LGBTQ+ Fiction as of 3/19

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While serving in Afghanistan, Ben writes about incidents from his senior year in a small-town Wisconsin high school, when a neighbor he was trying to help out becomes the victim of an apparent hate crime and Ben falls under suspicion.

The summer after graduating from an Iowa high school, eighteen-year-old Dade Hamilton watches his parents' marriage disintegrate, ends his long-term, secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love.

eBook F COL  Colbert, Brandy, author. Little & Lion.
Sixteen-year-old Suzette has returned to Los Angeles for the summer after being away at boarding school. Happy to be back with her racially blended family—Suzette and her mother are black, while her father and brother Lionel are white—Suzette is anxious to spend time with her old friends and help her brother, who has been struggling with bipolar disorder. When Lionel confides that he's going off his medication, Suzette is afraid that telling anyone will destroy their relationship. To make matters worse, Suzette finds herself falling for the same girl Lionel has feelings for.

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A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.

Ellie Gold, an orthodox Jewish teenager in the 1980s, struggles to cope with her newly-discovered homosexuality and her strict religion's rules against homosexuality, until her mother and sister offer her an alternate concept of God that helps Ellie accept her lifestyle.

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eBook F QUI  Quintero, Isabel, author. Gabi, a girl in pieces.
Gabi Hernandez chronicles her crushes, tensions with her Mexican American family, and the struggles she and her friends experience during her last year of high school.

Danny is pretty sure he is gay, but he spends his summer trying to prove otherwise.

eBook F SAE  Sáenz, Benjamin Alire, author. The inexplicable logic of my life.
Sal has always felt at home with his adoptive gay father and his Mexican-American family, but when senior year of high school comes around, Sal finds himself questioning everything he ever thought he knew about himself.

eBook F SIL  Silvera, Adam, 1990- author. History is all you left me.
Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident.

Derek is forced to face his sexuality and his troubled relationship with his father after he meets an injured young woman who helps him realize what is truly important in life.

During a summer in New York, Hope falls in love with another girl and must decide whether she is gay.
Sixteen-year-old Simon Spier quietly enjoys flirtatious emails between himself and a guy calling himself "Blue," hoping it will lead to a relationship. However, the emails fall into the wrong hands and Simon is blackmailed. Now Simon must explore his feelings and decide if being outed to the rest of the high school is such a bad thing.

Seventeen-year-old Molly Peskin-Suso has had a total of twenty-six crushes and precisely zero kisses, and her twin sister, Cassie, is lesbian. When Cassie starts dating a new girlfriend, the pansexual Korean American Mina, Molly finds herself drawn to Mina's cute hipster male sidekick, Will. Molly hopes dating Will might help heal the division between her and her twin, but when she becomes more attracted to Reid, a geeky, chubby coworker, she worries the growing distance between her and Cassie might never heal.

A collection of short stories about homosexuality by such authors as Bruce Coville, M.E. Kerr, William Sleator, and Jane Yolen.

A collection of fourteen short stories exploring the moment when a couple meets for the first time--from an African American girl in upstate New York who simultaneously finds a prom dress and a date to a transgender girl who confronts the student blocking her right to use the school restroom.

"Insecure about her body and unhappy at home, Emmy will do anything to make herself likeable. After rumours spread about Emmy's sexual experience with a popular classmate, she decides to leave home to stay with her uncle's family in a different city. Her cool, sophisticated cousin introduces Emmy to transgender Jude and Emmy is instantly attracted to him. Emmy is never sure where she stands with Jude, and can't believe that such a confident, charismatic guy might actually be interested in her. Both her mother and Paige warn her away from Jude, saying that he will just use her and she will get hurt. But as Emmy gets to know Jude and his story, she realizes it's worth it to put your true self out there for real love."--Back cover.

While on a road trip with her depressed older brother and gay friend to find a missing musician, fifteen-year-old Lexi grapples with painful memories of sexual assault by her ex-boyfriend.

