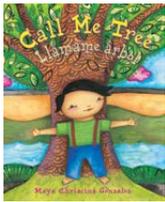


The following books capture the celebration of the gender spectrum, family structures, sexuality, identity, and more through engaging storylines featuring relatable children and young people. Promote awareness and advocacy with these children’s books featuring LGBTQ+ voices and perspectives while also addressing universal themes in any relevant setting. For more ideas about using LGBTQ+ children’s literature in your respective setting, check out the video recording of Lee & Low’s webinar, LGBTQ+ Children’s Books: A Conversation with authors Kyle Lukoff, Lesléa Newman, and Maya Christina Gonzalez ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LDg3fw4C3E>).



**Call Me Tree/Llámame Árbol** • written and illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez

GRADES PreK-3

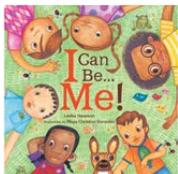
A gender-neutral tale of self-discovery told by a child who grows, learns about the natural world, embraces others, and is free to become whoever he or she is meant to be—a child as unique as a tree. Bilingual English/Spanish.



**The Talent Show** • written by Samantha Thornhill, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez

GRADES PreK-3

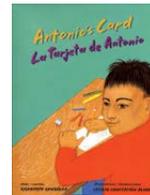
In this new book in the popular Confetti Kids series, Henry is nervous about sharing his dance moves at the school talent show.



**I Can Be...Me!** • written by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez

GRADES PreK-3

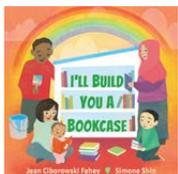
From bestselling author Lesléa Newman – a joyful picture book celebration of individuality, uniqueness, and children’s freedom to express themselves while engaging in whatever kinds of play they choose.



**Antonio’s Card/La tarjeta de Antonio** • written by Rigoberto González, illustrated by Cecilia Álvarez

GRADES PreK-5

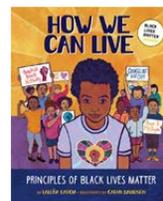
In this groundbreaking bilingual picture book, Antonio decides to make a Mother’s Day card for both his mother and her partner.



**I’ll Build You a Bookcase** • written by Jean Ciborowski Fahey, illustrated by Simone Shin

GRADES PreK-3

In this charming picture book, children and their caregivers work together to build home libraries and discover the magic and wonder of reading books.



**How We Can Live: Principles of Black Lives Matter** • written by Laleña Garcia, illustrated by Caryn Davidson

GRADES PreK-5

The first children’s book to feature material from the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, this beautiful picture book will engage hearts and minds as it introduces children to the guiding principles of the Black Lives Matter movement.

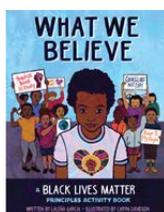
To find out more or purchase these books, visit our website at [leeandlow.com](http://leeandlow.com).



**Sparkle Boy** • written by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Maria Mola

GRADES PreK-5

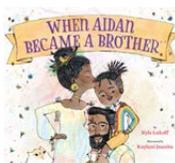
Young Casey loves sparkly things, but his older sister Jessie does not approve of his interest until an encounter with bullies helps her learn to accept and respect Casey for who he is.



**What We Believe: A Black Lives Matter Principles Activity Book** • written by Laleña Garcia, illustrated by Caryn Davidson

GRADES PreK-5

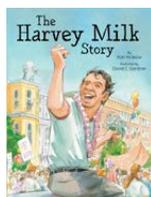
This powerful activity book will engage hands, hearts, and minds as it introduces children to the guiding principles of the Black Lives Matter movement.



**When Aidan Became a Brother** • written by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

GRADES PreK-5

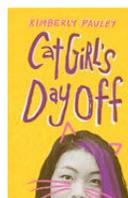
This sweet #ownvoices picture book celebrates the changes in a transgender boy's life, from his initial coming-out to becoming a big brother.



**The Harvey Milk Story** • written by Kari Krakow, illustrated by David Gardner

GRADES 3-5

A hopeful and inspiring biography of the historic gay activist Harvey Milk, who gave people the courage to be proud of who they are.



