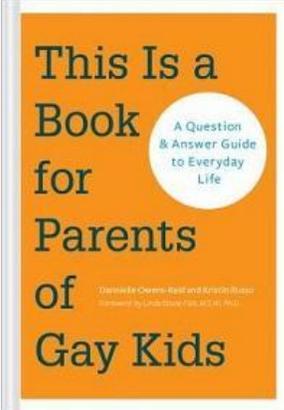
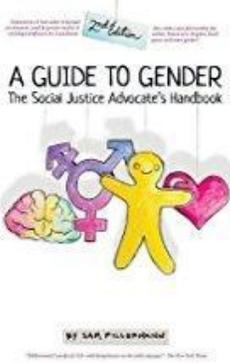
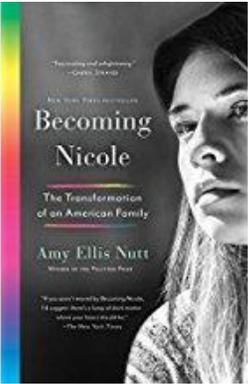


Book List for Families

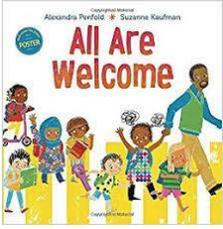
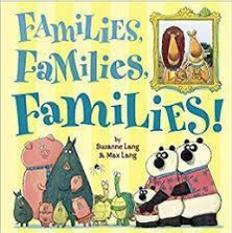
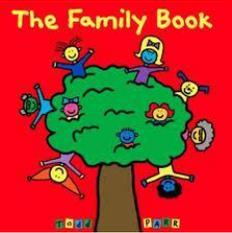
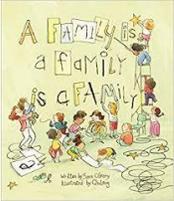
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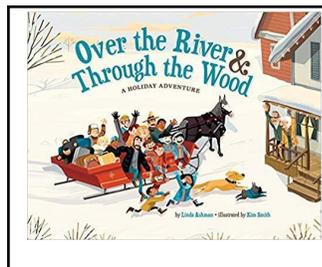
The other book lists come from the Welcoming Schools website.
<http://www.welcomingschools.org/>

Books For Parents

	<p><i>This Is a Book For Parents of Gay Kids: A Question and Answer Guide to Everyday Life.</i> Danielle Owens-Reid and Kristin Russo. 2014. This is a great introductory book for parents who are brand new to all things LGBT. It conveys a lot of very basic information in a question and answer format that serves as a good jumping-off point for parents who have recently had a child come out. The book is filled with real-life examples from gay kids and their parents. The authors also have several helpful videos on YouTube if you want to explore more after reading the book.</p>
	<p><i>A Guide to Gender (2nd Edition): The Social Justice Advocate's Handbook.</i> Sam Killerman. 2017. If terms like nonbinary, intersex, and genderqueer leave you scratching your head, this is the book for you. This handbook is an entertaining, easy-to-follow primer on understanding the complexity of gender. Killerman is straight but is often assumed gay because of his admittedly feminine tendencies in gender expression. He uses his own experiences in the book to help readers understand the important distinctions between gender identity, expression, and attraction. Killerman also has some additional education resources and a link to his TEDx Talk on his website.</p>
	<p><i>Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family.</i> Amy Ellis. 2017. Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Amy Ellis Nutt spent almost four years working with the Maines family to tell the story of a transgender girl and how her transition affected her entire family. Early on, Wyatt was clearly different than his twin brother Jonas, insisting he was a girl even as a toddler. Over the years, as Wyatt transitions to living as Nicole, the girl she knew herself to be, the family also undergoes a series of foundational changes. Nicole's journey would challenge everything they believed, bring the family closer together, and set them on a course to change the community around them.</p>

