



# Gracie's List

Dear friends,

When Gracie King arrived in her new middle school in 2014, she suggested that a gender and sexuality alliance (GSA) club should exist, but was told that it was not appropriate for middle school. This perplexed her. Not only did she know other LGBTQ+ youth in the school, but she also was a forward-thinker and believed everyone in her school should feel welcome and accepted. Her passion for social justice came from the books she read.

In high school, in 2016, in the same district, Gracie again found no GSA and was determined to start one. With the help of a teacher and other students, she did, and now that GSA is a thriving part of the school's community. Gracie always had a kind word for a stranger and a smile for anyone who needed one. She was known as a "Mom" figure to most of her friends. It was easy to not see Gracie's diagnosed depressive disorder and other psychological struggles because she hid them so well.

As Gracie's mental illness became more complicated, she read a lot about depression, anxiety, and other disorders to better understand her battle. Though she ultimately lost that battle, those books kept her engaged and talking about mental health. She was able to help friends who were going through things she had not experienced. She was able to stand up for LGBTQ+ students when others used microaggressions against them. She talked with friends about whiteness and racism. She was aware of the white supremacy and the patriarchy. She wanted to crush them. She also worked to crush mental illness stigma, LGBTQ+ inequity, and bullying—things she'd experienced firsthand.

Mostly, Gracie was encouraging. She loved and congratulated and cheered on her fellow humans because she understood what it was like to feel small, even though she was larger than life. In her last weeks with us, she had a brilliant idea to go to elementary schools and talk about emotions and how to feel them. She wanted to teach kids as young as kindergarten how to be emotionally compassionate, as she was.

The books on this list represent the types of books Gracie liked to read. Some were her favorites. Some she never read. We like to think of the list as a library she would have wanted next to her when her friends came to talk, or when she was looking for a read to help her understand the world. They are hugs, even if their subject matter is difficult. They are "I love you" written on a sticky note, stuck on your locker. They are a safe ear to listen. They start conversations about things that are important to the inner-self and the outside world.

Gracie's teachers would tell you—conversations are what Gracie did best. A friend of hers recently wrote, "She was the kind of kid who raised her hand as an announcement rather than a question." This list is our announcement in honor of Gracie. We are raising our hand. Let us start the compassionate conversations that need to be had in our changing and challenging world. Let us first open a book and locate the words.

With love,

*Amy, Topher, and Livy King*



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Three categories: Mental Health Awareness & Powerful Emotional Content; Social Justice & Activism; and LGBTQ+ Equality, Understanding, and Celebration, divided by age group, many overlap.

## Mental Health Awareness & Powerful Emotional Content (+SEL K-3)

### Young Adult Fiction

***10 Things I Can See From Here*** by Carrie Mac  
***A Heart in a Body in the World*** by Deb Caletti  
***A Monster Calls*** by Patrick Ness  
***A Quiet Kind of Thunder*** by Sara Barnard  
***A Troublesome Boy*** by Paul Vasey  
***Anger is a Gift*** by Mark Oshiro  
***An OCD Love Story*** by Corey Ann Haydu  
***Black box : a novel*** by Julie Schumacher  
***Born Scared*** by Kevin Brooks  
***Calvin*** by Martine Leavitt  
***Catcher in the Rye*** by JD Salinger  
***Challenger Deep*** by Neal Shusterman  
***Charm and Strange*** by Stephanie Khuen  
***Complicit*** by Stephanie Kuehn  
***Courage for Beginners*** by Karen Harrington  
***Crank*** by Ellen Hopkins  
***Crazy*** by Amy Reed  
***Cut*** by Patricia McCormick  
***Darius the Great Is Not Okay*** by Adib Khorram  
***Deadline*** by Chris Crutcher  
***Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets*** by Evan Roskos  
***Eliza and Her Monsters*** by Francesca Zappia  
***Emergency Contact*** by Mary H.K. Choi  
***Every Last Word*** by Tamara Ireland Stone  
***Every Moment After*** by Joseph Moldover  
***Everything, Everything*** by Nicola Yoon  
***Fall for Anything*** by Courtney Summers  
***Finding Audrey*** by Sophie Kinsella  
***Forgive me, Leonard Peacock*** by Matthew Quick  
***Gabi, Girl in Pieces*** by Isabel Quintero  
***Girl in Pieces*** by Kathleen Glasgow  
***Girl, Interrupted*** by Susanna Kaysen  
***Goodbye Days*** by Jeff Zentner  
***The Impossible Knife of Memory*** by Laurie Halse Anderson  
***Highly Illogical Behavior*** by John Corey Whaley  
***How I Became a Ghost*** by Tim Tingle  
***How It Feels to Float*** by Helena Fox  
***How It Feels to Fly*** by Kathryn Holmes  
***How to Disappear*** by Sharon Huss Roat  
***Hyperbole and a Half*** by Allie Brosh  
***In Sight of Stars*** by Gae Polisner  
***In the Path of Falling Objects*** by Andrew Smith  
***I Wish You All the Best*** by Mason Deaver



