

Oseman, Alice—***Loveless***

After growing up surrounded by couples in love, Georgia wonders if there's something wrong with her that she's never kissed someone or necessarily even wanted to.

Victoria, Emily—***This Golden Flame***

In hopes of finding her brother, Karis awakens an intelligent automaton named Alix, but in doing so becomes hunted by those in power who want to bring back an ancient automaton army.

Nonbinary Characters

Capetta, A. R.

The Heartbreak Bakery

Syd bakes a batch of brownies after getting dumped and accidentally infuses them with magic that causes everyone who eats one to break up, including the bakery's owners.

Emezi, Akwaeke—***Pet***

They say there are no more monsters, but when 17-year-old Jam accidentally spills blood onto one of her mother's paintings, a strange creature emerges claiming to be a monster hunter.

Deaver, Mason

I Wish You All the Best

When Ben comes out as nonbinary, his parents throw them out and Ben is forced to live with their older sister and her husband, who they've never met.

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Gender Queer: A Memoir

This autobiography charts Maia's journey of self-identity, including confusing adolescent crushes, traumatic medical appointments, and the overwhelming struggle of how to exist in our society.

Polonsky, Ami—***Spin With Me***

Essie is only in North Carolina for a short time and desperately wants to go home until she develops a crush on Ollie, a smart, confident nonbinary student.

A few notes:

- These book lists are examples, not complete lists of books which fit into the genre.
- Not all books will be of interest to every reader.
- Teen Scene staff are always eager to help you find a book that fits your personal taste and interests. Just ask!

Transgender, Bisexual, Asexual, and Nonbinary Characters



Suggestions for Young Adult books that...

- **Show representations of teens exploring gender identity and sexuality**

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Transgender Characters

Callender, Kacen—***Felix Ever After***

Black, queer, and transgender Felix plots revenge after an online stalker starts sending him transphobic messages, but his plan lands him unexpectedly in a quasi-love triangle.

Daniels, April

Nemesis series (#1—*Dreadnought*)

Danny hides that she's transgender until she is transformed by inheriting a dying superhero's powers.

Edgmon, H. E.

Witch King series (#1—*The Witch King*)

After losing control of his magic, Wyatt, a transgender witch, flees to the human world, but his absence puts its fae prince fiancé's throne at risk.

McSmith, Tobly—***Stay Gold***

Pony is concealing his transgender identity, but is unsure how to keep a low profile after developing feelings for cheerleader Georgia, who promised herself she was done with dating.

Polonsky, Ami—***Gracefully Grayson***

Twelve-year-old Grayson tries out for the female lead in a school play and begins to learn to accept herself as a transgender girl.

Thomas, Aiden—***Cemetery Boys***

Yadriel wants to prove to his traditional family that his a brujo, not a bruja, by setting free the spirit of his murdered cousin, but ends up summoning the wrong ghost.

Williamson, Lisa

The Art of Being Normal

Outsider David forms an unlikely friendship with new kid Leo. When David's deepest secret gets out, that he wants to be a girl, things get very messy for both of them.

Bisexual Characters

Blake, Ashley Herring

How to Make a Wish

Grace has all but given up on wishes, but a series of clandestine nighttime adventures with Eva helps Grace begin to believe in happiness again.

Brennan, Sarah Rees

In Other Lands

On a field trip, Elliott discovers a wall that no one else can see and is transported to a fantasy world of elves, mermaids, and other creatures where he enrolls at a school for warriors and diplomats.

Gonzales, Sophie—***Perfect on Paper***

Darcy runs an anonymous, questionably legal relationship advice service and when Alexander learns her secret, he blackmails her into helping him win back his ex.

Jaigirdar, Adiba

Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating

Hani's friends don't believe she's bisexual since she's only dated guys before and forms a fake relationship with Ishu, who's hoping the relationship will help her popularity.

Marsh, Sarah Glenn

Reign of the Fallen duology

(#1—*Reign of the Fallen*)

Odessa is a skilled necromancer who must come face-to-face with an enemy who turned her magic into a weapon.

Wilde, Jen—***Queens of Geek***

Three Australian friends travel to San Diego for their first "SupaCon" and mix big relationship changes in with their favorite fandoms and Hollywood crushes.

Asexual and/or Aromantic Characters

Ireland, Justina

Dread Nation series (#1—*Dread Nation*)

The Native and Negro Reeducation Act requires girls like Jane to be trained to combat the walking dead, and when several families start to go missing, Jane gets caught up in a dangerous conspiracy.

Kann, Claire

Let's Talk About Love

Alice's asexuality has all but ended her dating life, but when she meets Takumi she has to decide if she's willing to risk their friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated, or even understood.

Legrand, Claire

Sawkill Girls

For decades, girls on Sawkill Rock island have been disappearing, and locals blame an insidious monster that no one has dared to fight until three young women decide to do something about it.

Little Badger, Darcie

Elatsoe

In Ellie's America, the magic and monsters of legend are real, and she'll use her wits and her abilities to uncover the truth behind her cousin's death.

Ormsbee, Katie

Tash Hearts Tolstoy

Fame and success come at a cost for Natasha when she creates a popular web series based on Tolstoy's Anna Karenina.