

[History is All You Left Me](#)

By Adam Silvera

Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident.

[What We Left Behind](#)

By Robin Talley

When Toni and Gretchen separate for their first year of college, they find that school opens up possibilities and that being apart is harder than they expected.

[Saving Montgomery Sole](#)

By Mariko Tamaki

An outcast teen girl explores the mysteries of friendship, family, faith, and phenomena, including the greatest mystery of all--herself.

[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.

[Honor Girl](#)

By Maggie Thrash

When Maggie falls in love with another girl at Camp Bellflower, an all-girl summer camp in Appalachia, her savant-like expertise at the camp's rifle range is what keeps her going through a summer of heart-break and self-discovery.

[Afterworlds](#)

By Scott Westerfeld

In alternating chapters, eighteen-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges and both fall in love.

[Highly Illogical Behavior](#)

By John Corey Whaley

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.

[Nonfiction:](#)

[Being Jazz: My Life as a \(Transgender\) Teen](#)

By Jazz Jennings

Teen activist and trailblazer Jazz Jennings--named one of "The 25 most influential teens" of the year by Time--shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while

[Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out](#)

By Susan Kuklin

Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken. Each honest discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.

[The Full Spectrum](#)

Edited by David Levithan & Billy Merrell

The Full Spectrum includes a variety of writers--gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, transitioning, and questioning--on a variety of subjects: coming out, family, friendship, religion/faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many others.

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LGBTQ+ FOR TEENS

[Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda](#)

By Becky Albertali

When an email falls into the wrong hands, sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly gay Simon is blackmailed into playing wingman for a classmate or risk having his sexual identity revealed and the privacy of the boy he's been emailing compromised.

[The Miseducation of Cameron Post](#)

By Emily M. Danforth

In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.

[Tell Me Again How a Crush Should Feel](#)

By Sara Farizan

Having never developed romantic feelings before her junior year in high school, Persian-American Leila forges deeper bonds with supportive classmates after confiding in them her newfound attachment to a sophisticated girl.

[The Great American Whatever](#)

By Tim Federle

Quinn Roberts is a sixteen-year-old smart aleck and Hollywood hopeful whose only worry *used* to be writing convincing dialogue for the movies he made with his sister Annabeth. Of course, that was all before Quinn stopped going to school, before his mom started sleeping on the sofa and before the car accident that changed everything.

[Silhouette of a Sparrow](#)

By Molly Beth Griffin

When Garnet is sent away for the summer to stay with relatives in the lakeside resort town of Excelsior, Minnesota, she finds a chance to spread her wings. A newly built amusement park and roaring dance hall beckon, and her explorations land her where she least expects—in a growing relationship with a beautiful and daring flapper, Isabella.

[Sister Mischief](#)

By Laura Goode

Esme Rockett, also known as MC Ferocious, rocks her suburban Minnesota Christian high school with more than the hip-hop music....when she develops feelings for her co-MC, Rowie (MC Rohini).

[Me Being Me is Exactly as Insane as You Being You](#)

By Todd Hasak-Lowy

Through a series of lists, a narrator reveals how fifteen-year old Darren's world was rocked by his parents' divorce just as his brother, Nate, was leaving for college, and a year later when his father comes out as gay, then how he begins to deal with it all after a stolen weekend with Nate and his crush, Zoey.

[The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley](#)

By Shaun David Hutchinson

Convinced he should have died in the accident that killed his parents and sister, sixteen-year-old Drew lives in a hospital, hiding from employees and his past, until Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life around.

[Becoming Chloe](#)

By Catherine Ryan Hyde

A gay teenage boy and a fragile teenage girl meet while living on the streets of New York City and eventually decide to take a road trip across America to discover whether or not the world is a beautiful place.

[Girl, Hero](#)

By Carrie Jones

High school freshman Lily pours her heart out in letters to her hero, dead movie star John Wayne, in which she tells him about the death of her beloved stepfather, her mother's abusive boyfriends, her fears that her father is gay, getting the lead in the high school play, and her burgeoning romance with a classmate who reminds her of Mr. Wayne.

[Everything Leads to You](#)

By Nina LaCour

While working as a film production designer in Los Angeles, Emi finds a mysterious letter from a silver screen legend which leads Emi to Ava who is about to expand Emi's understanding of family, acceptance, and true romance.

[Hero: A Novel](#)

By Perry Moore

Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father, and it is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust.

[Shine](#)

By Lauren Myracle

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.

[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.

[Fans of the Impossible Life](#)

By Kate Scelsa

At Saint Francis Prep school in Mountain View, New Jersey, Mira, Jeremy, and Sebby come together as they struggle with romance, bullying, foster home and family problems, and mental health issues.