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***It's Kind of a Funny Story*** by Ned Vizzini  
***Kat and Meg Conquer the World*** by Anna Priemaza  
***Madness*** by Z. Brewer  
***Mimi*** by John Newman  
***Monday's Not Coming*** by Tiffany D. Jackson  
***My Heart and Other Black Holes*** by Jasmine Varga  
***OCD, the Dude, and Me*** by Lauren Roedy Vaughn  
***Radio Silence*** by Alise Oseman  
***Saving Red*** by Sonya Sones  
***Side Effects May Vary*** by Julie Murphy  
***Some Kind of Happiness*** by Claire Legrand  
***Sparrow*** by Sarah Moon  
***Speak*** by Laurie Halse Anderson  
***Starfish*** by Akemi Dawn Bowman  
***Still Life With Tornado*** by A.S. King  
***Symptoms of Being Human*** by Jeff Garvin  
***The Astonishing Color of After*** by Emily X.R. Pan  
***The Chocolate War*** by Robert Cormier  
***The Impossible Knife of Memory*** by Laurie Halse Anderson  
***The Lies We Tell Ourselves*** by Robin Talley  
***The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily*** by Laura Creedle  
***The Marbury Lens*** by Andrew Smith  
***The Memory of Light*** by Francisco X. Stork  
***The Noonday Demon*** by Andrew Solomon  
***The Opposite of Always*** by Justin A. Reynolds  
***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** by Stephen Chbosky  
***The Place Between Breaths*** by An Na  
***The Rest of Us Just Live Here*** by Patrick Ness  
***The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B*** by Teresa Toten  
***The Weight of Zero*** by Karen Fortunati  
***The Whole Story of Half a Girl*** by Veera Hiranandani  
***Turtles All the Way Down*** by John Green  
***You Know Where to Find Me*** by Rachel Cohn  
***We Are the Ants*** by Shaun David Hutchinson  
***We'll Fly Away*** by Bryan Bliss  
***What Happens Now*** by Jennifer Castle  
***When We Collided*** by Emery Lord  
***Where Things Come Back*** by John Corey Whaley  
***Wild Awake*** by Hilary T. Smith  
***Words on Bathroom Walls*** by Julia Walton

## **Middle Grade Fiction**

***All the Things That Could Go Wrong*** by Stewart Foster  
***Finding Langston*** by Lisa Cline-Ransome  
***Focused*** by Alyson Gerber  
***Forget Me Not*** by Ellie Terry  
***Hurricane Season*** by Nicole Melleby  
***Moonrise*** by Sarah Crossan  
***OCDaniel*** by Wesley King  
***Rebound*** by Kwame Alexander  
***Running on Empty*** by S.E. Durrant





