

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: LGBTQ+ YA FICTION & GRAPHIC NOVELS

YA FICTION



Adaptation by Malinda Lo

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

In the aftermath of a series of plane crashes caused by birds, seventeen-year-old Reese and her debate-team partner, David, receive medical treatment at a secret government facility and become tangled in a conspiracy that is, according to Reese's friend, Julian, connected with aliens and UFOs.



Between perfect and real by Ray Stoeve

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Dean Foster has watched enough YouTube videos and done enough questioning to be sure he's a trans guy. But everyone at his high school thinks he's a lesbian-- including his girlfriend Zoe, and his theater director, who just cast him as a "nontraditional" Romeo. Maybe it would be easier to wait until college to come out. But as he plays Romeo every day in rehearsals, Dean realizes he wants everyone to see him as he really is now- not just on the stage, but everywhere in his life.



Camp by L. C. Rosen

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
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At Camp Outland, a camp for LGBTQIA teens, sixteen-year-old Randall "Del" Kapplehoff's plan to have Hudson Aaronson-Lim fall in love with him succeeds, but both are hiding their true selves.



Cemetery boys by Aiden Thomas

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
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When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free. But the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is determined to find out what happened-- and tie up some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave.



Cool for the summer by Dahlia Adler

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Larissa has finally attracted the attention of superstar quarterback Chase Harding, the guy she's crushed on since middle school. Then Jasmine Killary shows up. Jasmine, who's supposed to be in North Carolina, not the New York City suburbs. Jasmine, who immediately entices Stratford's student body with her glittering beauty and casual-cool style. Jasmine, who gave Larissa the three most perfect months of her life. If Larissa's finally got the guy, why can't she stop thinking about the girl?



Dark and deepest red

by Anna-Marie McLemore

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
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Summer, 1518. A strange sickness sweeps through Strasbourg: women dance in the streets, some until they fall down dead. As rumors of witchcraft spread, suspicion turns toward Lavinia and her family, and Lavinia may have to do the unimaginable to save herself and everyone she loves. Five centuries later, a pair of red shoes seal to Rosella Oliva's feet, making her dance uncontrollably. They draw her toward a boy who knows the dancing fever's history better than anyone: Emil, whose family was blamed for the fever five hundred years ago. But there's more to what happened in 1518 than even Emil knows, and discovering the truth may decide whether Rosella survives the red shoes.



First spring grass fire by Rae Spoon

◆ [Book](#)

A candid, powerful story about a young person growing up queer in a strict Pentecostal family in Alberta. The narrator attends church events and Billy Graham rallies faithfully with their family before discovering the music that becomes their salvation and means of escape. As their father's schizophrenia causes their parents' marriage to unravel, the narrator finds solace and safety in the company of their siblings, in their nascent feelings for a girl at school, and in their growing awareness that they are not the person their parents think they are.

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The gravity of us by Phil Stamper

- ◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
- ◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Teen boys find love when their parents' NASA mission uproots their lives in this sweet debut perfect for Adam Silvera fans.



The grief keeper by Alexandra Villasante

- ◆ [Book](#) ◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

After escaping a detention center at the U.S. border, seventeen-year-old Marisol agrees to participate in a medical experiment hoping to keep her and her younger sister, Gabi, from being deported to El Salvador.



How (not) to ask a boy to prom by S.J. Goslee

- ◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

Nolan Grant is sixteen, gay, and very, very single. He's never had a boyfriend, or even been kissed. It's not like Penn Valley is exactly brimming with prospects. Nolan plans to ride out the rest of his junior year drawing narwhals, working at the greenhouse, and avoiding anything that involves an ounce of school spirit. Unfortunately for him, his adoptive big sister has other ideas. Ideas that involve too-tight pants, a baggie full of purple glitter, and worst of all: a Junior-Senior prom ticket.



If I was your girl by Meredith Russo

- ◆ [Book](#)

Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.



The key to you and me

by Jaye Robin Brown

- ◆ [Book](#)

Piper Kitts is spending the summer living with her grandmother, training at the barn of a former Olympic horseback rider, and trying to get over her ex-girlfriend. Her grandmother is making her face her fear of driving head-on by taking lessons from a girl in town. Kat Pearson has always suspected that she likes girls but fears her North Carolina town is too small to color outside the lines. Piper is not sure if she's ready to let go of her ex; Kat is navigating uncharted territory with her new crush. Will they be able to unlock a future together?



Kings, queens, and in-betweens

by Tanya Boteju

- ◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
- ◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

After a bewildering encounter at her small town's annual summer festival, seventeen-year-old biracial, queer Nima plunges into the world of drag, where she has the chance to explore questions of identity, acceptance, self-expression, and love.



Last night at the Telegraph Club

by Malinda Lo

- ◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
- ◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father--despite his hard-won citizenship--Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.



The love & lies of Rukhsana Ali

by Sabina Khan

- ◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
- ◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Seventeen-year-old Rukhsana Ali is looking forward to going to Caltech and getting away from her conservative Muslim parents' expectation that she will marry, especially since she is in love with her girlfriend Ariana--but when her parents catch her kissing Ariana, they whisk Rukhsana off to Bangladesh and a world of tradition and arranged marriages, and she must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path.



None of the above by I.W. Gregorio

- ◆ [Book](#)

A groundbreaking story about a teenage girl who discovers she's intersex ... and what happens when her secret is revealed to the entire school. Incredibly compelling and sensitively told, None of the Above is a thought-provoking novel that explores what it means to be a boy, a girl, or something in between

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Princeless - Raven, the pirate princess: Captain Raven and the all-girl pirate crew by Jeremy Whitley

◆ [Book](#)

Fresh off her adventures in the pages of Princeless, Raven is ready to set out on her quest for revenge against her brothers. They've stolen everything that should be hers and now she's going to get it back. But first, she needs a crew. Share the laughs, action, and adventure as Raven assembles the fearless crew of awesome ladies who will help her get her revenge.



