senior year, Quinn is suddenly girlfriend-less and best friend-less.



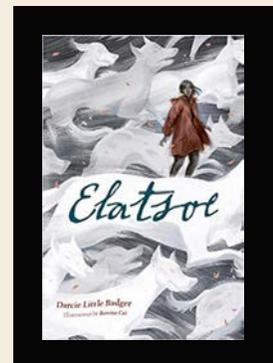
Cemetery Boys
by **Aiden Thomas**

A trans boy determined to prove his gender to his traditional Latinx family summons a ghost who refuses to leave.



Love Beyond Body, Space & Time
An Indigenous LGBT Sci-Fi Anthology
Edited by **Hope Nicholson**

An anthology of science fiction and urban fantasy stories starring First Nations and Métis characters with an LGBT and Two Spirit theme.



Elatsoe
by **Darcie Little Badger**

A Texas teen comes face-to-face with a cousin's ghost and vows to unmask the murderer in this debut novel featuring an asexual, Apache protagonist.



Spin With Me by **Ami Polonsky**

Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie, in North Carolina for just one semester, and Ollie, a non-binary, “gender weird” classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label.



Out Now **Queer We Go Again!** Edited by **Sandra Mitchell**

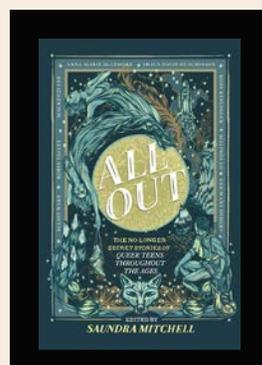
This essential and beautifully written modern-day collection features an intersectional and inclusive slate of authors and stories.



Short Stuff **A Young Adult LGBTQ+ Anthology**

Edited by
Alysia Constantine

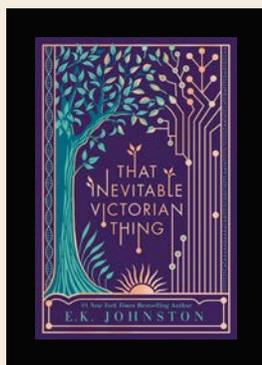
Bestselling and award-winning authors dial down the angst in four meet-cute LGBTQ young adult romances.



All Out **The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages**

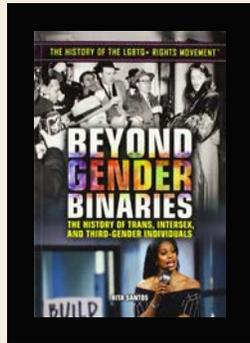
Edited by
Sandra Mitchell

Take a journey through time and genres and discover a past where queer figures live, love, and shape the world around them.



That Inevitable Victorian Thing by **E.K. Johnston**

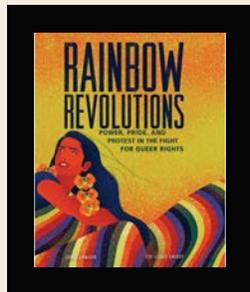
In a near-future Toronto where the British Empire never fell, Helena, August, and Margaret are caught off-guard by the discovery of a love so intense they are willing to change the course of the monarchy to keep it.



Beyond Gender Binaries **The History of Trans, Intersex, and Third-Gender Individuals**

by **Rita Santo**

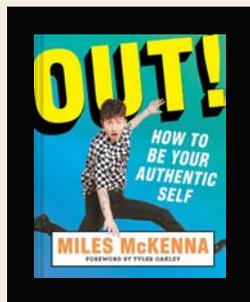
Traces the history of how transgender, third gender, and other varieties of gender-nonconforming individuals have functioned in various societies and documents how different societies' understanding of sex and gender has changed over time.



Rainbow Revolutions **Power, Pride, and Protest in the Fight for Queer Rights**

by **Jamie Lawson**

Charts the dramatic rise of the LGBTQ+ rights movement, and celebrates the courageous individuals who stood up and demanded recognition.



Out! How To Be Your Authentic Self

by **Miles McKenna**

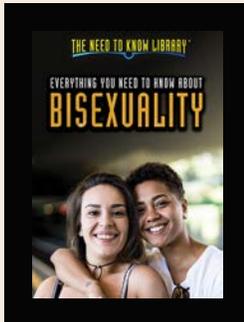
Find validation, inspiration, and support for your questions big and small-whether you're exploring your identity or seeking to understand the experience of an awesome queer person in your life.



Double Challenge **Being LGBTQ and a Minority**

by **Rebecca Kaplan & Avery Kaplan**

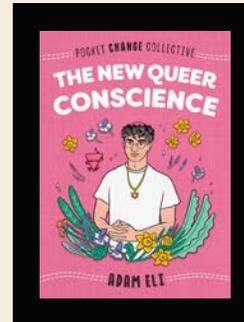
Whether you are Asian, black, Hispanic, white, disabled, or any other religious or ethnic identity, there is a place for everyone to be queer and be themselves.