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***Sure Signs of Crazy*** by Karen Harrington  
***Sweep*** by Jonathan Auxier  
***Sweeping up the Heart*** by Kevin Henkes  
***The Afterwards*** by A.F. Harrold  
***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander  
***The Goldfish Boy*** by Lisa Thompson  
***The Line Tender*** by Kate Allen  
***The Lost Girl*** by Anne Ursu  
***The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*** by Stacy McNulty  
***The Notations of Cameron Cooper*** by Jane O'Reilly  
***The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*** by Dan Gemeinhart  
***The Right Hook of Devin Velma*** by Jake Burt  
***The Science of Breakable Things*** by Tae Keller  
***The Someday Birds*** by Sally J. Pla  
***The Sweetest Sound*** by Sherri Winston  
***The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle*** by Leslie Connor  
***The World from up Here*** by Cecilia Galante  
***The Year We Fell from Space*** by Amy Sarig King  
***Under Rose Tainted Skies*** by Louise Gornall  
***Where the Watermelons Grow*** by Cindy Baldwin  
***Where You'll Find Me*** by Natasha Friend  
***You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!*** by Alex Gino

## Picture Books

***A Friend for Henry*** by Jenn Bailey  
***A Quiet Place*** by Douglas Wood  
***B is for Breathe*** by Dr. Melissa Boyd  
***Beautiful Oops*** by Barney Salzberg  
***Benji, the Bad Day, and Me*** by Sally J. Pla  
***Big Boys Cry*** by Jonty Howley  
***Bilal Cooks Daal*** by Aisha Saeed  
***Bloom*** by Doreen Cronin and David Small  
***Blue*** by Laura Vaccaro Singer  
***Can I Play Too?*** By Mo Millems (Elephant and Piggie)  
***Chrysanthemum*** by Kevin Henkes  
***Come Home Angus*** by Patrick Downes  
***Come with Me*** by Holly McGhee  
***Dad's Camera*** by Ross Watkins  
***Duck and Goose - How Are You Feeling?*** by Tad Hills  
***Duck! Rabbit!*** By Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
***Elmer*** by David McKee  
***Eraser*** by Anna Kang  
***Flabbersmashed about You*** by Rachel Vail  
***Glamourpuss*** by Sarah Weeks  
***Good Rosie!*** By Kate DiCamillo  
***Hands Up!*** By Breanna McDaniel  
***Hey Little Ant*** by Phillip and Hanna Hoose  
***How I Learned to Fall Out of Trees*** by Vincent Kirsch  
***I Am Loved*** by Nikki Giovanni  
***I Am Peace (A Book of Mindfulness)*** by Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds  
***I Hate Everyone*** by Naomi Danis







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***I Like Me!*** By Nancy **Carlson**  
***I Need a Hug*** by Aaron **Blabley**  
***I'm Here*** by Peter Reynolds  
***In My Heart*** by Jo Witek  
***Last Stop on Market Street*** by Matt de la Peña  
***Little Brown*** by Marla Frazee  
***Little Monkey Calms Down*** by Michael Dahl  
***Lost and Found*** by Oliver Jeffers  
***Lovely*** by Jess Hong  
***Mad, Mad Bear*** by Kimberly Gee  
***Making a Friend*** by Tammi Sauer  
***Max and Marla Are Having a Picnic*** by Alexandra Boiger  
***My Magic Breath*** by Nick Ortner and Alison Taylor  
***My Mouth Is a Volcano*** by Julia Cook  
***Nanette's Baguette*** by Mo Willems  
***Not Quite Narwhal*** by Jessie Sima  
***Officer Buckle and Gloria*** by Peggy Rathmann  
***Old Hat*** by Emily Gravett  
***One*** by Katheryn Otoshi  
***Play with Me!*** by Michelle Lee  
***Princess Hair*** by Sharee Miller  
***Pumpkin Soup*** by Helen Cooper  
***Rubie Finds a Worry*** by Tom Percival  
***Sadie and the Silver Shoes*** by Jane Godwin  
***Say Something*** by Peter Reynolds  
***Small Things*** by Mel Tregonning  
***Square*** by Mac Barnett  
***Spoon*** by Amy Krause Rosenthal  
***Stick and Stone*** by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld  
***Stuck with the Blooz*** by Caron Levis  
***Super Manny Stands Up!*** By Kelly DiPicchio  
***Swimmy*** by Leo Lionni  
***The Color Monster*** by Anna Lienas  
***The Day I Ran Away*** by Holly Niner  
***The Day You Begin*** by Jacqueline Woodson  
***The Fate of Fausto*** by Oliver Jeffers  
***The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes*** by Mark Pett and Gary Rubenstein  
***The Invisible Boy*** by Trudy Ludwig  
***The Kindness Quilt*** by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace  
***The Ladybug Girl books*** by David Soman and Jacky Davis  
***The Little Red Hen*** by Paul Galdone  
***The Most Magnificent Things*** by Ashley Spires  
***The New Girl... and Me*** by Jacqui Robbins  
***The Quiet Place*** by Sarah Stewart and David Small  
***The Recess Queen*** by Alexis O'Neill  
***The Size of Truth*** by Andrew Smith  
***The Spiffiest Giant in Town*** by Julia Donaldson  
***The Way I Feel*** by Janan Cain  
***They Both Die at the End*** by Adam Silvera  
***Those Shoes*** by Maribeth Boelts  
***Two*** by Katheryn Otoshi





