

I'll Give You The Sun

By Jandy Nelson

YA NELSON

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

More Than This

By Patrick Ness

YA NESS

A boy named Seth wakes after drowning, naked, thirsty, starving... but alive. How is that possible? Where is this place? And why is it that whenever he closes his eyes, he falls prey to vivid, agonizing memories that seem more real than the world around him?

Lies My Girlfriend Told Me

By Julie Anne Peters

YA PETERS

When her girlfriend dies suddenly at age seventeen, Colorado teenager Alix struggles with grief as painful secrets are revealed.

Gracefully Grayson

By Ami Polonsky

YA POLONSKY

Grayson, a transgender 12-year-old, learns to accept and share her true identity.

If I Was Your Girl

By Meredith Russo

YA RUSSO

Amanda only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.

Rainbow High

By Alex Sanchez

YA SANCHEZ

Follows three gay high school seniors as they struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love, and college choices.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

By Benjamin Saenz

YA SAENZ

Ari is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself and his family that he has never asked before.

More Happy Than Not

By Adam Silvera

YA SILVERA

After enduring a troubled childhood in the Bronx projects, Aaron Soto, sixteen, is already considering the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure when his new friendship with Thomas turns to unrequited love.

Fan Art

By Sarah Tregay

YA TREGAY

High school senior Jamie has a crush on his best friend and finds ways to share that news with the help of several friends.

Bleeding Earth

By Kaitlin Ward

YA WARD

Lea and her girlfriend Aracely struggle to survive when blood begins oozing from the earth.

Pink

By Lili Wilkinson

YA WILKINSON

Sixteen-year-old Ava does not know who she is or where she belongs, but when she tries out a new sexual orientation at a different school, her edgy girlfriend, potential boyfriend, and others are hurt by her lack of honesty.

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Simon vs. the Home Sapiens Agenda

By Becky Albertalli

YA ALBERTALLI

Not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity will be revealed.

Beauty Queens

By Libba Bray

YA BRAY

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.

Georgia Peaches & Other Forbidden Fruit

By Jaye Robin Brown

YA BROWN

Joanna has been out and proud for years, but when her popular radio evangelist father remarries and decides to move all three of them from Atlanta to the more conservative Rome, Georgia, he asks Jo to do the impossible: to lie low for the rest of her senior year.

Freakboy

By Kristin Elizabeth Clark

YA CLARK

Told from three viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Brendan, a wrestler, struggles to come to terms with his place on the transgender spectrum while Vanessa, the girl he loves, and Angel, a transgender acquaintance, try to help.

Jess, Chunk., and the Road Trip to Infinity

By Kristin Elizabeth Clark

YA CLARK

A male-to-female trans teen, Jess, and her male best friend, Chunk, take a road trip across country to attend Jess's father's wedding to her mother's former best friend

Beautiful Music for Ugly Children

By Kristin Cronn-Mills

YA CRONN-MILLS

Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents--all while trying to come out as transgendered.

The Miseducation of Cameron Post

By Emily Danforth

YA DANFORTH

When gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.

You and Me and Him

By Kris Dinnison

YA DINNISON

Maggie thinks she knows what to expect her junior year of high school, but then she and her out-of-the-closet best friend Nash have feelings for the same boy.

If You Could Be Mine

By Sara Farizan

YA FARIZAN

In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, seventeen-year-olds Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret until Nasrin's parents announce their daughter's arranged marriage and Sahar proposes a drastic solution.

The Great American Whatever

By Tim Federle

YA FEDERLE

Quinn, an aspiring screenwriter, copes with his sister's death while his best friend forces him back out into the world to face his reality.

Lily and Dunkin

By Donna Gephart

YA GEPHART

Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and new in town. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

Will Grayson, Will Grayson

By John Green & David Levithan

YA GREEN

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet 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.

The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley

By Shawn David Hutchinson

YA HUTCHINSON

Convinced he should have died in the accident that killed his parents and sister, sixteen-year-old Drew lives in a hospital, hiding from employees and his past, until Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life around.

The Bermudez Triangle

By Maureen Johnson

YA JOHNSON

The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.

Ask the Passengers

By A.S. King

YA KING

There's only one thing Astrid can do when an attraction to her co-worker Dee becomes too big and too confusing: send her love to airplane passengers flying overhead while she tries to figure out who she is down here on the ground.

Openly Straight

By Bill Konigsberg

YA KONIGSBERG

Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school--but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

The Porcupine of Truth

By Bill Konigsberg

YA KONISBERG

Seventeen-year-old Carson Speier is bored of Billings, Montana, and resentful that he has to help his mother take care of his father, a dying alcoholic whom he has not seen in fourteen years--but then he meets Aisha, a beautiful African American girl who has run away from her own difficult family, and together they embark on a journey of discovery that may help them both come to terms with their lives.

Two Boys Kissing

By David Levithan

YA LEVITHAN

A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more.

It Looks Like This

By Rafi Mittlefehldt

YA MITTFELDLDT

Moving to a new city and joining an evangelical church despite his own reluctance, artistic Mike is bullied by a father who wants him to play sports and toughen up, a situation that is complicated by Mike's growing feelings for another newcomer.

Not Otherwise Specified

By Hannah Moskowitz

YA MOSCOWITZ

Auditioning for a New York City performing arts high school could help Etta escape from her Nebraska all-girl school, where she's not gay enough for her former friends, not sick enough for her eating disorders group, and not thin enough for ballet.