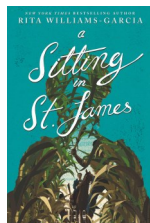


Sharpe, Tess

The Girls I've Been

YA Sharpe, Gr. 9 and up, Thriller/Suspense

The daughter of a con artist uses the skills gained from her troubled past to try to escape a bank robbery with her ex boyfriend and current girlfriend.



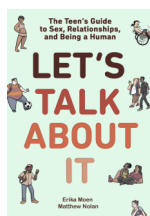
Williams-Garcia, Rita

A Sitting in St. James

YA Williams-Garcia, Gr. 9 and up, Historical Fiction

Exploring the multigenerational history of a plantation, the family that lived there, and the many enslaved people that were forced to work its land, this brutal novel sheds light on the generational trauma caused by slavery and racism.

Non Fiction



Moen, Erika and Matthew Nolan

Let's Talk About It

YA 306.70835 Mo, Gr. 9 and up, Non-Fiction

This graphic novel covers a wide-range of topics from body image and relationships to safe sex and consent. Using diagrams along with a vignette style of storytelling, we see dialog between an inclusive cast of characters that are not only informative, but also give the reader examples of how to approach these topics in real life.

Graphic Novels



Gaku, Keito

***Boys Run the Riot**

YA GN Boys Run the Riot or YA GN Gaku
Gr. 9 and up, Realistic Fiction

Ryo spends his high school days dreading interacting with his classmates and being forced to wear the girl version of his school uniform. The only time he feels like himself is when he can wear the clothes he loves and is accepted as a boy. When the new kid Jin shows up in his class, Ryo thinks he's just another tough bully to avoid, but he soon finds out that they both share a love for fashion that lets people break free of societal expectations and allows them to represent their true selves. Together, they decide to start their own clothing brand, and Ryo is able to find a place where his trans identity is accepted and celebrated.



Ostertag, Molly Knox

***The Girl from the Sea**

YA GN Girl From the Sea or YA GN Ostertag
Gr. 6 and up, Fantasy

In this beautiful graphic novel, Morgan keeps lots of secrets. Morgan hates where she lives, she wants to kiss a girl, and she is falling in love with Keltie. The thing about secrets is that they never stay hidden for long, and they are going to surface even if the girls don't want them to.

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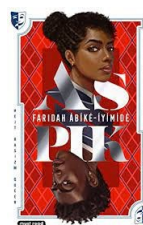
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Rainbow List for Teens

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Fiction



Abiké-Iyimidé, Faridah

***Ace of Spades**

YA Abiké-Iyimidé, Gr. 8 and up, Thriller Fiction

A thriller which explores structural racism at a private school. Honor students Chiamaka and Devon find themselves the victims of an anonymous texter named Aces, who leaks private information to the entire school which threatens their status as prefects, as well as their futures.



Adler, Dahlia

Cool for the Summer

YA Adler, Gr. 9 and up, Realistic Fiction

Seventeen-year-old Lara has had a huge crush on football star Chase Harding for years, and when the new school year starts Chase finally seems interested in Lara. Yet, after spending a perfect summer with a girl named Jasmine, Lara finds herself not as excited about the prospect of dating Chase as she thought she would be.

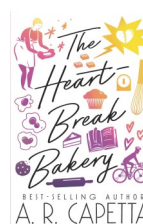


Bayron, Kalynn

***This Poison Heart**

YA Bayron, Gr. 7 and up, Fantasy

Briseis has always known that she could magically grow plants. Her childhood was always out of control because plants grew towards her. When an aunt from her birth mother dies and leaves Briseis her family house, Briseis is thrown into a world she knew nothing about. She always yearned to understand herself, but she never thought this was where she was heading.



Capetta, A. R.

The Heartbreak Bakery

YA Capetta, Gr. 9 and up, Magical Realism

Teenage baker Syd loves working at a queer bakery in Austin. However, after Syd is dumped, Syd bakes some breakup brownies that actually cause other couples to break up! Can Syd bake a batch to help Syd's relationship as well as those around Syd?

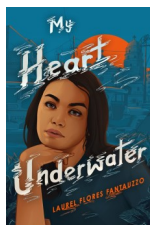


Deonn, Tracy

***Legendborn**

YA Deonn, Gr. 8 and up, Fantasy

Tracy Deonn has written a thrilling story that follows Bree Matthews as she learns more about her magical abilities and the truth behind her mother's death. While at a residential program at UNC-Chapel Hill, Bree is introduced to a secret society called "Legendborn" and learns more than she ever thought possible.



Fantauzzo, Laurel Flores

My Heart Underwater

YA Fantauzzo, Gr. 9 and up, Realistic Fiction

As a Filipina American teenager growing up in Southern California, Corazon Tagubio struggles with the weight of her parents' expectations and her emerging sexuality. She finds a sense of connection with Ms. Holden, a young, sympathetic teacher, but when Cory's mom finds them kissing, Cory is abruptly sent to Manila to stay with an older half-brother she barely knows.