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**Unstinky** by Andy Rash  
**Wallpaper** by Thao Lam  
**What About Moose?** by Corey Rosen Schwartz  
**What Is Given From the Heart** by Patricia McKissack  
**What Does It Mean to Be Kind?** By Rana DiOrio  
**When Pencil Met Eraser** by Karen Kilpatrick and Louis O. Ramos, Jr.  
**What Should Danny Do?** By Grand and Adir Levy  
**When Sadness Is At Your Door** by Eva Eland  
**When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry** by Molly Bang  
**Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak  
**Whole-Body Listening Larry at School** by Elizabeth Sautter and Kristen Wilson  
**Why Should I Help?** By Mike Gordon  
**Yesterday I Had the Blues** by Jeron Ashford and R. Gregory Christie  
**You are Your Strong** by Danielle Dufayet

## Non-Fiction

**Brave Face: A Memoir: How I Survived Growing Up, Coming Out, and Depression** by Shaun David Hutchinson  
**Depression: A Teen's Guide to Survive and Thrive** by Jacqueline B. Toner, PhD and Claire A.B. Freeland, PhD  
**(Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health** edited by Kelly Jensen  
**Know My Name** by Chanel Miller  
**Life Inside My Mind: 31 Authors Share their Personal Struggles** edited by Jessica Burkhart  
**Night Shift** by Debi Gliori  
**Obsessed: a memoir of my life with OCD** by Allison Britz  
**Ordinary Girls: A Memoir** by Jaquira Diaz  
**Project Semicolon: Your Story Isn't Over** by Amy Bleuel  
**Things We Haven't Said: Sexual Violence Survivors Speak Out** by Erin Moulton  
**What Made Maddy Run: The Secret Struggles and Tragic Death of an All-American Teen** by Kate Fagan

## Graphic Literature

**Anya's Ghost** by Vera Brosgol  
**Hardcore Anxiety: A Graphic Guide to Punk Rock and Mental Health** by Reid Chancellor  
**Hey, Kiddo** by Jarrett Kroschka  
**Les Misérables by Victor Hugo—Manga Classics** by Stacy King, Crystal Silvermoon, and SunNeko Lee  
**Louis Undercover** by Fanny Britt  
**My Beijing: Four Stories of Ordinary Wonder** by Nie Jun  
**PTSD** by Guillaume Singelin  
**Restless Soul Be at Peace** by  
**The Storm in the Barn** by Matt Phelan

## Poetry

**Depression and Other Magic Tricks** by Sabrina Benaim  
**I Am an Emotional Creature** by Eve Ensler  
**Milk and Honey** by Rupi Kaur



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***Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty*** by Christine Hepperman  
***The Opposite of Innocent*** by Sonya Sones  
***Totally Middle School: Tales of Friends, Family, and Fitting In*** ed.  
By Betsy Groban  
***Where the Sidewalk Ends*** by Shel Silverstein

