10 Outstanding LGBT Teen Reads (from the last 10 years)

When I wrote my first novel, *Rainbow Boys*, I was writing the book I wished had been available when I was a teen—a book that would’ve told me: “It’s okay to be who you are.” I never imagined that with its 2001 my book would set off an ever-growing parade of LGBT-themed books for and about teenagers. Ten years later, at least a dozen wonderful new LGBT teen novels come out each year—to the point that it’s hard to keep up with what’s new. I’ve listed ten of the many, many awesome titles from the past decade. I encourage you to curl up with one, or two, or all of them, and recall your own coming of age. Marvel at what has changed and what remains the same.

And here’s a suggestion: If you like a particular book, pass it on to your own high school or middle school library! Tell them how much you would have liked for books like these to be available when you were a teen. Your donation might help inspire the life of at least one young person today.

**GIRLS WHO LIKE GIRLS:**

- *Keeping You A Secret*, by Julie Anne Peters – In only a few short years, it’s become the teen lesbian love story for a whole generation.
• *Down to the Bone*, by Mayra Lazara Dole – A fun and spicy Cuban-American coming-out love story that will sizzle and sparkle into your heart!

**BOYS WHO LIKE BOYS:**

- *Boy Meets Boys*, by David Levithan – A sweet valentine of a love story selected as an American Library Association “Best Book for Young Adults.”

- *Hero*, by Perry Moore – Move over Spidey! Now there’s a gay teen superhero to save the world. What LGBT person wouldn’t love that?

**TRANS INTEREST:**

- *Parrotfish*, by Ellen Wittlinger – What does it mean to be yourself when you don’t feel quite right with the gender you were born? (Female to male theme)

- *Luna*, by Julie Anne Peters – A book so good that it was selected as a National Book Award finalist! (Male to Female theme)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL/PRE TEEN:**

- *Totally Joe*, by James Howe – A warm and fun story about a totally out, totally loveable 13 year-old, written by one of the most popular children’s book authors writing today.

- *So Hard to Say*, by Alex Sanchez – Imagine “Will & Grace happening in middle school! (Now listen, all you writers out there! We desperately need more middle school and pre-teen novels, or I wouldn’t have to include one of my own.)

**BI-INTEREST:**

- *Split Screen*, by Brent Hartinger — Desire, decisions, dilemmas... A fun book that also digs deep into questions that teens face today. (Read the LLF review here.)

- *Empress of The World*, by Sara Ryan — What do you do when you think you’re attracted to the opposite sex, and then someone of the same sex steals your heart?
Best GLBT books for teens

They let you know there are other gay, lesbian, bi, or trans folk out there, going through the things you go through, or they educate you about GLBTs, and best of all, they're just great reads for anyone with an open mind!

1. *Boy Meets Boy*
   - by David Levithan (Goodreads Author)
   - 3.97 avg rating — 17,797 ratings
   - score: 3,323, and 34 people voted

2. *Lana*
   - by Julie Anne Peters
   - 3.53 avg rating — 9,320 ratings
   - score: 2,963, and 18 people voted

3. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
   - by Stephen Chbosky
   - 3.84 avg rating — 330,326 ratings
   - score: 7,284, and 28 people voted

4. *Hero*
   - by Terry Moore
   - 3.97 avg rating — 7,284 ratings
   - score: 2,028, and 57 people voted

5. *Keeping You a Secret*
   - by Julie Anne Peters
   - 3.97 avg rating — 9,343 ratings
   - score: 2,611, and 25 people voted

6. *Geography Club (Russell Middlebrook, #1)*
   - by Brent Hartinger (Goodreads Author)
   - 3.23 avg rating — 5,213 ratings
   - score: 2,323, and 24 people voted

7. *Rainbow Boys (Rainbow Trilogy, #1)*
   - by Alex Sanchez (Goodreads Author)
   - 3.84 avg rating — 7,169 ratings
   - score: 2,339, and 24 people voted

8. *Torn*
   - by Amber Lehman (Goodreads Author)
   - 3.73 avg rating — 202 ratings
   - score: 1,099, and 20 people voted

9. *Annie on My Mind*
   - by Nancy Garden
   - 3.92 avg rating — 11,926 ratings
   - score: 1,050, and 19 people voted

10. *Empress of the World (Battle Hall Davies, #1)*
    - by Sean Rysa (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.72 avg rating — 5,978 ratings
    - score: 1,700, and 18 people voted

11. *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*
    - by John Green (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.99 avg rating — 62,567 ratings
    - score: 1,255, and 18 people voted

12. *The Vast Fields of Ordinary*
    - by Nick Thad

13. *Tormented Discovery*
    - by Jasmin James (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.68 avg rating — 13 ratings
    - score: 1,294, and 13 people voted