Everything You Need to Know About Bisexuality

by **Greg Baldino**

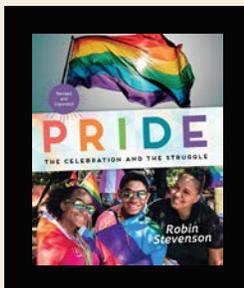
Learn about the different identities associated with bisexuality, the history of attraction to multiple genders, and the prejudice bisexual people face from both the LGBTQ+ community and society at large.



The New Queer Conscience

by **Adam Eli**

Voices4 Founder and LGBTQIA+ activist Adam Eli offers a candid and compassionate introduction to queer responsibility.



Pride: The Celebration and the Struggle

by **Robin Stevenson**

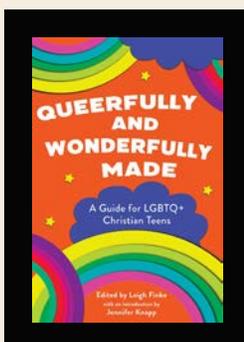
Celebrates the LGBTQ+ community's diversity, the incredible victories of the past fifty years and the voices of young activists.



Beyond Male and Female: The Gender Identity Spectrum

by **Anita R. Walkerson**

Gender identity helps define who each of us is, but it's also complicated—especially for those who do not identify as male or female but as something more fluid. Explains terminology, the reality of living beyond traditional genders, and the real-life experiences of genderqueer people.

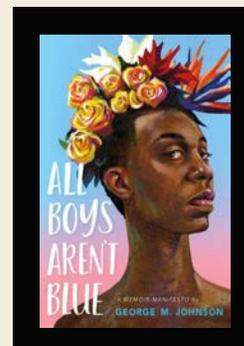


Queerfully and Wonderfully Made

A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens

Edited by **Leigh Finke**

Understanding sexuality and gender identity can be confusing. If you're a Christian, questions of identity can be even scarier. Get insight and support from a group of LGBTQ+ professionals, plus testimonies from young adult queer Christians who've been where you are.



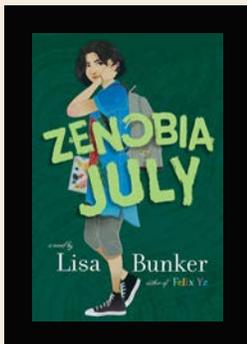
All Boys Aren't Blue

A Memoir-Manifesto

by **George M. Johnson**

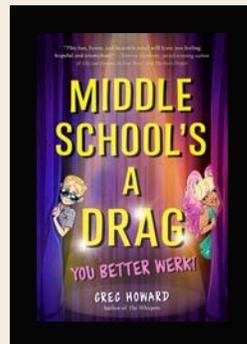
In a series of personal essays, journalist and LGBTQIA activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood and adolescence growing up as a gay black man.

JUVENILE FICTION



Zenobia July by Lisa Bunker

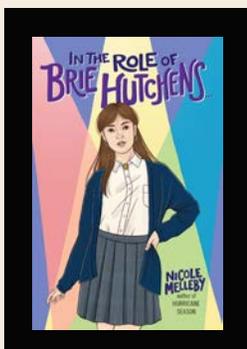
An excellent coder and hacker investigates a mystery while wrestling with the challenges of a new school, a new family, and presenting her true gender for the first time.



Middle School's a Drag: You Better Werk!

by Greg Howard

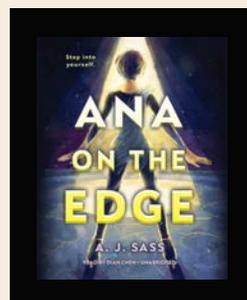
In Charleston, South Carolina, a young business entrepreneur, newly out as gay, starts his own junior talent agency and signs a thirteen-year-old aspiring drag queen as his first client.



In the Role of Brie Hutchens...

by Nicole Melleby

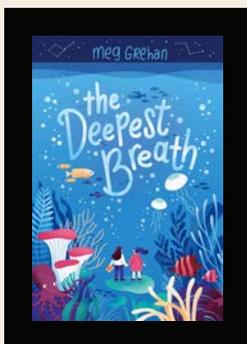
When strong-willed, drama-loving eighth grader Brie Hutchens tells a lie because she isn't quite ready to come out to her mother, she must navigate the consequences in her relationships with her family, friends, and faith.



Ana On the Edge

by A.J. Sass

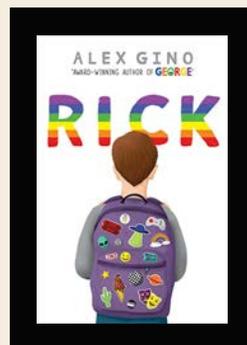
Twelve-year-old figure skater Ana strives to win her competitions while learning about gender identity—her own and that of a new friend—and how to be true to herself.



The Deepest Breath

by Meg Grehan

A novel-in-verse about Stevie, a young girl reckoning with anxiety about the many things she has yet to understand—including her feelings about her friend Chloe.