## Social Justice & Activism

### Young Adult Fiction

***All American Boys*** by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely  
***Amelia Westlake Was Never Here*** by Erin Gough  
***A Very Large Expanse of Sea*** by Tahereh Mafi  
***The Gangster We Are All Looking For*** by Le Thi Diem Thuy  
***Because They Marched*** by Russell Freedman  
***Blood Water Paint*** by Joy McCullough  
***Bread and Roses, Too*** by Katherine Paterson  
***Burn Baby, Burn*** by Meg Medina  
***By Any Means Necessary*** by Candice Montgomery  
***Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha)*** by Tomi Adeyemi  
***Come in from the Cold*** by Marsha Qualey  
***Dear Martin*** by Nic Stone  
***Dear Rachel Maddow*** by Adrienne Kisner  
***Fahrenheit 451*** by Ray Bradbury  
***Fresh Ink: An Anthology*** edited by Lamar Giles  
***Ghetto Cowboy*** by G. Neri  
***Internment*** by Samira Ahmed  
***In the Time of the Butterflies*** by Julia Alvarez  
***Little Brother*** by Cory Doctorow  
***Moxie*** by Jennifer Mathieu  
***My Book of Life by Angel*** by Martine Leavitt  
***Nowhere Girls*** by Amy Reed  
***On A Clear Day*** by Walter Dean Myers  
***Operation Redwood*** by Susannah T French  
***Out of Nowhere*** by Maria Padian  
***Rose Sees Red*** by Cecil Castellucci  
***Sea Prayer*** by Khaled Hosseini  
***Slay*** by Brittey Morris  
***Slaughterhouse-Five*** by Kurt Vonnegut  
***Strike! The Farm Workers' Fight for Their Rights*** by Larry Dane Brimmer  
***The Confusion of Laurel Graham*** by Adrienne Kisner  
***The Freedom Summer Murders*** by Don Mitchell  
***The Hate U Give*** by Angie Thomas  
***The Lines We Cross*** by Randa Abdel-Fattah  
***The Marrow Thieves*** by Cherie Dimaline  
***The Nowhere Girls*** by Amy Reed  
***The Poet X*** by Elizabeth Acevedo  
***The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano*** by Sonia Manzano  
***There There*** by Tommy Orange  
***The Sun is Also a Star*** by Nicola Yoon  
***Under the Feet of Jesus*** by Helena Maria Viramontes  
***Vote for Larry*** by Janet Tashjian



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***Watch Us Rise*** by Reneé Watson and Ellen Hagan  
***White Rose*** by Kip Wilson  
***White, Sands, Red Menace*** by Ellen Kages  
***Wide Awake*** by David Levithan  
***X: A novel*** by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon  
***Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*** by Meg Medina

## **Middle Grade Fiction**

***A Night Divided*** by Jennifer A. Neilson  
***Amina's Voice*** by Hena Khan  
***Breaking Stalin's Nose*** by Eugene Yelchin  
***Class Action*** by Steven Frank  
***Environmental Protests*** by Duchess Harris  
***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munoz Ryan  
***Front Desk*** by Kelly Yang  
***Making Bombs for Hitler*** by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch  
***My Family's Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss and Hope***  
by Dianne Guerrero and Erica Muroz  
***One Crazy Summer*** by Rita Williams Garcia  
***Out of Left Field*** by Ellen Klages  
***Piecing Me Together*** by Renee Watson  
***Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights***  
by Steve Sheinkin  
***Refugee*** by Alan Gratz  
***Revolution*** by Deborah Wiles  
***Rooting for Rafael Rosales*** by Kurtis Scaletta  
***Same Sun Here*** by Silas House and Neela Vaswani  
***Saving Wonder*** by Mary Knight  
***Sing, Unburied, Sing*** by Jesmyn Ward  
***Swing*** by Kwame Alexander  
***Taking Action for Political and Civil Rights*** by Eric Braun  
***The Benefits of Being an Octopus*** by Anne Braden  
***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*** by Phillip Hoose  
***The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamoya*** by Pablo Cartaya  
***The First Rule of Punk*** by Celia C. Pérez  
***The Lions of Little Rock*** by Kristin Levine  
***The Stars Beneath Our Feet*** by David Barclay Moore  
***The Wall*** by Peter Sís  
***The Wonder of Charlie Anne*** by Kimberly Newton Fusco  
***Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride of 1961*** by Larry Jane Brimmer  
***Uprising*** by Margaret Haddix Peterson  
***Walking the Bus-Rider Blues*** by Harriet Gillem Robinet  
***War & Watermelon*** by R. Wallace