When Danny Tozer witnesses the death of Dreadnought, the world's greatest superhero, she inherits his powers. Suddenly the transgender youth finds herself in the body she always thought she should have--that of a girl. It should be the happiest time of her life, but the first week in her new body is complicated: her father is obsessed with "curing" her girlhood, her best friend suddenly wants to date her, and her fellow superheroes are arguing over her place in their ranks. She's in over her head, but she doesn't have time to adjust. Dreadnought's murderer, a cyborg named Utopia, is threatening the destruction of humanity. Danny must find a way to sort through the confusion of coming out, master her powers, and stop Utopia in time.

"When ... [superhero Danny Tozer aka Dreadnought] crosses a newly discovered billionaire supervillain, ... [she] comes under attack from all quarters. From her troubled family life to her disintegrating friendship with Calamity, there's no lever too cruel for this villain to use against her. She might be hard to kill, but there's more than one way to destroy a hero. Before the war is over, Dreadnought will be forced to confront parts of herself she never wanted to acknowledge. And behind it all, an old enemy waits in the wings, ready to unleash a plot that will scar the world forever"--Provided by publisher.

In alternating chapters, sixteen-year-old twins Ysabel and Justin share their conflicted feelings as they struggle to come to terms with their father's decision to dress as a woman.

"A secretive loner discovers her own hidden powers when she's taken under the wings of three glamorous witches"--Provided by publisher.

Federle, Tim, author. *The great American whatever*.
Sixteen-year-old Quinn Roberts has dreams of one day working in Hollywood as a writer, and he hones his skills by creating movies with his sister, Annabeth. But when Annabeth is killed in a car accident, Hollywood dreams don't matter much, and Quinn's life seems to pause. When his best friend Geoff convinces him to come out of hibernation and live again, Quinn finds himself falling hard for a guy he meets at a party. And he begins to see his future as a screenplay where happily-ever-after might actually exist.

Florence, Melanie. *Rez runaway*, Toronto, ON : James Lorimer & Co. Ltd., Publishers, 2017. "Raised on an Indian reserve, seventeen-year-old Joe Littlechief tries to be like the other guys. But Joe knows he's different - he's more interested in guys than girls. One night Joe makes a drunken pass at his best friend and, by the next morning, everyone on the rez is talking about Joe. His mother, a devout Christian, is horrified, and the kids who are supposed to be his friends make it clear there's no place for him on the rez. Joe thinks about killing himself, but instead runs away to the city. Alone and penniless on the city streets, Joe has to come to terms with who he really is"--Amazon.

George, Madeleine. *The difference between you and me*, New York : Viking, 2012. School outsider Jesse, a lesbian, is having secret trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president, but when they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue and Jesse becomes more involved with a student activist, they are forced to make a difficult decision.

Girard, M-E, author. *Girl mans up*, First edition. Teenage lesbian Pen Oliveira finds the courage to stand up, or "man up," to her parents, who want her to dress and act like a girl, and to her demanding friend, Colby, who only ever wants her to do what she wants. Pen makes tough choices and finds a way to stop feeling bad about who she is.

Goldman, Steven, 1964-. *Two parties, one tux, and a very short film about the Grapes of wrath*, 1st U.S. ed. New York : Bloomsbury, 2008. Mitch, a shy and awkward high school junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.

Goode, L. (Laura), 1983-. *Sister mischief*, 1st ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2011. Esme Rockett, also known as MC Ferocious, rocks her suburban Minnesota Christian high school with more than the hip-hop music she makes with best friends Marcy (DJ SheStorm) and Tess (The ConTessa) when she develops feelings for her co-MC, Rowie (MC Rohini).

Green, John, 1977- author. *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, First edition. When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

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Hopkins, Ellen, author. *The you I've never known*, First edition. With both joy and fear, seventeen-year-old Ariel begins to explore her sexuality, while living with her controlling, abusive father who has told Ariel that her mother deserted her years ago.

Hutchinson, Shaun David, author. *At the edge of the universe*, First edition. When his best-friend-turned-boyfriend Tommy vanishes and he's the only one who remembers him, Ozzie begins to believe that the universe is shrinking. When he's paired up with new student Calvin on a physics project, Ozzie begins to wonder if Calvin is somehow involved, even as he develops feelings for Calvin and continues his search for Tommy.

