

# SAMPLING OF SUGGESTED READINGS FROM *THE EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO LGBT+ INCLUSION*

## YOUNG CHILDREN

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Blackstone, S. and Scribens, S. Illustrated by Christiane Engel. *Baby's First Words*. 2017. Barefoot Books.

- Two dads and their baby spend a busy day together learning new words.

Biggs, B. *Tinyville Town: I'm a Librarian*. 2017. Abrams Appleseed.

- A town librarian helps a patron find a book.

## PICTURE BOOKS

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Genhart, M. *Love is Love*. 2016. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky/Little Pickle Press.

- A young narrator with two dads is teased for wearing a t-shirt with a rainbow heart. Colorful illustrations highlight a diverse community, affirming the power of love.

O'Leary, S. Illustrated by Qin Leng. *A Family is a Family is a Family*. 2016. Groundwood.

- When a class discussed families, one child fears that her family will not be accepted.

Sanders, R. *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*. 2018. Random House.

- As an elected official, Harvey Milk worked with his community in San Francisco to create a symbol for gay rights and continued fighting for equality until his assassination.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Bell, E. *Allan Cole is Not a Coward*. 2017. HarperCollins.

- In this darkly funny novel about bullying and troubling family dynamics, Alan is blackmailed by his brother while coming to terms with his sexual identify.

Dee, B. *Star-Crossed*. 2017. Aladdin.

- In her middle school's production of *Romeo and Juliet*, Mattie chooses to play Paris because her crush, Gemma, is cast as Juliet.

## YOUNG ADULT, NON-FICTION

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Johnson, M. *How I Resist: Activism and Hope for the Next Generation*. 2018. Wednesday Books.

- This personal, creative, and deeply hopeful book features words of wisdom and guidance from writers and artists like Alex Gino, Malinda Lo, Jacqueline Woodson, and many more.

Mardell, A. *The ABC's of LGBT+*. 2016. Mango Media.

- Mardell's self-published reference book is an introductory text that looks at incredibly complex issues from both theoretical and anecdotal perspectives.

## YOUNG ADULT, FICTION

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Benway, R. *Far from the Tree*. 2017. HarperTeen.

- Three siblings, two adopted and one in the foster system, form a tenuous bond while trying to cope with life's many obstacles.

Forman, G. *I Have Lost My Way*. 2018. Viking Books for Young Readers.

- Freya, Harun, and Nathaniel have all suffered significant loss. Their lives intersect in New York City one fateful day, and they work together to heal.

Rivera, G., Quinones, J. *America, Vol. 1: The Life and Times of America Chavez*. 2017.

- America Chavez, Young Avenger and leader of the Ultimates, heads off to Sotomayor University, but in the midst of intimidatingly huge class projects, there are Nazis to punch, entitled cyborgs to deprogram and creepy fan cults to disband.

Usdin, C, & Vakueva, N. *Heavy Vinyl*. 2018. Boom! Box.

- The new girl at Heavy Vinyl Records, Chris, doesn't know that the manager and other employees double as a crime-battling, patriarch-busting female fight club. When the lead singer of Chris's favorite band goes missing, the group brings her in to help solve the mystery---and maybe even get the girl.