## **Picture Books (fiction & non-fiction)**

***12 Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali*** by Charles R. Smith Jr.  
***Annie Glover is Not a Tree Lover*** by D. B Beard, & H. H. Maione  
***A Taste of Colored Water*** by Matt Faulkner  
***Before She Was Harriet*** by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
***Betty Before X*** by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson  
***Coretta Scott*** by Ntozake Shange



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- Dreamers*** by Yuyi Morales  
***Elizabeth Started It All*** by Doreen Rappaport  
***Enough! 20 Protestors Who Changed America*** by Emily Easton  
***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington*** by Jabari Asim  
***Frederick Douglass, The Lion Who Wrote History*** by Walter Dean Myers  
***Freedom in Congo Square*** by Carole Boston Weatherford  
***Freedom Summer*** by Deborah Wiles and Jerome Lagarrigue  
***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race***  
by Margot Lee Shetterly  
***Independent Dames*** by Laurie Halse Anderson and Matt Faulkner  
***Jake Makes A World: Jacob Lawrence, an Artist in Harlem***  
by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitt  
***Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters***  
by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
***Lift Every Voice and Sing*** by James Weldon Johnson  
***Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*** by Vashti Harrison  
***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*** by Katheryn Russell-Brown  
***Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
***Most Marshmallows*** by Rowboat Watkins  
***One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia***  
by Miranda Paul  
***Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights*** by Rob Sanders  
***Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis*** by Jabari Asim  
***Rosa*** by Nikki Giovanni  
***Proud (Young Readers Edition): Living My American Dream*** by Ibtihaj  
***Muhammad Ruth and the Green Book*** by Calvin Alexander Ramsey,  
illustrated by Floyd Cooper  
***Rosa*** by Nikki Giovanni  
***Ruth and the Green Book*** by Calvin Alexander Ramsey,  
illustrated by Floyd Cooper  
***Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World***  
by Susan Hood  
***She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World***  
by Chelsea Clinton  
***Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
***Stand Up and Sing: Pete Seeger, Folk Music, and the Path to Justice***  
by Susanna Reich  
***Stonewall: A Building, an Uprising, a Revolution*** by Rob Sanders  
***Take A Picture of Me, James Van Der Zee!*** by Andrea J. Lone  
***The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore***  
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson,  
***The Day You Begin*** by Jacqueline Woodson  
***The Lorax*** by Dr. Seuss  
***The Red Pencil*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
***The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*** by Rob Sanders  
***We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*** by Kadir Nelson  
***We March*** by Shane Evans  
***Which Side Are You On?: The Story of a Song*** by G. E. Lyon C. Cardinale  
***Woke Baby*** by Mahogany L. Browne  
***Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present***  
by Jamia Wilson





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## Non-Fiction

- 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice*** by Veronica Chambers
- An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People (ReVisioning American History for Young People)*** by Jean Mendoza, Debbie Reese, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- Between the World and Me*** by Te-Nehisi Coates
- Brown Girl Dreaming*** by Jacqueline Woodson
- Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*** by Phillip Hoose
- Enrique's Journey*** by Sonia Nazario
- Farewell to Manzanar*** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston
- Freedom Riders*** by Ann Bausum
- Glimmer of Hope: How Tragedy Sparked a Movement*** a collection of essays from Parkland Survivors
- I Am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai
- I Have The Right To : a high school survivor's story of sexual assault, justice, and hope*** by Chessy Prout
- Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A True Story of the Fight for Justice*** by Bryan Stevenson
- KID ACTIVISTS: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change*** by Robin Stevenson
- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*** by Layla F Saad
- Movement*** - A Collection of Essays from the Parkland Survivors
- Our Stories, Our Voices: 21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Parkland: Birth of a Movement*** by Dave Cullen
- Shout*** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Street*** by Gayle Pitman
- Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington*** by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, and Michael G. Long
- Up Female in America*** edited by Amy Reed
- We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults*** by Susan Kuklin
- We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*** edited by Wade Hudson
- When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter memoir*** by Patrisse Khan-Cullors
- You Are Mighty : A Guide to Changing the World*** by Caroline Paul
- Zeitoun*** by Dave Eggers