Hutchison, Shaun David. *We are the ants*, 1st Simon Pulse hardcover ed. January 2016. New York : Simon Pulse, 2016. "Abducted by aliens periodically throughout his youth, Henry Denton is informed by his erstwhile captors that they will end the world in 144 days unless he stops them by deciding that humanity is worth saving."--Provided by publisher.

Hyde, Catherine Ryan. *Jumpstart the world*, New York : Alfred A. Knopf, ©2010. Sixteen-year-old Elle falls in love with Frank, the neighbor who helps her adjust to being on her own in a big city,
but learning that he is transgender turns her world upside-down.

F JON Jones, Carrie. Tips on having a gay (ex) boyfriend. 1st pbk. ed. Woodbury, MN : Flux, [2008], c2007. Belle, a high school junior, expects to marry her long-term boyfriend one day until he tells her and their entire small Maine town that he is gay, and both face prejudice and violence even as they enter new relationships and try to remain friends.

F KIN King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-. Ask the passengers : a novel. New York : Little, Brown, 2012. Astrid Jones, who realizes that she is a lesbian, deals with the gossip and rejection she faces by sending love up to the people on airplanes as they pass over her.


F KNO Knowles, Johanna, 1970-. See you at Harry's. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2012. Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and his emerging homosexuality, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

F KON Konigsberg, Bill. Honestly Ben. Ben has high expectations for himself--good grades, a scholarship to college for basketball, a date with the beautiful girl at the neighboring school. What he doesn't expect are the feelings he has for his homosexual friend Rafe. It's not that Ben has anything against people being gay, he just never imagined he'd find himself--the captain of the basketball team--in love with a boy.

F KON Konigsberg, Bill, author. Openly straight. First edition. Tired of being known as "the gay kid," Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school--but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

F LAC LaCour, Nina. Everything leads to you. New York, N.Y. : Dutton Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) LLC., [2014]. While working as a film production designer in Los Angeles, Emi Price finds a mysterious letter from a silver screen legend which leads her to Ava, who is about to expand Emi's understanding of family, acceptance, and true romance.

F LAC LaCour, Nina, author. You know me well : a novel. First U.S. edition. Mark and Kate sit next to each other in school but are barely acquainted until they meet at a San Francisco club during Pride Week and connect over each one's forbidden love.

F LEE Lee, Mackenzi, author. The gentleman's guide to vice and virtue. First edition. Henry "Monty" Montague is a British gentleman taking a grand tour of Europe in the eighteenth century alongside his best friend and secret crush, Percy. His father expects him to take over the family estate when he returns--an expectation Monty dreads--so he's determined to make the most of his yearlong trip with Percy, despite the fact that Monty's younger sister is traveling with them. But one misstep leads to an adventure beyond anyone's imagination which includes a manhunt, tomb-raiding, and pirates.

F LEV Levithan, David, author. Hold me closer : the Tiny Cooper story : a musical in novel form (or, a novel in musical form). Tiny Cooper tells the story of his life including his birth, his quest for love, and his infamous parade of ex-boyfriends in the form of a musical.

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"A teen boy survives a hate crime against another gay student through his art"--Provided by publisher.

A variation on the Cinderella story in which a girl named Ash grows up believing in the fairy realm that the king and his philosophers have sought to suppress, until one day she must choose between a handsome fairy cursed to love her and the King's Huntress, whom she loves.

Seventeen-year-olds Kaede and Taisin are called to go on a dangerous and unprecedented journey to Tanlili, the city of the Fairy Queen, in an effort to restore the balance of nature in the human world.

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F MAC Mac, Carrie, 1975- author. 10 things I can see from here. First edition.
Maeve, a girl who struggles with severe anxiety--to the point where she composes obituaries for herself and others in her head--goes to Vancouver to live with her sometimes-sober dad while her mom, the only person who understands her, has to go to Haiti for months for work. In Vancouver Maeve meets Salix, a girl who seems never to worry about anything, and the two begin a bumbling courtship together, which might bring even more catastrophe than Maeve could have ever foreseen.