Rick

by Alex Gino

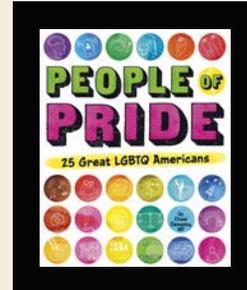
Eleven-year-old Rick Ramsey discovers the Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and identities can express themselves—and maybe among them he can find new friends and discover his own identity, which may just be to opt out of sex altogether.

JUVENILE NONFICTION



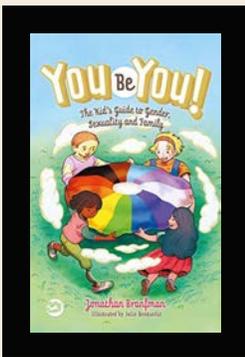
Be Amazing A History of Pride by **Desmond Is Amazing**

Drag kid Desmond is Amazing walks you through the history of the LGBTQ community, all while encouraging you to embrace your own uniqueness and ignore the haters.



People of Pride 25 Great LGBTQ Americans by **Chase Clemesha, MD**

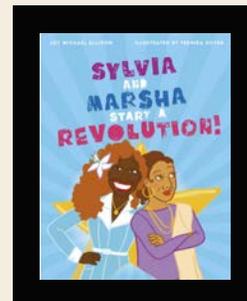
Featuring people from a variety of occupations and backgrounds, this collection of 25 short biographies demonstrates the diversity, accomplishments, and pride within the American LGBTQ community.



You Be You! The Kid's Guide to Gender, Sexuality, and Family

by **Jonathan
Branfman**

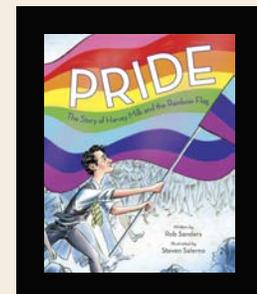
An educational book that makes gender identity, romantic orientation, and family diversity easy to explain to children.



Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution! The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ History

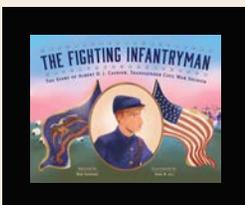
by **Joy
Michael
Ellison
& Teshika
Silver**

The story of Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson, the transgender women of colour who fought for LGBTQ+ equality.



Pride The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag by **Rob Sanders**

Trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world.

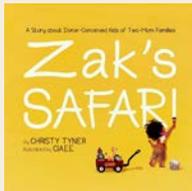


The Fighting Infantryman The Story of Albert D.J. Cashier, a Transgender Civil War Soldier

by **Rob Sanders**

In 1861, the winds of war blew through the United States. Jennie Hodgers, a young immigrant from Ireland, moved west to Illinois and soon had a new name and identity - Albert D. J. Cashier. Like many other young men, Albert joined the Union Army.

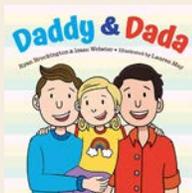
PICTURE BOOKS



Zak's Safari A Story About Donor-Conceived Kids of Two-Mom Families

by **Christy Tyner & Ciaae**

When the rain spoils Zak's plan for a safari adventure, he invites the reader on a very special tour of his family instead.



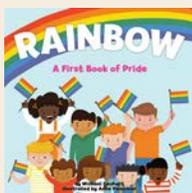
Daddy & Dada by **Ryan Brockington, Isaac Webster & Lauren May**

This open-hearted book began as a love letter from the authors to their daughter - and became a joyous celebration of love, family, and acceptance for all to read and share.



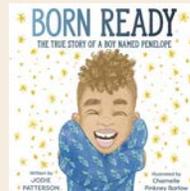
My Two Moms by **Claudia Harrington & Zoe Persico**

When classmate Lenny visits Elsie's home, he discovers she has two moms.



Rainbow A First Book of Pride by **Michael Genhart & Anne Passchier**

Celebrates LGBTQ+ pride and reveals the colorful meaning behind each rainbow stripe in a simple and engaging format.



Born Ready The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope

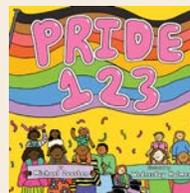
by **Jodie Patterson & Charnelle Pinkney Barlow**

Just before his fifth birthday, Penelope lets his mother know he is a boy and, with her support and his ninja powers, faces the rest of his family and his classmates.



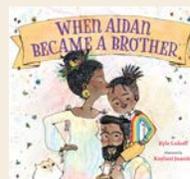
My Rainbow by **Trinity & DeShanna Neal & Art Twink**

A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter.



Pride 1 2 3 by **Michael Joosten & Wednesday Holmes**

A counting book that celebrates the LGBTQ community.



When Aidan Became a Brother

by **Kyle Lukoff & Kaylani Juanita**

This sweet picture book celebrates the changes in a transgender boy's life, from his initial coming-out to becoming a big brother.