LGBTQ+ Journeys Text Set

Overview: This text set is a collection of texts that invite readers to explore the migrations and journeys of LGBTQ+ communities throughout history and society.

LGBTQ+ Journeys: YA	
Mary 1	A Scatter of Light
A SCATTER 'OF LIGHT	by Malinda Lo (Author)
MALINDA LO	Last Night at the Telegraph Club author Malinda Lo returns to the Bay Area with a masterful queer coming-of-age story, this time set against the backdrop of the first major Supreme Court decisions legalizing gay marriage.
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	by Jonny Garza Villa (Author)
Sonti Were Here	The Santos Vista neighborhood of San Antonio, Texas, is all Ander Martínez has ever known. The smell of pan dulce. The mixture of Spanish and English filling the streets. And, especially their job at their family's taquería.
	Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe
Davie V	by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (Author)
Octivets (1)	Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a
TITALIAMAN ALIRE SACHE	know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.



Bitter

by Akwaeke Emezi (Author)

After a childhood in foster care, Bitter is thrilled to have been chosen to attend Eucalyptus, a special school where she can focus on her painting surrounded by other creative teens. But outside this haven, the streets are filled with protests against the deep injustices that grip the city of Lucille.



Clap When You Land

by Elizabeth Acevedo (Author)

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people.



Darius the Great Deserves Better

by Adib Khorram (Author)

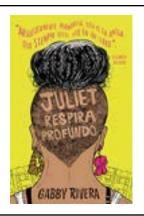
Darius Kellner is having a bit of a year. He's getting along with his dad, and his best friend Sohrab is only a Skype call away. Between his first boyfriend, Landon, varsity soccer practices, and an internship at his favorite tea shop, things are falling into place. *See also, Darius the Great is Not Okay*



Elatsoe

by Darcie Little Badger

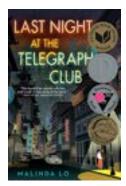
Elatsoe—Ellie for short—lives in an alternate contemporary America shaped by the ancestral magics and knowledge of Indigenous and immigrant groups. She can raise the spirits of dead animals—most importantly, her ghost dog Kirby. When her beloved cousin dies, all signs point to a car crash, but his ghost tells her otherwise: He was murdered.



Juliet respira profundo / Juliet Takes a Breath

by Gabby Rivera (Author)

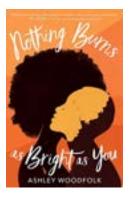
Juliet Milagros Palante is a self-proclaimed closeted Puerto Rican baby dyke from the Bronx. Only, she's not so closeted anymore. Not after coming out to her family the night before flying to Portland, Oregon, to intern with her favorite feminist writer--what's sure to be a life-changing experience.



Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Malinda Lo (Author)

Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the feeling took root—that desire to look, to move closer, to touch. Whenever it started growing, it definitely bloomed the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. Suddenly everything seemed possible.



Nothing Burns as Bright as You

by Ashley Woodfolk (Author)

Two girls. One wild and reckless day. Years of tumultuous history unspooling like a thin, fraying string in the hours after they set a fire. They were best friends. Until they became more. Their affections grew. Until the blurry lines became dangerous. Over the course of a single day, the depth of their past, the confusion of their present, and the unpredictability of their future is revealed.



Pet

by Akwaeke Emezi (Author)

There are no monsters anymore, or so the children in the city of Lucille are taught. Jam and her best friend, Redemption, have grown up with this lesson all their life. But when Jam meets Pet, a creature made of horns and colors and claws, who emerges from one of her mother's paintings and a drop of Jam's blood, she must reconsider what she's been told.



You Brought Me the Ocean

by Alex Sanchez (Author), Julie Maroh (Illustrator), Deron Bennett (Contributor)

Jake Hyde doesn't swim--not since his father drowned. Luckily, he lives in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Yet he yearns for the ocean and is determined to leave his hometown for a college on the coast.



Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix

By Anna-Marie McLemore

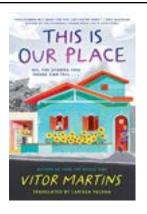
Three teens chase their own versions of the American Dream during the Roaring 20s in this YA reimagining of *The Great Gatsby*.