Two boys, Van (called Vanilla) and Hunter, tell of their relationship which began before they were teenagers, but begins to crack in high school, mostly because Hunter thinks they should be having sex and Vanilla is not so sure.

When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.

Twins Jude and Noah were best friends, until a tragic event during their adolescence drove them apart. Noah narrates the years before their separation, and Jude narrates their later years, allowing readers to witness the complete story of their rift and eventual reconnection.

Author Ness crafts a heartbreaking story that centers on one day in the life of a gay teenager named Adam. In addition to the staggering news that his closest friend, Angela, is moving to the Netherlands for their senior year, Adam also has uncomfortable confrontations with his sexually harassing boss as well as his father, who is an evangelical minister. Meanwhile, the ghost of a girl who was murdered by her boyfriend haunts the streets of the town bent on extracting revenge on her killer.

Relates, from various points of view, events from the night of October 6, 1998, when twenty-one-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.

Fourteen-year-old Nick has a three-legged dog named Lucky 2, some pet fish, and two mothers, whose relationship complicates his entire life as they face prejudice, work problems, alcoholism, cancer, and finally separation.

A novel about love and victimization, which takes place in an Argentine prison where two men share a cell.

Gabi Hernandez chronicles her crushes, tensions with her Mexican American family, and the struggles she and her friends experience during her last year of high school.

F RUS Russo, Meredith, author. If I was your girl. First edition.
Amanda tries to fit in at her new school, to make friends and find her place. However, there is a secret reason she transferred to her new school, one which if others found out she doesn't know what would happen. Then she meets Grant, a boy unlike any other. She lets him into her life more and more, yearning to share her past—but worrying, if Grant finds out Amanda used to be Andrew, that he won't be able to see past it.

**FRYA**
Teenage twins Judy and Kyle are intrigued by fellow student, Garret Johnson, who will live with their family for a month, but Garret is a mysterious loner who claims to be a vampire.

**FSAE**
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

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Sáenz, Benjamin Alire, author. *The inexplicable logic of my life.*
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When Lance begins to date Sergio, who is bisexual, he is not sure that it will work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand.

**FSAN**
Hoping to impress a sexy female classmate, fifteen-year-old Carlos secretly hires gay student Sal to give him an image makeover, in exchange for Carlos's help informing a Gay-Straight Alliance at their Texas high school.

**FSAN**
When openly gay Manuel transfers to Paul's high school, Paul, a born-again Christian, begins to question his own sexuality.

**FSAN**
Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other.

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

**FSAN**
While driving across the United States during the summer after high school graduation, three young gay men encounter various bisexual and homosexual people and make some decisions about their own relationships and lives.

**FSAN**
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.

**FSHA**
When Sophie's best friend Mina is murdered after Sophie and Mina are attacked in the woods by a masked man, the cops partially blame Sophie, a recovering drug addict, for the circumstances. Alone in her belief that the murder had something to do with a discovery Mina was investigating for the local news, Sophie sets out to unmask the murderer on her own.

**FSIL**
Silvera, Adam, 1990- author. *History is all you left me.*
Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident.

**FSIL**
Silvera, Adam, 1990- author. *They both die at the end*. First edition.
In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End
Teenager Evan Panos deals with realizing he is gay, a possible romance with his best friend, and an abusive mother.

Westerfeld, Scott, author. Afterworlds. First Simon Pulse hardcover edition. Teen Darcy Patel, instead of going to college, moves to New York City and the world of YA publishing when her first teen novel is accepted. She lives her life, full of scratching for a living and falling in love with another writer, while the other half of the book is dedicated to Darcy's story: Lizzie, confronted with death, wills herself into the afterlife, becoming a guide to restless spirits in the process.

Whaley, John Corey, author. Highly illogical behavior. Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that--and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.


Woodson, Jacqueline. The house you pass on the way. New York : SPEAK, 2003, c1997. When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.