Sasha Masha by Agnes Borinsky

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

Alex just wants to be a Real Boy, to feel like he belongs in his home, his family, his skin. Then comes Tracy, who thinks he's adorably awkward, who lives Alex's goofy smile and his awkwardness. When they begin dating, Alex feels strange in his role of "boyfriend." In his daydreams, Alex tries on dresses and swipes on lipstick. Then he meets Andre, a gay boy who is beautiful and unafraid to be who he is. Slowly, Alex begins to realize: maybe his name isn't Alex at all. Maybe it's Sasha Masha.



Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda by Becky Albertalli

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed



The Sky blues by Robbie Couch

◆ [Book](#)

Seventeen-year-old Sky, openly gay but under the radar, decides to make a splashy Promposal - but his plans are leaked by an anonymous, homophobic hacker. This moves his classmates to help him expose the perpetrator.



Symptoms of being human by Jeff Garvin

◆ [Book](#)

Some days Riley feels like a boy, some days Riley feels like a girl. Over the course of the book Riley starts an anonymous blog to talk about gender: it goes viral but an unnamed person threatens to reveal Riley's real life identity.



Tell me how you really feel

by Aminah Mae Safi

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

Aminah Mae Safi's Tell Me How You Really Feel is an ode to romantic comedies, following two girls on opposite sides of the social scale as they work together to make a movie and try very hard not to fall in love.



When the moon was ours

by Anna-Marie McLemore

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

As their deep friendship turns to love, Latina teenager Miel, who grows roses from her wrist, and Italian-Pakistani Samir, a transgender boy, fear their secrets will be exposed by the beautiful Bonner girls, four sisters rumored to be witches.



You should see me in a crown

by Leah Johnson

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
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Liz Lighty has always done her best to avoid the spotlight in her small, wealthy, and prom-obsessed midwestern high school, instead she has concentrated on her grades and her musical ability in the hopes that it will win her a scholarship to elite Pennington College and their famous orchestra where she plans to study medicine--but when that scholarship falls through she is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen, which plunges her into the gauntlet of social media which she hates and leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of true friendships.



Zara Hossain is here by Sabina Khan

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)
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Ever since her family moved to Texas from Pakistan when she was a baby, seventeen-year-old Zara Hossain has only ever called Corpus Christi home. Being the only Muslim girl at her conservative Catholic school, blending in isn't really an option, especially with people like Tyler Benson always tormenting her. But one day Tyler defaces Zara's locker with a racist message, which gets him suspended. As an act of revenge, Tyler and his friends vandalize the Hossains' house with Islamophobic graffiti, which leads to a violent crime that puts Zara and her family's entire future at risk

GRAPHIC NOVELS



As the crow flies by Melanie Gillman

◆ [Book](#)

As the Crow Flies is a story about Charlie — a queer, Black 13 year old girl who finds herself stranded in a dangerous place: an all-white Christian youth backpacking camp.



Flamer by Mike Curato

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

It's the summer between middle school and high school, and Aiden Navarro is away at camp. Everyone's going through changes--but for Aiden, the stakes feel higher. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can't stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance.



Kiss number 8 by Colleen AF Venable

◆ [Book](#)

Mads is pretty happy with her life. She goes to church with her family, and minor league baseball games with her dad. She goofs off with her best friend Cat, and has thus far managed to avoid getting kissed by Adam, the boy next door. It's everything she hoped it would be but Mads is starting to figure out that she doesn't want to kiss Adam... because the only person she wants to kiss is Cat.



The magic fish by Trung Le Nguyen

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

Real life isn't a fairytale. But Tiễn still enjoys reading his favorite stories with his parents from the books he borrows from the local library. It's hard enough trying to communicate with your parents as a kid, but for Tiễn, he doesn't even have the right words because his parents are struggling with their English. Is there a Vietnamese word for what he's going through? Is there a way to tell them he's gay?



Mooncakes written by Suzanne Walker

◆ [Book](#) ◆ [eBook](#)

Nova Huang knows more about magic than your average teen witch. She works at her grandmothers' bookshop, where she helps them loan out spell books and investigate any supernatural occurrences in their New England town. One fateful night, she follows reports of a white wolf into the woods, and she comes across the unexpected: her childhood crush, Tam Lang, battling a horse demon in the woods. As a werewolf, Tam has been wandering from place to place for years, unable to call any town home. Pursued by dark forces eager to claim the magic of wolves and out of options, Tam turns to Nova for help. Their latent feelings are rekindled against the backdrop of witchcraft, untested magic, occult rituals, and family ties both new and old in this enchanting tale of self-discovery.



Our dreams at dusk = Shimanami tasogare

Story & art by Yuhki Kamatani

◆ [Book](#)

Not only is high schooler Tasuku Kaname the new kid in town, he is also terrified that he had been outed as gay. Just as he's contemplating doing the unthinkable, Tasuku meets a mysterious woman who leads him to a group of people dealing with problems not so different from his own. In this realistic, heartfelt depiction of LGBTQ+ characters from different backgrounds finding their place in the world, a search for inner peace proves to be the most universal experience of all



Skim by Jillian Tamaki

◆ [eBook](#)

Skim is Kimberly Keiko Cameron, a not-slim, would-be Wiccan goth stuck in a private girls' school in Toronto. When a classmate's boyfriend kills himself because he was rumoured to be gay, the school goes into mourning overdrive, each clique trying to find something to hold on to and something to believe in. It's a weird time to fall in love, but that's high school, and that's what happens to Skim when she starts to meet in secret with her neo-hippie English teacher, Ms. Archer.