We Deserve Monuments

By Jas Hammonds

What's more important: Knowing the truth or keeping the peace? Seventeen-year-old Avery Anderson is convinced her senior year is ruined when she's uprooted from her life in DC and forced into the hostile home of her terminally ill grandmother, Mama Letty. The tension between Avery's mom and Mama Letty makes for a frosty arrival and unearths past drama they refuse to talk about. Every time Avery tries to look deeper, she's turned away, leaving her desperate to learn the secrets that split her family in two.



This is Our Place

by Vitor Martins (Author), Larissa Helena (Translator)

Set in and narrated by the same house, Number 8 Sunflower Street, and in three different decades -- 2000, 2010, and 2020 -- *This Is Our Place* is a Brazilian novel about queer teens dealing with sudden life changes, family conflict, and first loves, proving that while generations change, we are always connected to each other.

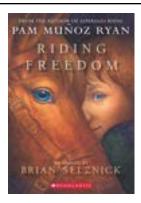




Hurricane Child

by Kacen Callender (Author)

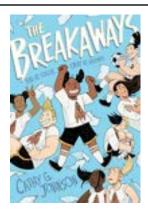
Caroline Murphy is a Hurricane Child. Being born during a hurricane is unlucky, and twelve-year-old Caroline has had her share of bad luck lately. She's hated and bullied by everyone in her small school on St. Thomas of the US Virgin Islands, a spirit only she can see won't stop following her, and -- worst of all -- Caroline's mother left home one day and never came back.



Riding Freedom

by Pam Munoz Ryan (Author), Brian Selznick (Illustrator)

In this fast-paced, courageous, and inspiring story, readers adventure with Charlotte Parkhurst as she first finds work as a stable hand, becomes a famous stage-coach driver (performing brave feats and outwitting bandits), finds love as a woman but later resumes her identity as a man after the loss of a baby and the tragic death of her husband, and ultimately settles out west on the farm she'd dreamed of having since childhood. It wasn't until after her death that anyone discovered she was a woman.



The Breakaways

by Cathy G. Johnson (Author)

Quiet, sensitive Faith starts middle school already worrying about how she will fit in. To her surprise, Amanda, a popular eighth grader, convinces her to join the school soccer team, the Bloodhounds. Having never played soccer in her life, Faith ends up on the C team, a ragtag group that's way better at drama than at teamwork.

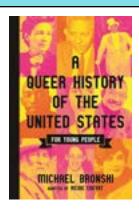


Thieves

by Lucie Bryon (Author)

What happened last night? Ella can't seem to remember a single thing from the party the night before at a mysterious stranger's mansion, and she sure as heck doesn't know why she's woken up in her bed surrounded by a magpie's nest of objects that aren't her own.

LGBTQ+ Journeys: Non-Fiction YA



A Queer History of the United States for Young People

by Richie Chevat (Adapter), Michael Bronski (Author)

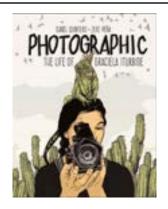
It is crucial for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth to know their history. *A Queer History of the United States for Young People* corrects this and demonstrates that LGBTQ people have long been vital to shaping our understanding of what America is today.



Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out

by Susan Kuklin (Author)

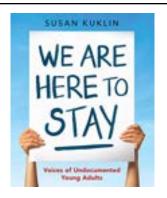
Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference.



Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide

by Isabel Quintero (Author), Zeke Peña (Illustrator)

Graciela Iturbide was born in Mexico City in 1942, the oldest of 13 children. When tragedy struck Iturbide as a young mother, she turned to photography for solace and understanding. From then on Iturbide embarked on a photographic journey that has taken her throughout her native Mexico, from the Sonora Desert to Juchitán to Frida Kahlo's bathroom, to the United States, India, and beyond.



We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults

by Susan Kuklin (Author, Illustrator)

Meet nine courageous young adults who have lived in the United States with a secret for much of their lives: they are not U.S. citizens. They came from Colombia, Mexico, Ghana, Independent Samoa, and Korea. They came seeking education, fleeing violence, and escaping poverty.

LGBTQ+ Journeys: Pictureboks



47,000 Beads

by Koja Adeyoha (Author), Angel Adeyoha (Author), Holly McGillis (Illustrator)

Peyton loves to dance, and especially at Pow Wow, but her Auntie notices that she's been dancing less and less. When Peyton shares that she isn't comfortable wearing a dress anymore, Auntie Eyota asks some friends for help to get Peyton what she needs.