Fitzsimons, Isaac

***The Passing Playbook**

YA Fitzsimons, Gr. 7 and up, Realistic Fiction

Spencer's parents decide to send him to a liberal, private school after his transition. Here, he finds accepting friends and a new soccer team, but no one knows he is trans. That is until his coach is forced to bench him when Spencer's birth certificate has an 'F' on it. Will he fight it or spend the rest of the season on the sidelines?



Garrett, Camryn

Off The Record

YA Garrett, Gr. 9 and up, Realistic Fiction

Up and coming teen journalist Josie gets the opportunity to profile rising actor, Marius Canet after winning a writing contest. Through the whirlwind world tour, Josie soon discovers a much bigger story that could change the trajectory of her career and her life.



Gonzales, Sophie

Perfect on Paper

YA Gonzales, Gr. 8 and up, Romance

Darcy is great at giving relationship advice. So good that she runs Locker 89, an abandoned locker her classmates leave letters in for anonymous advice. No one knows Darcy runs Locker 89 until Alexander Brougham catches her in the act. Brougham promises not to tell anyone the truth if Darcy agrees to help him win back his ex-girlfriend. Darcy does not want her true identity shared, especially since she anonymously gave less than stellar advice to her best friend and crush Brooke, and agrees to help Brougham. But as Darcy and Brougham spend more time together, Darcy starts crushing on both Brougham and Brooke.

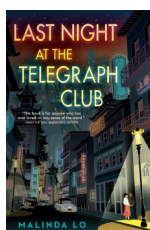


Jaigirdar, Adiba

***Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating**

YA Jaigirdar, Gr. 8 and up, Romance

When Humaira "Hani" Khan's friends question her bisexuality because she's never gone out with a girl, Hani impulsively claims she does have a girlfriend--Ishita "Ishu" Dey, who's more of a casual acquaintance. To keep from being found out, Hani asks Ishu to pretend to date her, and Ishu agrees in the hopes of boosting her popularity at school. Both have something to gain from the fake relationship, but developing real feelings for each other wasn't part of the plan.



Lo, Malinda

***Last Night at the Telegraph Club**

YA Lo, Gr. 8 and up, Historical Fiction

The year is 1954, and Lily Hu lives with her family in San Francisco's Chinatown. With her new friend Kath, they discover a lesbian bar that opens her eyes to the world of butches and femmes. As her relationship with Kath grows she must learn how to keep the club visits and her emerging lesbian identity a secret from her family, who are already worried about the Red Scare and the government threatening their citizenship.



Lucas, Chad.

***Thanks a Lot, Universe**

YA Lucas, Gr. 5 and up, Realistic Fiction

Brian and his brother are put into foster care after their dad goes on the run from the police. Ezra has always been the popular guy. When Brian starts to pull away from his friends on the basketball team, Ezra has to decide whether or not to help even if it will show his true feelings for Brian.



Machais, Jules

***Both Can Be True**

YA Machais, Gr. 5 and up, Realistic Fiction

Ash and Daniel both have trouble fitting into boxes. Ash is nonbinary and identifies with different genders, and Daniel is teased for being too emotional. But when they come together to help rescue a stray dog, they find affirmation and belonging.

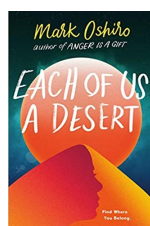


Murphy, Julie

Pumpkin

YA Murphy, Gr. 8 and up, Realistic Fiction

Fat and openly gay Waylon Brewer becomes an unlikely candidate for prom queen in his small Texas hometown when his audition tape for a popular drag performance show leaks.

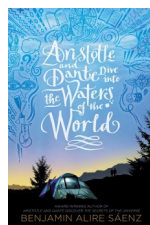


Oshiro, Mark

***Each of Us a Desert**

YA Oshiro, Gr. 7 and up, Fantasy Fiction

Xochitl has had no choice but to be the cuentista for her village, the one who delivers people's stories to Solis in order to relieve them of emotional burdens and avoid nightmare manifestations. After she gives the stories to Solis, she forgets them, keeping these confessions confidential, but after receiving a story that changes everything she knows about her village, Xochitl decides to hold onto it instead. Xochitl soon finds herself on a journey with a strange girl through the desert wilderness, following a set of mysterious poems in order to understand the world and her place in it.



Sáenz, Benjamin Alire

Aristotle and Dante Dive Into the Waters of the World

YA Sáenz, Gr. 9 and up, Realistic Fiction

Picking up after the events of the first book, this story follows Aristotle as he learns how to love Dante and let himself be loved in return. While struggling with his sexuality and self image, Ari finds friendship in unexpected places, learns to let go of the past, and opens himself up to those close to him. Taking place during the AIDS pandemic, Ari must learn to use his voice to assert his place in a world that doesn't always seem to want him in it.



Schrefer, Eliot

***The Darkness Outside Us**

YA Schrefer or YA-SF Schrefer, Gr. 7 and up, Science Fiction/Romance

In a future where humanity's hopes for survival are pinned on space exploration, the two remaining countries on Earth send representatives to answer a distress beacon. Alone in space with only their ship's operating system to guide them, Ambrose and Kodiak must learn to trust each other. When it becomes clear that there's more to their mission than meets the eye, they must work together to find out what's really going on.