

Sáenz, Benjamin Alire

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

When angry loner Ari Mendoza—upset about his brother being in prison—befriends Dante, he starts asking new questions about himself and his family.

Silvera, Adam—***History Is All You Left Me***

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

Smith, Andrew—***Winger***

Fourteen-year-old Ryan grapples with boarding school life, falling for his female best friend, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team.

Sim, Tara

Timekeeper series (#1—Timekeeper)

In an alternate 1875 England, 17-year-old clock mechanic Danny, aided by the boy he loves, must discover who is sabotaging the towers that control the flow of time.

Surmelis, Angelo

The Dangerous Art of Blending In

Evan escapes his abusive family life by drawing inside an abandoned monastery, but his distractingly attractive best friend, Henry, thinks he deserves something more.

Valdes Greenwood, David—***Spin Me Right Round***

Luis wants to go to prom with his boyfriend, but a hit on the head knocks him back to 1985 where he learns about a tragedy involving parents and their gay classmate.

Winters, Julian

Running with Lions

When Sebastian's former best friend joins the soccer team, Sebastian is determined to push past their awkward relationship and reconnect for the sake of the team.

Zepka, Brian

The Temperature of Me and You

Dylan falls for a boy with an unusually high temperature, and when he comes down with a persistent fever and starts coughing flames, Dylan starts demanding answers.

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!

Gay Lit for Teens



Suggestions for Young Adult books that ...

- Address issues relating to the gay community.
- Include characters that identify as gay.

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Albertalli, Becky

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda

Not-so-openly gay Simon is being blackmailed for his email correspondence with another boy and risks alienating his friends in order to keep his secret from getting out.

Barakiva, Michael—***One Man Guy***

When Alek's Armenian-American parents send him to summer school, he thinks his summer is ruined. But then he meets Ethan, who opens his world in a series of truly unexpected ways.

Brandon, James—***Ziggy, Stardust & Me***

In 1973, when homosexuality is still considered a mental illness, Jonathan relies upon his vivid imagination to get by until meeting the fearless—and fearsome—Web.

Brown, Erik J.

All That's Left in the World

Andrew and Jamie search for civilization in a world ravaged by a deadly pathogen, but their secrets threaten the future they've begun to build together.

Couch, Robbie—***The Sky Blues***

When Sky's splashy Promposal plans get leaked by an anonymous, homophobic hacker, Sky's classmates help him to expose the perpetrator.

Federle, Tim—***The Great American Whatever***

After a tragic accident, Quinn withdraws into himself, but his best friend convinces him to get out and go to a party where he meets a guy and everything changes.

Gonzales, Sophie—***Only Mostly Devastated***

Ollie's stay in North Carolina gets unexpectedly extended, but his summer fling with Will ends abruptly when they end up at the same school, and Will acts like a completely different person.

Graziadei, A. L.—***Icebreaker***

Mickey is following a family tradition by playing college hockey, but doesn't know if he even wants to play and isn't sure what to do with his feelings for his rival and teammate, Jaysen.

Green, John and David Levithan

Will Grayson, Will Grayson

Two suburban Chicago high schoolers—both named Will Grayson—are about to meet, brought together awkwardly by the alarmingly huge and fabulously gay Tiny Cooper.

Hutchinson, Shaun David

A Complicated Love Story Set in Space

Three teens wake up on a spaceship with no idea how they got there, and after enduring all the perils of space, the biggest challenge they face is falling in love.

Jackson, Kosoko—***Yesterday Is History***

Andre's liver transplant came with the gift of time travel, and now he's splitting his time and attention between Michael from 1969 and present-day Blake, his donor's brother.

Jones, Adam Garnet—***Fire Song***

Shane has to keep his relationship with David a secret because there are no openly gay couples on the reservation, and they have hard choices to make when Shane wants them to move off rez for college.

Kahler, A. R.

Runebinder Chronicles (#1—Runebinder)

Tenn finds himself in a love triangle between good and evil in a world where magic has corrupted humanity and formerly human monsters roam the streets.

Khorram, Adib—***Kiss & Tell***

Hunter is on his first tour as the lead singer of a popular boy band and struggles to deal with a painful breakup, a potential rebound, and the stress of being a queer celebrity.

Klune, TJ—***The Extraordinaries series***

(#1—The Extraordinaries)

After writing superhero fanfiction, Nick meets his city's biggest hero and tries to become a superhero himself—alienating his friends and family in the process.

Konigsberg, Bill—***Openly Straight***

Tired of being known as "the gay kid," Rafe Goldberg decides to hide his identity when he moves to a new school, which has unexpected consequences.

La Sala, Ryan—***Be Dazzled***

Raffy is determined to win a cosplay competition that could help him get into art school, but standing between Raffy and the prize is his ex-boyfriend, Luca.

Levithan, David—***Two Boys Kissing***

As Craig and Harry try to break the world record for the longest kiss, the narrators take a fly-over of the current gay landscape.

Ness, Patrick—***Release***

Adam's complex story of love and letting go is intertwined with that of a vengeful ghost that rises out of the lake across town.

Philips, L. —***Sometime After Midnight***

Nate and Cameron meet at a dingy L.A. club, but when he discovers that Cameron's family owns the record label that destroyed his father's life, Nate bolts, leaving only a blurry photo of his sneakers.