All Are Welcome

by Alexandra Penfold (Author), Suzanne Kaufman (Illustrator)

Readers will follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions.



Antonio's Card/ La tarjeta de Antonio

by Rigoberto González (Author), Cecilia Álvarez (Illustrator)

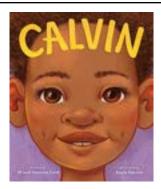
Antonio loves words, because words have the power to express feelings like love, pride, or hurt. Mother's Day is coming soon, and Antonio searches for the words to express his love for his mother and her partner, Leslie.



Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope

by Jodie Patterson (Author), Charnelle Pinkney Barlow (Illustrator)

Penelope *knows* that he's a boy. (And a ninja.) The problem is getting everyone else to realize it. In this exuberant companion to Jodie Patterson's adult memoir, *The Bold World*, Patterson shares her son Penelope's frustrations and triumphs on his journey to share himself with the world.



Calvin

by JR Ford (Author), Vanessa Ford (Author), Kayla Harren (Illustrator)

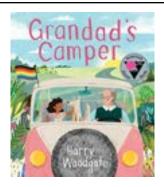
Calvin has always been a boy, even if the world sees him as a girl. He knows who he is in his heart and in his mind but he hasn't yet told his family. Finally, he can wait no longer: "I'm not a girl," he tells his family. "I'm a boy—a boy in my heart and in my brain." Quick to support him, his loving family takes Calvin shopping for the swim trunks he's always wanted and back—to—school clothes and a new haircut that helps him look and feel like the boy he's always known himself to be.



When We Love Someone We Sing to Them: Cuando Amamos Cantamos

By Ernesto Javier Martínez (Author), Maya Christina Gonzalez (Illustrator), Jorge Gabriel Martínez Feliciano (Translator)

A reclamation of the Mexican serenata tradition, follow the story of a young boy who asks his father if there is a song for a boy who loves a boy. Como reapropiación de la serenata Mexicana, Cuando Amamos Cantamos cuenta la historia de un niño que le pide a su padre que canten una canción para un niño que ama a otro niño



Grandad's Camper

By Harry Woodgate (Author)

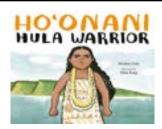
Gramps and Grandad were adventurers. They would surf, climb mountains, and tour the country in their amazing camper. Gramps just made everything extra special. But after Gramps died, grandad didn't feel like traveling anymore.



Guthli Has Wings

by Kanak Shashi (Author)

Guthli is everyone's favorite – a happy child who likes to draw fairies, swing, and cycle. But then one day she is told not to wear her sister's frilly frock that she loves, but her de ella "own" boy's clothes de ella. And things erupt. "Why do you keep saying I'm a boy when I'm a girl?" She asks her mother about her.



Ho'onani: Hula Warrior

by Heather Gale (Author), Mika Song (Illustrator)

Ho'onani feels in-between. She doesn't see herself as *wahine* (girl) OR *kane* (boy). She's happy to be in the middle. But not everyone sees it that way.



One of A Kind, Like Me / Único como yo

By Laurin Mayeno (Author), Robert Liu-Trujillo (Artist)

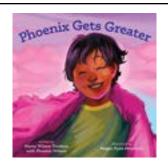
Tomorrow is the school parade, and Danny knows exactly what he will be: a princess. Mommy supports him 100%, and they race to the thrift store to find his costume. It's almost closing time – will Danny find the costume of his dreams in time?



Over the Shop

by Jonarno Lawson (Author), Qin Leng (Illustrator)

A lonely little girl and her grandparent need to fill the run-down apartment in their building. But taking over the quarters above their store will mean major renovations for the new occupants, and none of the potential renters can envision the possibilities of the space—until one special couple shows up.



Phoenix Gets Greater

by Marty Wilson-Trudeau (Author), Phoenix Wilson Megan Kyak-Monteith (Illustrator)

Phoenix loves to play with dolls and marvel at pretty fabrics. Most of all, he loves to dance—ballet, Pow Wow dancing, or just swirling and twirling around his house.