Diverse Books with All Kinds of Families LGBTQ Inclusive

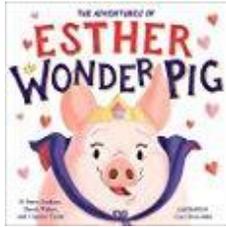
	<p><i>All Are Welcome.</i> Alexandra Penfold. 2018. (Pre-K–1) Follow a diverse group of children from all kinds of families through a day at school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. It lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.</p>
	<p><i>Families, Families, Families!</i> Suzanne and Max Lang. 2015. (Pre-K–2) A host of silly animals represent all kinds of families. Depicted as portraits, framed and hung, these goofy creatures offer a warm celebration of family love.</p>
	<p><i>The Family Book.</i> Todd Parr. 2003. (Pre-K–2) All kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, singleparent families, two-mom and two-dad families and families with a mom and a dad.</p>
	<p><i>Family Is a Family Is a Family.</i> Sara O'Leary. 2016. (Pre-K–2) When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways— but the same in the one way that matters most of all.</p>
	<p><i>One Family.</i> George Shannon. 2015. (Pre-K–2) While the text looks at numbers and the concept of “one” – one batch of cookies, one family, one world – the images portray a diverse range of people and families – multigenerational, interracial, gay.</p>



Over the River and Through the Woods. Linda Ashman. 2015. (Pre-K–2) The classic song gets a fresh new twist! The fun begins when Grandma and Grandpa send invitations to their far-flung, modern, and multiracial family.

Family and Who You Love LGBTQ Inclusive Diverse Picture Books

	<p>And Tango Makes Three. Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell. 2005. (Pre-K–2) Penguins Roy and Silo at New York’s Central Park Zoo, keep putting a rock in their nest and try to hatch it. The zookeeper gives them a real egg that needs care. The penguins take turns sitting on it until it hatches, and Tango is born.</p>
	<p>The Different Dragon. Jennifer Bryan. 2006. (Pre-K–2) Shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from his two moms, can lead to magical places with a dragon who is tired of being tough.</p>
	<p>Donovan's Big Day. Lesléa Newman. 2011. (Pre-K–2) Captures the excitement of a young boy as he and his extended family prepare for the boy’s two moms’ wedding. A picture book about love, family, and marriage.</p>
	<p>Keesha & Her Two Moms Go Swimming. Monica Bey-Clarke and Cheril Clarke. 2011. (Pre-K–2) Follows Keesha and her two moms for a day of swimming at the pool where she meets up with her best friend, Trevor and his two dads.</p>
	<p>Stella Brings the Family. Miriam B. Schiffer. 2015. (Pre-K–1) Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.</p>



The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig. Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter. 2018. (Pre-K–2) The true story of social media sensation Esther the Wonder Pig and her two dads. When Steve and Derek adopted a mini pig named Esther, they had no idea that she would turn out to be not-so-mini after all.

Family and Who You Love LGBTQ Inclusive Diverse Middle Grade Books

	<p><i>Better Nate Than Ever.</i> Tim Federle. (4–8) Nate plans an overnight escape to New York for an open casting call for E.T.: The Musical, knowing this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom. Also: Five, Six, Seven, Nate! and Nate Expectations</p>
	<p><i>Drama.</i> Raina Telgemeier. (5–8) Graphic novel through drama—a play—and drama between characters explores middle school feelings with boyfriends and girlfriends, and boyfriends and boyfriends. Diverse characters.</p>
	<p><i>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World.</i> Ashley Herring Blake. 2018. (5–7) In the wake of a destructive tornado, one girl develops feelings for another in this stunning, tender novel about emerging identity.</p>
	<p><i>The Lottery Plus One.</i> Emma Donoghue. 2017. (4–7) The Lotterys are: four parents, children both adopted and biological, and a menagerie of pets, all living and learning together in a sprawling house. Their lives are upturned when one of their grandfathers comes to live with them.</p>
	<p><i>The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.</i> Dana Alison Levy. 2015. (3–5) From new schools to old friends, from imaginary cheetahs to very real skunks, the Fletchers' school year is anything but boring – four boys, two dads, and one new neighbor who just might ruin everything. Sequel: The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island.</p>

	<p>Star Crossed. Barbara Dee. 2017. (4–6) Mattie is chosen to play Romeo opposite her crush, Gemma, in this Romeo and Juliet inspired novel. Is it possible to have a crush on both boys AND girls? There is a positive, accepting, supportive tone throughout the story.</p>
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Transgender, Non-Binary and Gender Expansive Children (and Animals) in Diverse Picture Books