## Graphic Literature

- Bad Houses*** by Sara Ryan
- Boxers and Saints*** by Gene Luen Yang
- Escape from Syria*** by Samya Kullab
- Gaijin: American Prisoner of War*** by Matt Faulkner
- Grand Theft Horse*** by Greg Neri
- I Am Alfonso Jones*** by Tony Medina
- Illegal*** by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donken
- March Books 1, 2, & 3*** by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
- New Kid*** by Jerry Craft
- Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling*** by Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer





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***The Resistance Series*** by Carla Jablonski & Leland Purvis

***The Silence of Our Friends*** by Nate Powell

***They Called Us Enemy*** by George Takei

***Yummy*** by G. Neri

## Poetry

**1919** by Eve L. Ewing

***Citizen*** by Claudia Rankine

***The Witch Doesn't Burn in This One*** by Amanda Lovelace

## LGBTQ+ Equality, Understanding, and Celebration

### Young Adult Fiction

***A Line In The Dark*** by Malinda Lo

***All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens throughout the Ages***  
ed. by Sandra Mitchell

***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe***  
by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

***Ask the Passengers*** by A.S. King

***Beautiful Music for Ugly Children*** by Kirstin Cronn-Mills

***Beauty of The Broken: a novel*** by Tawni Waters

***Bloom*** by Kevin Panetta

***Dear Rachel Maddow*** by Adrienne Kisner

***Deliver Us from Evie*** by M. E. Kerr

***Draw the Line*** by Lauren Line

***Echo After Echo*** by Amy Rose Capetta

***Empress of The World*** by Sara Ryan

***Every Day*** by David Levithan

***Far From You*** by Tess Sharpe

***Fat Angie*** by E.E. Charlton-Trujillo

***Fire Song*** by Adam Garnet Jones

***Forgive Me If I've Told You This Before*** by Karelia Stetz-Waters

***Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit*** by Jaye Robin Brown

***Heart of Iron*** by Ashley Poston

***I Felt A Funeral, In My Brain*** by Will Walton

***If I was Your Girl*** by Meredith Russo

***I'll Give You the Sun*** by Jandy Nelson

***I Never*** by Laura Hopper

***Kiss the Morning Star*** by Elissa Janin Hoole

***Kissing Kate*** by Lauren Myracle

***Lies My Girlfriend Told Me*** by Julie Anne Peters

***Little & Lion*** by Brandy Colbert

***More Happy Than Not*** by Adam Silvera

***My Best Friend, Maybe*** by Caela Carter

***Odd One Out*** by Nic Stone

***Of Fire and Stars*** by Audrey Coulthurst

***Once and Future*** by Cori McCarthy & Amy Rose Capetta

***One of Those Hideous Books Where The Mother Dies*** by Sonya Sones

***One True Way*** by Shannon Hitchcock

***Openly Straight*** by Bill Konigsberg

***Otherbound*** by Corinne Duyvis



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***Pet*** by Akwaeke Emezi  
***Picture Us in the Light*** by Kelly Loy Gilbert  
***Promise Me Something*** Sara Kocek  
***Pulp*** by Robin Talley  
***Release*** by Patrick Ness  
***Suicide Notes*** by Michael Thomas Ford  
***Summer of Salt*** by Katrina Leno  
***Tell Me Again How A Crush Should Feel*** by Sara Farizan  
***That Inevitable Victorian Thing*** by E.K. Johnston  
***The Difference Between You and Me*** by Madeleine George  
***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice And Virtue*** by Mackenzi Lee  
***The Inexplicable Logic of My Life : a novel*** by Benjamin Alire Saenz  
***The Miseducation of Cameron Post*** by Emily M. Danforth  
***The Music of What Happens*** by Bill Koningsberg  
***The Vast Fields of Ordinary*** by Nick Burd  
***The You I've Never Known*** by Ellen Hopkins  
***This Book is Gay*** by James Dawson  
***Top Ten*** by Katie Cotugno  
***True Letters from a Fictional Life*** by Kenneth Logan  
***Two Boys Kissing*** by David Levithan  
***We Are Okay*** by Nina Lacour  
***What If It's Us*** by Becky Albertalli  
***What We Left Behind*** by Robin Talley