Red: A Crayon's Story

by Michael Hall (Author, Illustrator)

Funny, insightful, and colorful, *Red: A Crayon's Story* is about being true to your inner self and following your own path despite obstacles that may come your way.



Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman

by Sharice Davids (Author), Nancy K. Mays (Author), Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley (Illustrator)

When Sharice Davids was young, she never thought she'd be in Congress. And she never thought she'd be one of the first Native American women in Congress. They said she couldn't win because of how she looked, who she loved, and where she came from.



Stella Brings the Family

by Miriam B. Schiffer (Author)

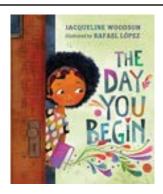
Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night.



Téo's Tutu

by Maryann Jacob Macias (Author), Alea Marley (Illustrator)

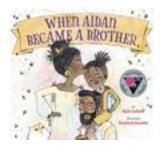
Téo loves to dance, whether it's the cumbia with Papí, the bhangra with Amma, or ballet class with Miss Lila. He also loves the way his tutu makes him feel, inside and out. But when it comes time to decide which outfit to wear in the big dance recital, Téo wonders if being his most authentic self on stage will put him too much in the spotlight.



The Day You Begin

by Jacqueline Woodson (Author), Rafael López (Illustrator)

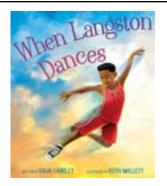
There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.



When Aidan Became a Brother

by Kyle Lukoff (Author), Kaylani Juanita (Illustrator)

When Aidan was born, everyone thought he was a girl. His parents gave him a pretty name, his room looked like a girl's room, and he wore clothes that other girls liked wearing. After he realized he was a trans boy, Aidan and his parents fixed the parts of his life that didn't fit anymore, and he settled happily into his new life.



When Langston Dances

by Kaija Langley (Author), Keith Mallett (Illustrator)

Langston likes basketball okay, but what he *loves* is to dance—ever since he saw the Alvin Ailey Dance Company perform. He longs to twirl into a pirouette, whirl into a piqué. He wants an arabesque attitude, grand battement and grand jeté. When he walks, the whole street is his stage.

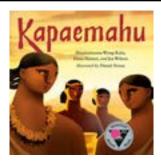
LGBTQ+ Journeys: Non-Fiction Picturebooks



He's My Mom!

by Sarah Savage (Author), Joules Garcia (Illustrator)

My Mom's name is David. He used to be a she but now he is a he! Last year he did this thing called transition. He took some medicine which made his voice deeper and he started wearing different clothes.



Kapaemahu

by Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu (Author), Dean Hamer (Author), Joe Wilson (Author), Daniel Sousa (Illustrator)

In the 15th century, four Mahu sailed from Tahiti to Hawaii and shared their gifts of science and healing with the people of Waikiki. The islanders return this gift with a monument of four boulders in their honor, which the Mahu imbue with healing powers before disappearing.

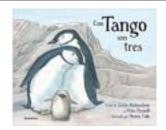
LGBTQ+ Journeys: Books in Spanish



Esta Familia Que Ves

por Alfonso Ochoa (Autor), Valeria Gallo (Ilustrador)

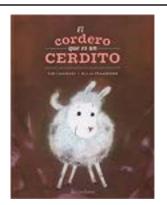
Bienvenido a este edificio de departamentos. Desde cada uno nos saludan distintas familias, todas ellas muy normales. Porque se ven diferentes, pero se quieren igual.



Con Tango son tres

by Justin Richardson (Author), Peter Parnell (Author), Henry Cole (Illustrator), Sandra Senra Gómez (Translator), Óscar Senra Gómez (Translator)

Con Tango son tres es la historia real de una singular pareja de pingüinos barbijo a los que el cuidador del zoo de Central Park, en Nueva York, Rob Granzay, les dio la oportunidad -depositando un huevo en su nido- de tener una cría tras observar que incubaban infructuosamente una piedra.



El cordero que es un cerdito

by Pim Lammers (Author), Milja Praagman (Illustrator), María Rosich (Translator)

Ideal para hablar con niños y niñas pequeños sobre la propia identidad • Con ilustraciones adorables Una historia blanca y rosa sobre ser tú mismo



El granjero y el veterinario

by Pim Lammers (Author), Milja Praagman (Illustrator), María Rosich (Translator)

Las cosas van mal en la granja: el granjero va a por huevos al sitio de los cerdos, quiere aniquilar a la vaca, intenta ordeñar a la gallina. Los animales andan preocupados. ¿Qué le pasa al granjero? Una emotiva historia que nos habla de cuando perdemos la cabeza y el corazón, y del apoyo que brindan los buenos amigos.



