

A PRIDE MONTH BOOK LIST

In recognition of Pride month (June), we wanted to celebrate with all of you. To mark the occasion, the Public Programming & Learning team has curated a list of books of personal favourites. The books are meant to spark meaningful conversations with young learners in classrooms, at home, and anywhere else so that you can provide an appreciation and social consciousness about LGBTQ2+ [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Queer or Questioning, Two-Spirit, +] members of your communities. Enjoy, and happy Pride!

ELEMENTARY



THEY, SHE, HE, EASY AS ABC

Author and Illustrator: Maya and Matthew Smith-Gonzalez

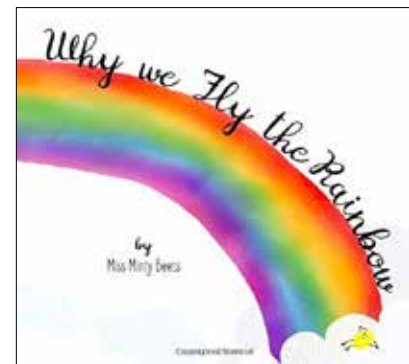
An alphabet sing-song rhyme about inclusion and the many different ways people identify and use pronouns.



JULIAN IS A MERMAID

Author: Jessica Love

Julian sees three women while on the subway with his abuela. He is fascinated and wants to dress like them. A story about the power of being seen and affirmed.



WHY WE FLY THE RAINBOW

Author: Miss Minty Beets

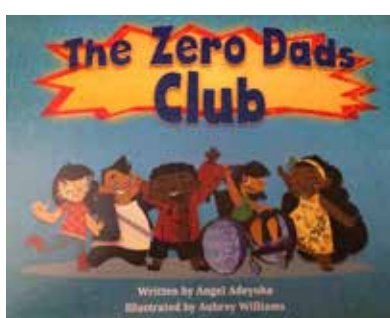
Narrated by jellybeans, this story is about the importance of community, acceptance, and what it means to be a good friend.



IT FEELS GOOD TO BE YOURSELF

Author: Theresa Thorn, Illustrator: Noah Grigni

This book provides young and adult readers with the vocabulary to discuss the topic of gender identity with sensitivity.



THE ZERO DADS CLUB

Author: Angel Adeyoha, Illustrator: Aubrey Williams

A delightful celebration of different family configurations and the importance of recognizing new customs and traditions.



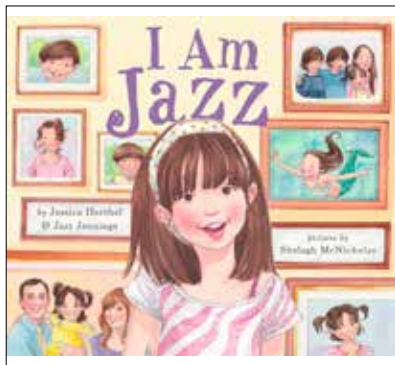
I PROMISE

Author: Catherine Hernandez, Illustrator: Syrus Marcus Ware

This picture book looks at the myriad definitions of family, emphasizing the promise of love that parents offer to their children.



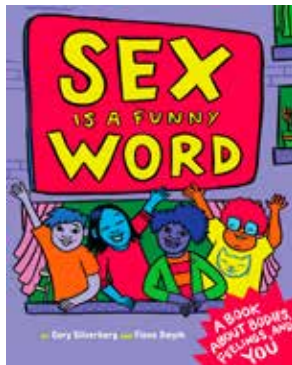
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I AM JAZZ

Authors: Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, Illustrator: Shelagh McNicholas

Based on the real life of Jazz Jennings, now a spokesperson for transkids everywhere, this simple and powerful story describes the experience of a transgendered child.



SEX IS A FUNNY WORD: A BOOK ABOUT BODIES, FEELINGS AND YOU

Author: Cory Silverberg, Illustrator: Fiona Smyth

A comic book that opens conversations between young people and their caregivers about bodies, gender and sexuality with a diverse representation of family makeups, orientations and gender identities.



STONEWALL: A BUILDING. AN UPRISING. A REVOLUTION

Author: Rob Sanders, Illustrator: Jamey Christoph

The story of the Stonewall Inn's historic and inspiring role in the gay civil rights movement, which is still ongoing today.

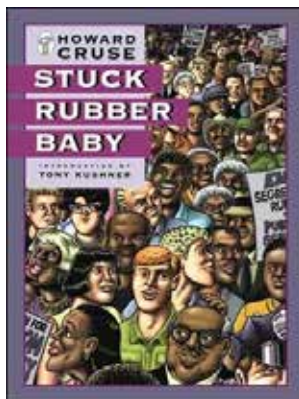
SECONDARY



LOVE BEYOND BODY, SPACE, AND TIME: AN INDIGENOUS LGBT SCI-FI ANTHOLOGY

Edited by Hope Nicholson

An anthology of science fiction and fantasy stories featuring Indigenous LGBT and two-spirit characters.



STUCK RUBBER BABY

Authors: Howard Cruse and Alison Bechdel

Howard Cruse's coming-of-age graphic novel, set in a fictional town in the American South during the Civil Rights era, is about a young man confronting the entrenched homophobia of his community.



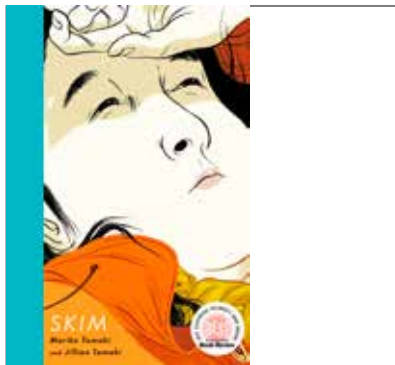
REZ RUNAWAY

Author: Melanie Florence

This novel tells the story of 17-year-old Joe Littlechief, a two-spirited teen who runs away from the reserve where he grew up and must learn to navigate the dangerous city streets. Two spirited is an Indigenous term for those who have both masculine and feminine identities. The book reflects on the challenges faced by young LGBTQ and Indigenous youth today.



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SKIM

Author: Mariko Tamaki, Illustrator: Jillian Tamaki

Cousins Mariko and Jillian Tamaki collaborated on this poignant graphic novel that provides a glimpse of the heartache of being sixteen.



BREAKING BOUNDARIES: LGBTQ2 WRITERS ON COMING OUT AND INTO CANADA

Edited by Lori Shywdky

An anthology of essays by LGBTQ2 authors from diverse backgrounds—some born in Canada, some immigrants or refugees—on their experiences of place and space.

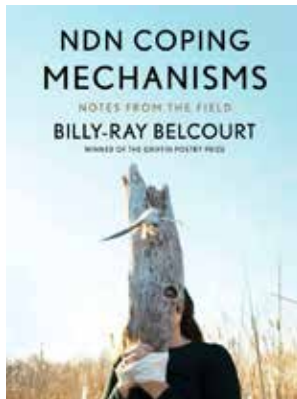
FOR TEACHERS/PARENTS/CAREGIVERS



NIGHT SKY WITH EXIT WOUNDS

Author: Ocean Vuong

A collection of poems with themes such as love, war, melancholy, and family.



NDN COPING MECHANISMS

Author: Billy Ray Belcourt

Belcourt explores the political demands of queerness, portrayals of Indigenous life, love and its discontents, and the limits and uses of poetry as a vehicle for Indigenous liberation.



WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE: A QUEER MUSLIM MEMOIR

Author: Samra Habib

An exploration of faith, art, love, and queer sexuality that takes readers on a journey of self-realization.

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