Wright, Bil. Putting makeup on the fat boy. New York : Simon & Schuster BFYR, ©2011. Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate.


Kenneally, Miranda. Stealing Parker. Naperville, Ill. : Sourcebooks Fire, c2012. Seventeen's best friend from elementary school returns years later after a horrible act of violence against him, Maxie feels guilty about how she treated him and conflicted over whether or not she wants to befriend him again.

Moore, Terry. Strangers in paradise. Houston, TX : Abstract Studio, c1996. A collection of comics that continue the story of Katchoo, a beautiful young woman with a shady past, and her best friend, Francine, as they search for love and acceptance.
A collection of comic strips featuring the characters from the "Strangers in Paradise" series.

GN MUR  
Murakami, Maki.  
Shuichi Shindou has always dreamed of being a rock star, and when he meets Eiri Yuki, he thinks he's finally found his chance at stardom.

GN MUR  
Murakami, Maki.  
Shuichi Shindou deals with a series of problems as his band gets closer to a chance at stardom: their manager wants to replace him with a new synth player; his best friend, Hiro, quits the band under pressure from his parents; and his relationship with critic Eiri Yuki grows ever more complicated. Contains adult content.

GN MUR  
Murakami, Maki.  
Shuichi is devastated to learn that the girl of his dreams is already engaged, but that doesn't stop him from professing his undying love for her onstage.

GN TEN  
Tenzen, Momoko.  
Diamond leads a typical life in Manhattan. He is an attractive florist, and has a good-looking lover, Rock, who is the influential head of a large Manhattan corporation. Unfortunately, Rock is constantly consumed by his work, but his love for Diamond remains an undying flame. Can this love stand the test of an over-zealous, workaholic boyfriend?.

GN YAM  
Yamada, Sakurako.  
Centered around the happenings inside an upscale bar, Sakurako Yamada's collection of seven romantic shorts present the ins-and-outs of life and love through rose-colored glasses.

SP F REL  
El camaleón que finalmente no sabía de qué color ponerse / Augusto Monterroso -- Cómo te quedó el ojo (querido Gervasio) / Joaquín Agustín -- Por varias razones / Alejandro Rossi -- El secreto está en la mano izquierda / Carlos Monsiváis -- Los museos de Metaxipho / Salvador Elizondo -- Cosa pequeña, pues / Armando Ramírez -- Saben ustedes lo que es un detalle? / Brbara Jacobs -- Una carta muy íntima / Lazlo Moussong -- La cuerda / Fabio Morbito -- Nos han dado Cadereyta / Rafael Pfez Gay -- Siendo pap/ Dante Medina. Caen trozos de cabello en las peluquerías del mundo / Luis Humberto Cristóbal -- Rocío baila / Guillermo Santer - -- Leyendo a Moby Dick / Pedro Íñigo Palou -- Narciso / Luis Miguel Aguilar -- El tipo del coche / Pedro Ignacio Taibo II -- La apariencia, una casualidad / Daniel Sada -- El paraguas de Wittgenstein / Óscar de la Borbolla -- Una familia feliz / Martha Cerda -- El libro de García / Mauricio Joaquín Schwarz -- Lo que necesitas es leer a Kent / Francisco Hinojosa -- Delirio de estar contigo / Ignacio Trejo Fuentes -- La historia de los otros / Subcomandante Marcos. A collection of twenty-three short postmodern Mexican stories by various authors.

SP F SIL  
Silvera, Adam, 1990-.  
"In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the [Ultimo Amigo] app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day"--Provided by publisher.

Plum-Ucci, Carol, 1957-.  
Sixteen-year-old Claire is unable to face her fears about a recurrence of her leukemia, her eating disorder, her need to fit in with the popular crowd on Hackett Island, and her mother's alcoholism until the enigmatic Lani Garver helps her get control of her life at the risk of his own.

Yee, Paul.  
Ray Liu is having a hard time adjusting to his new life and living up to his father's expectations, and when his father discovers Ray has been looking at gay websites, he kicks Ray out of the house, and in order to survive on the streets, Ray is forced to sell his body for money.