¡En familia!

by Alexandra Maxeiner (Author), Anke Kuhl (Illustrator), Patric de San Pedro (Translator)

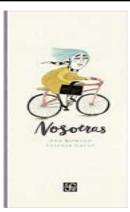
Biel a veces se pelea con su hermana Lisa. Mina no tiene hermanos, pero desde que se separaron los padres lo tiene todo por duplicado. Jonás tiene tres cuartos de padre al que quiere un montón.



Ni guau ni miau

by Blanca Lacasa (Author), GOMEZ (Illustrator)

Max and his parents have a dog called Fabio. Fabio doesn't like doing what other dogs do. One day, Max discovers that his dog goes out every night and he decides to follow him.



Nosotras/Nosotros

by Ana Romero (Author)

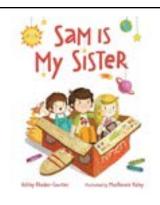
"Hace mucho tiempo se nos prohibía montones de cosas. Había verbos peligrosos a los que no podíamos asomar la nariz. Ni los ojos. Tampoco la boca", dice ella.



Todos menos uno

by Éric Battut (Author, Illustrator)

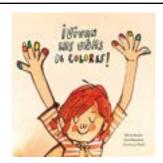
Atreverse a ser diferente tiene un alto coste, pero también una gran recompensa. Eso es lo que descubre un pequeño guisante cuando decide recorrer el mundo.



Sam Is My Sister

by Ashley Rhodes-Courter (Author), MacKenzie Haley (Illustrator)

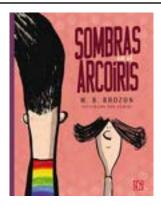
Evan loves being big brother to Sam and Finn. They do everything together—go fishing, climb trees, and play astronauts. But lately, Evan notices that he and Sam don't look like brothers anymore.



¡Vivan las uñas de colores!

by Alicia Acosta (Author), Luis Amavisca (Author), Gusti (Illustrator)

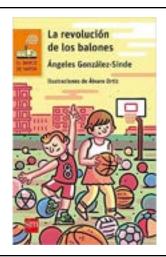
Ben is a little boy, and he likes painting his nails. There's no big reason for it, he just loves all the amazing colors on the tips of his fingers. Until one day, some of his schoolmates started laughing at him because of it.



Sombras En El Arcoiris

by Mónica B. Brozon (Author), Guridi (Author)

Constanza conoce a Jero como nadie, es su mejor amiga y confidente. Ella sabe que su hermano mayor es distinto a otros chicos, lo supo mucho antes de que él se lo contara. Compartir ese secreto la hace sentir única en el mundo, aunque también preocupada, porque a veces su hermano se siente triste y entonces sus ojos color maple se llenan de una sombra que los oscurece.



La revolución de los balones

by Ángeles González-Sinde (Author), Álvaro Ortiz Albero (Illustrator)

A Pablo no le gusta jugar al baloncesto, ni siquiera sabe muy bien lo que le gusta, pero le obligan a estar en el equipo. A Abril le encanta el baloncesto, pero en el nuevo cole no hay equipo de chicas, ni tampoco chicas en los equipos. Tienen que hacer algo. Y además saben que no están solos.



La historia de julia, la niña que tenía sombra de niño

by Anne Bruel, Christian / Bozellec (Author)

A Julia le gusta hacer cosas que no están bien vistas en las niñas. No le apetece peinarse y arreglarse, pero disfruta jugando a la pelota. Los adultos la llaman "muchachito" tantas veces que un día se levanta con sombra de niño.



Para Nina. Un diario sobre la identidad sexual

by Javier Malpica (Author), Juan Camilo Jurado (Reader)

Los personajes de esta novela no son exactamente estereotipos. Nina, la abuela, no es la típica anciana dulce y cariñosa; a Claudia, la hermana, le gusta el fútbol y tiene la rudeza de la que carece Eduardo, el protagonista, o ¿deberíamos decir la protagonista?