## **Middle Grade Fiction**

***Alan Cole Doesn't Dance*** by Eric Bell  
***Ashes to Asheville*** by Sarah Dooley  
***Drum Roll, Please*** by Lisa Jenn Bigelow  
***Extraordinary Birds*** by Sandy Stark McGinnis  
***From Night Owl to Dogfish*** by Meg Wolitzer and Holly Sloan Goldberg  
***Goldeline*** by Jimmy Cajoleas  
***Hurricane Child*** by Kheryn Callender  
***Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*** by Ashley Herring Blake  
***Lily and Dunkin*** by Donna Gephart  
***Love, Penelope*** by Joanne Rocklin  
***My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer*** by Jennifer Gennari  
***One True Way*** by Shannon Hitchcock  
***Nate books*** by Tim Federle  
***Saturdays with Hitchcock*** by Ellen Wittlinger  
***See You at Harry's*** by Jo Knowles  
***The Best Man*** by Richard Peck  
***The Boy in the Dress*** by David Walliams  
***The Lottery's More or Less*** by Emma Donoghue  
***The Pants Project*** by Cat Clarke  
***The Whispers*** by Greg Howard

## **Picture Books**

***A Plan for Pops*** by Heather Smith  
***Big Bob, Little Bob*** by James Howe  
***Eleanor Wyatt, Princess and Pirate*** by Rachel McFarlane  
***Harrison Dwight, Ballerina-Knight*** by Rachel McFarlane







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***Home at Last*** by Chris Raschka and Vera B. Williams

***I'm a Girl*** by Yasmeen Ismail

***Introducing Teddy: a Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship***

by Jessica Walton

***Julian is a Mermaid*** by Jessica Love

***Lucía the Luchadora*** by Cynthia Leonor Garza

***Mary Wears What She Wants*** by Keith Negley

***Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*** by Christine Baldacchino

***Ogilvy*** by Deborah Underwood

***Oliver Button is a Sissy*** by Tomie de Paola

***Pink is for Boys*** by Robb Pearlman

***Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution*** by Rob Sanders

***Teddy's Favorite Toy*** by Christian Trimmer

***The Zombie Prince*** by Matt Beam

***Worm Loves Worm*** by J.J. Austrian

## Non-Fiction

***A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns*** by Archie Bongiovanni  
and Tristan Jimerson

***A Quick and Easy Guide to Queer & Trans Identities*** by Mady G. and  
J.R. Zuckerberg

***Being Jazz : my life as a (transgender) teen*** by Jazz Jennings

***Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*** by Susan Kuklin

***Finding Nevo*** by Nevo Zesin

***LGBTQ+ Athletes Claim the Field: Striving for Equality*** by Kirstin Cronn-Mills

***Queer, There, And Everywhere: 23 people Who Changed the World***

by Sarah Prager

***Rapture Practice: A True Story about Growing Up Gay in an Evangelical  
Family*** by Aaron Hartzler

***Stonewall: Breaking out in the Fight for Gay Rights*** by Ann Bausum

***The letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to Their Younger Selves*** by Sarah Moon

***The 57 Bus*** by Dashka Slater

***Viral: The Fight Against AIDS in America*** by Ann Bausum

## Graphic Literature

***Honor Girl*** by Maggie Thrash

***Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me*** by Mariko Tamaki

***On a Sunbeam*** by Tillie Walden

***Pumpkin Heads*** by Rainbow Rowell

***Skim*** by Mariko Tamaki

***Spinning*** by Tillie Walden

***Tomboy*** by Liz Prince

## Poetry

***Don't Call Us Dead*** by Danez Smith

***I Shimmer Sometimes Too*** by Porsha Olayiwola

***Night Sky with Exit Wounds*** by Ocan Vuong

***Pansy*** by Andrea Gibson

***The Cure for Cold Feet: A Novel in Small Moments*** by Beth Aín

***The Tradition*** by Jericho Brown



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