

YA APP

**Kissing Tennessee and Other Stories from the Stardust Dance** by Kathi Appelt

The eighth-grade Stardust Dance at Dogwood Junior High School is the place where dreams just might come true. Tawny has borrowed shoes with red rhinestone bows to wear. Mary Sarah for the first time in her life puts on forbidden lipstick. Russ wonders if he'll ever get over his first love. Peggy Lee is enchanted by Tennessee's kisses. And Cub Tanner hides from the whole affair on the school roof as he nurses a surprising secret crush.

YA ATK

**Alt Ed** by Catherine Atkins

Participating in a special after-school counseling class with other troubled students, including a sensitive gay classmate, helps Susan, an overweight tenth grader, develop a better sense of herself.

YA BEC

**If It Doesn't Kill You** by Margaret Bechard

High school freshman Ben should be enjoying playing football, meeting girls, and going to parties, but he's too busy trying to cope with his father's moving out to live with another man.

YA BEN

**Gravel Queen** by Tea Benduhn

All Aurin wants to do the summer before her senior year in high school is hang out with her friends Kenney and Fred, but when she falls in love with Neila, everything changes.

YA CHB

**Perks of Being a Wallflower** by Stephen Chbosky

Fifteen-year-old Charlie is an outcast who finds refuge in a group of older teens who take him under their wing. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie is navigating through the strange worlds of love, drugs, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show", and dealing with the loss of a good friend and his favorite aunt.

YA CRU

**Ironman** by Chris Crutcher

Bo has been at war with his father for as long as he can remember. The rage he feels gives him the energy as a triathlete to press his body to the limit. But it also translates into angry outbursts toward his teachers. Bo has been assigned to Anger Management sessions with the school truants. With an eclectic mix of hard-edged students, Bo may finally have to deal with his long-brewing hatred for his father before it eats away at him completely.

YA FER

**Eight Seconds** by Jean Ferris

Eighteen-year-old John must confront his own sexuality when he goes to rodeo school and finds himself strangely attracted to an older boy who is smart, tough, complicated, gorgeous, and gay.

YA FUT

**Crush** by Jane Fatcher

In her final year at a prestigious boarding school, reserved, artistic Jinx is badly hurt by the treachery of the rich, pretty girl she has considered her best friend.

YA HAR

**Geography Club** by Brent Hartinger

A closeted gay high school sophomore named Russel meets Kevin, a jock from his school, in a gay chat room. Their tentative decision to meet and their awkward initial conversation convincingly portray the conflict of wanting to reach out but afraid of being found out.

YA HIN

**Out of the Shadows** by Sue Hines

Three Australian teenagers try to remain good friends after learning the truth about each other.

YA HOW

**The Misfits** by James Howe

Set in the seventh grade this story is about four misfits. Joe Bunch who at twelve knows he's gay and figures it's up to the rest of the world to deal with it. Having always been somewhat outrageous he's used to being called faggot and fairy. With three other misfits Joe forms a political party to end name-calling at school.

YA JEN

**Breaking Boxes** by A.M. Jenkins

Charlie Calmont is a teenage loner. His parents are gone and except for his older brother Trent, he doesn't need anyone, especially friends. But when Charlie ends up suspended after a school fight he meets Brandon Chase and things begin to change. For once Charlie makes a connection and allows himself to care. Then he reveals something about Trent and Brandon turns away.

YA JOH

**Bermudez Triangle** by Maureen Johnson

The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.

YA KER

**Deliver Us from Evie** by M. E. Kerr

Sixteen-year-old Parr and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, when she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker.

YA LAR

**Absolutely Positively Not** by David LaRocelle

Steven is a sixteen-year-old boy with two obsessions: sex and getting his driving license. The problem is Steven is not thinking girls when he's thinking sex. Could he be (don't say it) gay? Steven sets out to get in touch with his inner he-man. But are his tactics going to straighten him out or leave him all twisted up? Absolutely hilarious. But absolutely, positively NOT GAY!

TA LEV

**Boy Meets Boy** by David Levithan

A hilarious and delightful story about one teenager's sophomore year in a kind of utopia, where tolerance reigns and shame is banished. The world in which Paul lives is utterly devoid of homophobia. It's Paul's love life that's complicated.

YA MYR

**Kissing Kate** by Lauren Myracle

Sixteen-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes after they kiss at a party. Lissa does not know what to do, until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.

YA PET

**Keeping You a Secret** by Julie Anne Peters

As she begins a very tough last semester of high school, Holland finds herself puzzled about her future and intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a Lesbigan club at school.

YA SAN

**Rainboy Boys** by Alex Sanchez

A love triangle forms between three teenage boys each at a different stage of coming out. Seventeen-year-old basketball player Jason has a girlfriend but dreams about guys. When he gets the courage to attend a meeting for gay teens he is shocked to find two of his classmates there.

YA SAN


**Rainbow High** by Alex Sanchez

Follows three gay high school seniors as they struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love, and college choices.


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**So Hard to Say** by Alex Sanchez

Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends. But when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay.



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