**Cat Girl's Day Off** • written by Kimberly Pauley

GRADES 5-8

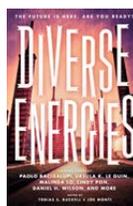
In this hilarious YA homage to Ferris Bueller's Chicago, Natalie must use her Talent of talking to cats to solve a high-profile celebrity kidnapping.



**Miosotis Flores Never Forgets** • written by Hilda Eunice Burgos

GRADES 5-8

Perfect for fans of Meg Medina and Barbara O'Connor, this heartfelt novel about family, pets, and other things we hold close is one that you'll never forget.



**Diverse Energies** • edited by Tobias Buckell and Joe Monti; written by 11 speculative fiction authors

GRADES 8-12

A collection of dystopian short stories featuring diverse main characters and by authors of color.



**Boys of the Beast** • written by Monica Zepeda

GRADES 9-12+

Three cousins. Four days. One car. This smart and fearless road-trip novel is perfect for fans of David Levithan, Benjamin Alire Saenz, or Meg Medina.

To find out more or purchase these books, visit our website at [leeandlow.com](http://leeandlow.com).



**Gabi, a Girl in Pieces** • written by Isabel Quintero

GRADES 9-12+

In this groundbreaking William C. Morris Award winner for a YA debut, Gabi's life is a mess—her family, her friends, her attempts at a love life—but writing helps, especially since it turns out she's pretty good at poetry.



**That Summer Night on Frenchmen Street** • written by Chris Clarkson

GRADES 9-12+

Set in magical New Orleans, two teens from vastly different worlds discover that sharing their strengths, including the love of their friends and family, may just be the path to finding wholeness within themselves.



**Jaya And Rasa: A Love Story** • by Sonia Patel

GRADES 9-12+

Jaya's a rich kid. Rasa's motherless and broke. Opposite sides of the tracks. Romeo and Juliet, on fair Oahu.

To find out more or purchase these books, visit our website at [leeandlow.com](http://leeandlow.com).

## Resources from LGTBQ Organizations & Advocacy Groups

### Transgender Resources

- **GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation)** lists resources, organizations, and general information for transgender youth, adults, and families (<https://www.glaad.org/transgender/resources>). Explore these resources and organizations to find out how you can support and advocate for transgender youth in your school, community, and country.
- **ACLU has an “LGBTQ Youth & Schools Resource Library”** (<https://www.aclu.org/library-lgbt-youth-schools-resources-and-links>) that provides general resources, information, and organizations that help educators, librarians, and administrators learn about what they can do to make schools and libraries more welcoming, safer places.
- **The Trevor Project** is the world’s largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ young people. Check out the Trevor Project’s information and resources on further training for allies and youth-serving adults that focus on mental health for LGBTQ youth (<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/public-education/>).
- **GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network)** has resources dedicated to centering and supporting trans and gender non-conforming students and educators (<https://www.glsen.org/supporting-trans-and-gnc-students>)

### LGBTQ Books for Young Readers

- **Welcoming Schools has a book list, “Great Diverse Children’s Books with Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Expansive Children”** for additional reading in your respective setting.  
<http://www.welcomingschools.org/pages/looking-at-gender-identity-with-childrens-books>
- **The ALA Stonewall Book Award** (<http://www.ala.org/rt/glbtrt/award/stonewall>) and **Rainbow List** provide lists of award-winning, quality books with LGBTQ+ content for young readers (<https://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/>)

### Talking about Gender with Children

- Maya Gonzalez created the **Gender Wheel** as an opportunity for children and adults to see a range of bodies, the roots of the gender system, and how we can make room for all bodies and genders today.  
<http://www.genderwheel.com/>  
<http://www.reflectionpress.com/our-books/the-gender-wheel/>  
<http://www.genderwheel.com/resources/free-downloads/#tree-guide>
- **Welcoming Schools** has compiled lesson plans to help students understand gender, support transgender and non-binary children, and get young people involved in advocacy and change.  
<http://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/lesson-plans/transgender-youth/transgender-with-books/>
- **Garden State Equality & State-Affiliated Programs** Look to organizations such as Garden State Equality, New Jersey’s LGBTQ+ organization, and other state-based programs that have resources on trainings, curriculum, and additional information about how to incorporate LGBTQ+ education in your respective setting.  
<https://www.gardenstateequality.org/>