

Welcoming Schools Pride Booklist

Pride Month celebrates the lives, accomplishments, and potential of the LGBTQ+ community. People deserve to be seen, heard, and affirmed and these titles offer affirmation for young readers. Books help us initiate courageous conversations and provide mirrors that allow students to see their identities reflected and windows that allow them to see authentic lives different from their lived experiences.

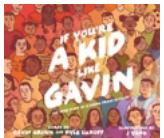
Elementary Pride



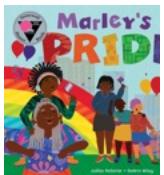
Be Amazing: A History of Pride. Desmond Napoles. (K – 3) Twelve-year-old drag kid Desmond is Amazing walks you through LGBTQ+ history with courageous people like Marsha P Johnson, Sylvia Rivera and RuPaul who have paved the way for a safer, more inclusive society for LGBTQ+ individuals.



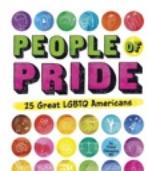
Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights. Jerome Pohlen. (5 – 8) This book puts the historic struggle for LGBTQ+ equality into perspective. Given today's news, it would be easy to get the impression that the campaign for LGBTQ+ equality is a recent development. This resource helps readers put recent events into historical context.



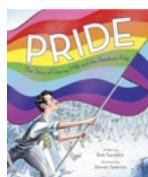
If You're a Kid Like Gavin. Gavin Grimm and Kyle Lukoff. (K – 5) When you're a kid like Gavin Grimm, you know yourself best. And Gavin knew that he was a boy—even if others saw him as a girl. But when his school took away his right to something as simple as using the boys' restroom, Gavin knew he had a big decision to make.



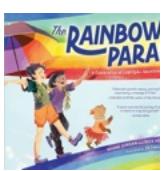
Marley's Pride. Joëlle Retener. (Pre-K – 4) Marley is a little nonbinary kid with BIG anxieties. Crowds? Pass. Loud noises? No, thanks! But when their Zaza is up for an award at the Pride parade, they want to go to support their beloved grandparent. Can Marley overcome their fears and even find a new sense of belonging?



People of Pride: 25 Great LGBTQ Americans. Chase Clemesha. (4 – 7) 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. Includes a full-page image and a page of text about each person.



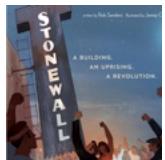
PRIDE: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag. Rob Sanders. (K – 5) Trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker, to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world. Lesson Plan



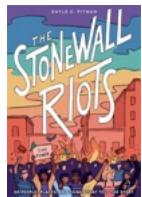
The Rainbow Parade: A Celebration of LGBTQIA+ Identities and Allies. Shane Jordan, Rick Hendrix, Jieting Chen. (Pre K – 3) Set at a stormy pride parade, the story follows a child who is free to express their gender identity, celebrating with their father. But when they come across a non-binary child who doesn't feel comfortable in their own skin, they lend a helping hand and show them that they are seen, accepted, and loved.



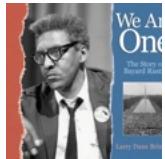
Stitch by Stitch: Cleve Jones and the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Rob Sanders. (K – 2) From the blanket that his great-grandmother made for him as a boy, to the friends he gathered in San Francisco as young man, Cleve Jones' extraordinary life was pieced together, then stitched tightly into different types of quilts.



Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution. Rob Sanders. (1 – 3) From the building's origins as a stable in the 1800s to the Stonewall Inn of the 1960s, the story captures a sense of place, community and the people who stood up for their rights at the Stonewall Riots in 1969.

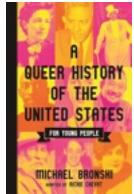


The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets. Gayle Pitman. (5 – 8) Learn about the Stonewall Riots by looking at the people, places, news clippings and artifacts from the time in short, readable chapters. It also covers events leading up to Stonewall, as well as the aftermath.



We Are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin. Larry Dane Brimner. (4 – 8) Rustin's story is set against the history of segregation in his time and focuses on his leadership role, largely unacknowledged, in the struggle for civil rights. His gay identity is mentioned in the afterword.

Secondary Pride



A Queer History of the United States for Young People. Michael Bronski. (7 – 12) 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.



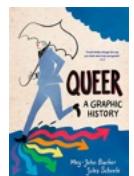
The Gay Agenda: A Modern Queer History & Handbook. Ashley Molesso and Chessie Needham. (9 – 12) Filled with engaging descriptions, interesting facts and helpful features, this book illuminates the transformation of the community, highlighting its struggles, achievements, landmarks and contributions.



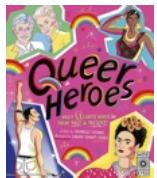
Our Gay History in Fifty States. Zaylore Stout. (9 – 12) This book tells LGBTQ+ American history, state-by-state, highlighting significant people, places and "queer facts" so that all readers learn that LGBTQ+ history is American History.



Pride: Celebrating Diversity and Community. Robin Stevenson. For LGBTQ people and their supporters, Pride events are an opportunity to honor the past, protest injustice, and celebrate a diverse and vibrant community. The high point of Pride, the Pride Parade, is spectacular and colorful. But there is a whole lot more to Pride than rainbow flags and amazing outfits. How did Pride come to be? And what does Pride mean to the people who celebrate it?

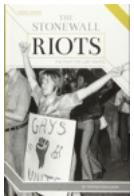


Queer: A Graphic History. Dr. Meg-John Barker. (10 – 12) From identity politics and gender roles to privilege and exclusion, this groundbreaking non-fiction graphic novel explores how we came to view sex, gender and sexuality in the ways that we do; how these ideas get tangled up with our culture and our understanding of biology, psychology and sexology; and how these views have been disputed and challenged.

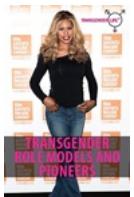


Queer Heroes: Meet 53 LGBTQ Heroes From Past and Present! Arabelle Sicardi. (4 – 6)

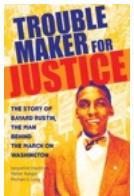
Discover the inspiring stories of a diverse selection of LGBTQ+ artists, writers, innovators, athletes and activists who have made great contributions to culture, from ancient times to present day. Full-color portraits accompanied by short biographies.



The Stonewall Riots: The Fight for LGBT Rights. Tristan Poehlmann. (4 – 8) This book discusses the 1969 Stonewall Riots, which are now commemorated each year with LGBTQ+ Pride. Look at what led up to the riots, what happened at Stonewall, who the key people were and how the riots launched the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement.



Transgender Role Models and Pioneers. Barbra Penne. (5 – 8) Read through the profiles of a host of accomplished transgender people who have made their names in a wide range of fields, including sports, politics, activism, entertainment and the arts.



Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington. Jacqueline Houtman. (5 – 12) Bayard Rustin was one of the most influential activists of our time who was an early advocate for African Americans and for gay rights. He was a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., teaching him about the power of nonviolent direct action.



We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, and Pride in the History of Queer Liberation. Matthew Riemer. (9 – 12) This inclusive and intersectional book enables us to truly see queer history unlike ever before, with glimpses of activism in the decades preceding and following Stonewall, family life, marches, protests, celebrations, mourning and Pride.