

Teens

How it all Blew Up

YA Ahmadi, Arvin

Eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi always knew coming out to his Muslim family would be messy but didn't think it would end in an airport interrogation room.

What If It's Us

YA Albertalli, Becky and Silvera, Adam

A chance meeting brings Arthur and Ben together, but after three failed attempts at dating, they wonder if the universe is just messing with them.

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

edited by Sandra Mitchell

YA All

Seventeen authors across the queer spectrum have come together to create a collection of diverse historical fiction for teens.



Sasha Masha

YA Borinsky, Agnes

High school junior Alex has just begun dating when he begins to realize his true identity as a young woman named Sasha Masha.

Zenobia July

YA Bunker, Lisa

Solving a cyberbullying mystery may be easier than Zenobia July understanding who she really is.

Felix Ever After

YA Callender, Kacen

Felix Love, a transgender seventeen-year-old, attempts to get revenge by catfishing his bully, but lands in a quasi-love triangle instead.

Dreadnought

YA Daniels, April

She was once known as Danny, but is now Dreadnought, a trans superhero who must face off against a cyborg villain, but she finds living in her new body is more complicated than she imagined.

Pet

YA Emezi, Akwaeke

In a near-future society, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster

You Should See Me in a Crown

YA Johnson, Leah

When Liz Lighty doesn't get the music scholarship she wants, she does the next best thing: try for one of the scholarships given to the class queen and king.

Let's Talk About Love

YA Kann, Claire

Alice is asexual and afraid to explain.

The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali

YA Khan, Sabina

Rukhsana is in love with her girlfriend and pushing back against her family's expectations.

The Bridge

YA Konigsberg, Bill

Aaron is a gay misfit struggling with depression and loneliness. Tillie isn't sure what her problem is -- only that she will never be good enough. They don't know each other, but they arrive at the George Washington Bridge at the same time, intending to jump.

Reverie

YA La Sala, Ryan

Kane Montgomery wakes up without any memory of the recent past and discovers a world where dreams known as reveries take on a life of their own.

We Are Okay

YA LaCour, Nina

Marin must face the truth, not run from it.

Ash

YA Lo, Malinda

A retelling of the Cinderella story in which the main character falls in love with the King's huntress instead of the prince.

Last Night at the Telegraph Club

YA Lo, Malinda

The Infinite Noise

YA Shippen, Lauren

When Caleb, an Atypical with the enhanced ability to experience the emotions of those around him, feels drawn toward Adam, a gay, depressed classmate, he discovers that his therapist, and Adam's neuroscientist parents, know more about what's going on than they're saying.

Cemetery Boys

YA Thomas, Aiden

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Flamer

YA 741.5973 Curato, Mike

The summer between middle school and high school Aiden Navarro is away at camp. 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.

The Prince and the Dressmaker

YA 741.5973 Wang, Jen

At night, Prince Sebastian is the fabulously-fashionable Lady Crystallia.

Tweens

Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World

X Blake, Ashley Herring

When twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed in a tornado, her life is turned upside down and her journal goes missing. When pages from her journal show up in her locker at school with notes telling Ivy to be true to herself, Ivy begins to wonder if the person putting the notes in her locker is the girl she has a crush on.

King and the Dragonflies

X Callender, Kacen

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

Hurricane Child

X Callender, Kacen

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl, and together they set out during a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother.

A Home for Goddesses and Dogs

X Connor, Leslie

After the death of her mother, Lydia moves in with her aunts and learns to find a new family of inspiring women and loving dogs.

George

X Gino, Alex

When people look at George, they see a boy.

George sees herself as she truly is, a girl.

When a class play gives George a chance to show everyone who she is, she takes it.

Rick

X Gino, Alex

Rick explores his identity and decides for himself who he wants to be.

The Deepest Breath

X Grehan, Meg

Knowing things makes Stevie feel safe, powerful, and in control should anything bad happen. But there's one thing Stevie doesn't know: the fizzy feeling she gets in her chest when she looks at her friend Chloe.

Too Bright to See

X Lukoff, Kyle

After eleven-year-old Bug's beloved uncle passes, Bug begins to believe they are being haunted by more than just the usual ghosts that roam their old house. Bug knows their uncle is trying hard to tell them something, but what?

Spin With Me

X Polonsky, Amy

Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie and Ollie, a non-binary classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label.

Snapdragon

X 740 Leyh, Kat

A magical realist story about Snap, a young girl who befriends her town's witch and discovers the strange magic within herself.

The Witch Boy

X 740 Ostertag, Molly

In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, girls are witches and boys are shapeshifters, but Aster hasn't shapeshifted yet and is more interested in witchery. When danger threatens his family, Aster knows he can help by using his witch powers, but will his family accept him for who he truly is?



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