Here is a list of suggested 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, meet with the librarian to request them.

Non-Fiction:


Bechdel, Alison (2006). FUN HOME. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. A memoir told through the form of a graphic novel about a young woman coming to terms both with her own sexuality as well as her late father’s.


Fiction:


about two young women in New York City who meet and fall in love, despite the challenges they face when their relationship is discovered by the private high school one of the girls attends.


Hartinger, Brent (2002). THE GEOGRAPHY CLUB. New York: Harper Tempest. Closeted LGBT teens form a support group at their school but decide to call it a Geography Club, hoping to keep other students from joining.

Howe, James (2003). THE MISFITS. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks. Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Johnson, Maureen (2004). THE BERMUDEZ TRIANGLE. New York: Razorbill. Three best friends find their friendship put to the test when two of them fall in love with each other.


Levithan, David (2003). BOY MEETS BOY. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers. Set in an idealistically accepting high school, Paul’s problems lie not with the fact that he’s gay but with the entanglements of his past and current crushes.

MacLean, Judy (2003). ROSEMARY AND JULIET. New York: Alice Street Editions. Lesbian retelling of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, with two girls from very different communities—fundamentalist Christianity versus feminism—falling in love.


Reardon, Robert (2007). A SECRET EDGE. New York: Kensington. A senior who runs track for his high school’s team finds himself falling in love with Raj, an athlete from a different background.

Salat, Cristina (1993). LIVING IN SECRET. New York: Bantam. The story of a young girl who is taken away from her lesbian mother by the courts.


Silva, K.E. (2006). A SIMPLE DISTANCE. New York: Akashic Books. When Jean Sousa’s uncle, a high-ranking politician on the fictional Caribbean island of Baobique, is diagnosed with brain cancer, Jean is forced to reconcile difficult family relationships and her place among them.

