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Recommended Books For LGBTQ Youth

Here is an extensive list of suggested book and movie titles for LGBTQ youth and their allies, teachers, and parents. Some may be harder to find than others. If your school library does not carry these books or movies, meet with the librarian to request them. For plot summaries of any of these books, download the pdfs at the top of the page.

Non-Fiction:


- Baez, Joan, Jennifer Howd, Rachel Pepper, et al (2007). *THE GAY AND LESBIAN GUIDE TO COLLEGE LIFE: A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER STUDENTS AND THEIR ALLIES*. New York: Random House.
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- Garden, Nancy (1982). ANNIE ON MY MIND. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux.
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