	<p>Are You A Boy Or Are You A Girl? Sarah Savage. 2017. (Pre-K–2) Follow Tiny, a non-binary child who prefers gender-neutral pronouns and loves dressing up and playing football (soccer). When they start school, the other kids ask, “Are you a boy or are you a girl?” Tiny’s graceful answer introduces kids (and adults) to gender diversity and respecting those around you.</p>
	<p>Bunnybear. Andrea J. Loney. 2017 (Pre-K-2) Although Bunnybear was born a bear, he feels more like a bunny. The other bears don't understand him, and neither do the bunnies. Will Bunnybear ever find a friend who likes him just the way he is?</p>
	<p>A House for Everyone: A Story to Help Children Learn about Gender Identity and Gender Expression. 2018. Jo Hirst. (Pre-K–2) At lunchtime, all of Tom's friends gather at school to work together building their house. Each one of them has a special job to do, and each one of them has a different way of expressing their gender identity.</p>
	<p>I am Jazz. Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. 2014. (K–5) From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. Based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings.</p>

	<p><i>Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story about Gender and Friendship.</i> Jess Walton. 2016. (Pre-K–2) Introduces the youngest readers to understanding gender identity and transition in an accessible and heart-warming story about being true to yourself and being a good friend.</p>
	<p><i>Red: A Crayon's Story.</i> Michael Hall. 2015. (Pre-K-3) A blue crayon mistakenly labeled as "red" suffers an identity crisis. Almost everyone tries to “help” him be red until a friend offers a new perspective. He’s blue! About finding the courage to be true to your inner self.</p>

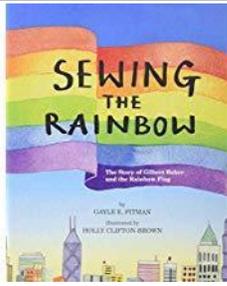
Transgender, Non-Binary and Gender Expansive Youth in Middle Grade Books

	<p><i>The Cardboard Kingdom.</i> Chad Sell. (2–4) Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters—and their own identities—on one last quest before school starts again. Graphic Novel.</p>
	<p><i>George.</i> Alex Gino. (5–6) When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George really wants to play Charlotte in Charlotte’s Web. Will she be able to?</p>
	<p><i>Gracefully Grayson.</i> Ami Polonsky. 2016. (5–7) Grayson has been holding onto a secret for what seems like forever: "he" is a girl on the inside. Will new strength from an unexpected friendship and a caring teacher's be enough to help Grayson step into the spotlight she was born to inhabit?</p>
	<p><i>Lily and Dunkin.</i> Donna Gephart. (6–9) As 8th grade begins both Lily and Dunkin are trying to establish new identities for themselves. Everyone sees Lily as Timothy, but she is ready for the real her to be known. Dunkin just moved to town and wants to leave his past behind.</p>

	<p><i>The Pants Project.</i> Cat Clarke. (3–6) Liv knows he was always meant to be a boy but he hasn't told anyone yet – not even his two moms. Now, his new school has a terrible dress code; he has to wear skirts! The only way for Liv to get what he wants is to go after it himself with a mission to change the policy and his life.</p>
	<p><i>Riding Freedom.</i> Pam Muñoz Ryan. (4–6) A fictionalized account of the true story of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, lived as a boy, moved to California, drove stagecoaches and continued to live as a man. Also available in Spanish.</p>

LGBTQ History

	<p><i>Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights.</i> Jerome Pohlen. (5–9) 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 put recent events into context.</p>
	<p><i>Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing.</i> 2017. Kay Haring. (1–5) Explores the life and art of Keith Haring, from his childhood through his meteoric rise to fame as told by his sister. Through his artwork he was able to reach a wide audience and spread awareness of AIDS.</p>
	<p><i>Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag.</i> Rob Sanders. (1–3) 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. A Junior Library Guild Selection</p>
	<p><i>Sewing the Rainbow: A Story About Gilbert Baker.</i> 2018. Gayle E. Pitman. (1–3) This book takes readers from Gilbert's childhood in a small town in Kansas where he didn't fit in, to the</p>



creation of the rainbow flag, and his historic artistic career in San Francisco.

The Stonewall Riots: The Fight for LGBT Rights (Hidden Heroes). Tristan Poehlmann. (5–9) Discusses the 1969 Stonewall Riots which is now commemorated each year with LGBTQ Pride. Look at what led up to them, what happened at Stonewall, key people, and how the riots launched the modern LGBT rights movement. Well researched. Engaging read.

When You Look Out the Window: How Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin Built a Community. Gayle E. Pitman. 2017. (K–3) Phyllis and Del point out landmarks through the city that can be seen out their window. Introduces children to untold stories in history while being a clever tribute to this notable couple.