LGBTQ Fiction

***The Pants Project*** by Cat Clarke

Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy.

***You, Me and* *Him*** by Kris Dinnison

Maggie Bowers thinks she knows what to expect her junior year of high school, but when she and her out-of-the-closet best friend Nash have feelings for the same boy she wonders if winning someone's heart means losing her soul mate.

***Better Nate Than Ever [Series]*** by Tim Federle

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

***Lily and Dunkin*** by Donna Gephart

Lily Jo, born Timothy, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin, is bipolar and has just moved from New Jersey. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

***George*** by Alex Gino

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy.

***The Other Boy*** by M. G. Hennessey

Twelve-year-old Shane Woods is just a regular boy. He loves pitching for his baseball team, working on his graphic novel, and hanging out with his best friend, Josh. But Shane is keeping something private, something that might make a difference to his friends and teammates, to Josh, and his crush, Madeline.

***Totally Joe*** by James Howe

As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography, and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.

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

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

***This Would Make a Good Story Someday*** *by* Dana Alison Levy

Although not thrilled when her summer plans are upended for a surprise cross-country train trip with her family and embarrassed because one of her moms is writing a tell-all book about the trip, twelve-year-old Sara finds herself changing along with the landscape outside the train.

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***Marco Impossible*** by Hannah Moskowitz

Two best friends and junior high students attempt to break into the high school prom so that one of them can confess his love for the adorable bass player of the prom band.

***We Are All Made of Molecules*** by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund

Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when, two years after Stewart's mother died, his father moves in with his new girlfriend--Ashley's mother, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house.

***Meg & Linus*** by Hanna Nowinski

Two nerdy best friends navigate high school, drama club, Star Trek fandom, and being gay.

***The Best Man*** by Richard Peck

Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

***Gracefully Grayson*** by Ami Polonsky

Grayson, a transgender twelve-year-old, learns to accept her true identity and share it with the world.

***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.

***Drama*** by Raina Telgemeier [Graphic Novel]

Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

***The Inside of Out*** by Jenn Marie Thorne

When her best friend comes out as a lesbian, Daisy leads the charge to end their school's ban on same-sex dates for the homecoming dance, but a local story goes viral and now everyone--including a cute college journalist--believes Daisy is gay, too.

***Spinning*** by Tillie Walden [Graphic Novel]

An autobiographical comic of ten years in the life of cartoonist, Tillie Walden, focusing on her time as a figure skater.

***The Art of Being Normal*** by Lisa Williamson

David Piper, always an outsider, forms an unlikely friendship with Leo Denton who, from the first day at his new school wants only to be invisible, but when David's deepest secret gets out, that he wants to be a girl, things get very messy for both of them.

***Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy*** by Bill Wright

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.