14. *The Bermuda Triangle*
    - by Lauren Johnson (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.52 avg rating — 5,340 ratings
    - score: 1,257, and 13 people voted

15. *Maybe With a Chance of Certainty (Tales from Foster High, #1)*
    - by John Green (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.60 avg rating — 122 ratings
    - score: 1,158, and 12 people voted

16. *Finding Our Way*
    - by Jasmin James (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.97 avg rating — 27 ratings
    - score: 1,091, and 11 people voted

17. *Drain the Bane*
    - by Marya Zorcik Dale (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.03 avg rating — 619 ratings
    - score: 1,075, and 11 people voted

18. *What They Always Tell Us*
    - by Martha Wilson (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.84 avg rating — 1,724 ratings
    - score: 1,057, and 11 people voted

19. *Something Like Summer (Season #1)*
    - by Jay Bell (Goodreads Author)
    - 4.22 avg rating — 2,342 ratings
    - score: 1,047, and 11 people voted

20. *Kissing Kate*
    - by Lauren Myers
    - 3.96 avg rating — 5,305 ratings
    - score: 390, and 10 people voted

21. *End of the Innocence (Tales from Foster High, #3.6)*
    - by John Green (Goodreads Author)
    - 4.98 avg rating — 600 ratings
    - score: 956, and 10 people voted

22. *End of the Beginning (Tales from Foster High, #2)*
    - by John Green (Goodreads Author)
    - 4.00 avg rating — 677 ratings
    - score: 649, and 10 people voted

23. *Ash*
    - by Malinda Lo (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.55 avg rating — 10,055 ratings
    - score: 545, and 10 people voted

24. *Teenage Rewrite*
    - by Brendan Williams (Goodreads Author)
    - 3.98 avg rating — 107 ratings
    - score: 876, and 9 people voted

25. *Am I Blue?: Coming Out From the Silence*
    - by Marlon Donn Buser (Goodreads Author) (Editor)
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This High School Has Closed
by Robert Joseph Greens (Goodreads Author)
3.00 avg rating — 17 ratings
score: 200, and 3 people voted

Seek It to Me, Suntal!
by Madison Parker (Goodreads Author)
3.25 avg rating — 100 ratings
score: 294, and 3 people voted

Getting It
by Alex Sohn (Goodreads Author)
3.72 avg rating — 967 ratings
score: 392, and 3 people voted

What Happened to Laini Garver
by Good Plum-Uddl
4.07 avg rating — 2.027 ratings
score: 273, and 3 people voted

How to Repair a Mechanical Heart
by I.C. Lillie (Goodreads Author)
4.13 avg rating — 388 ratings
score: 276, and 3 people voted

Kamikaze Boys
by Jay Bell (Goodreads Author)
4.95 avg rating — 806 ratings
score: 277, and 3 people voted

Power Play
by J.M. Snyder (Goodreads Author)
3.91 avg rating — 341 ratings
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The Misadventure of Cameron Poit
by Emily M. Danforth (Goodreads Author)
3.90 avg rating — 1.949 ratings
score: 268, and 3 people voted

Don't Let Me Go
by J.H. Trumble (Goodreads Author)
4.22 avg rating — 948 ratings
score: 251, and 3 people voted

The Realm of Possibility
by David Levithan (Goodreads Author)
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Where You Are
by J.H. Trumble (Goodreads Author)
4.19 avg rating — 178 ratings
score: 234, and 3 people voted

The Boyfriend
by Kellie Martin
4.98 avg rating — 28 ratings
score: 200, and 2 people voted

Wanting (Wanting, #1)
by Piper Vaughn (Goodreads Author)
3.54 avg rating — 1.464 ratings
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The Secret Fruit of Peter Puddington: A Novel
by Brian Francis (Goodreads Author)
3.58 avg rating — 385 ratings
score: 199, and 2 people voted

Born This Way: Real Stories of Growing Up Gay
by Paul Vitagliano (Goodreads Author)
3.18 avg rating — 133 ratings
score: 198, and 2 people voted

A Boy's Own Story
by Edmund White
3.74 avg rating — 2.775 ratings
score: 197, and 2 people voted

The Screwed Up Life of Charlie the Second
by Drew Ferguson (Goodreads Author)
3.74 avg rating — 334 ratings
score: 191, and 2 people voted

Orphan's Quest (The Chronicles of Eirnn, #1)
by Pat Nelles (Goodreads Author)
3.77 avg rating — 54 ratings
score: 190, and 2 people voted

Strings Attached (Strings Attached, #1)
by Nick Nolan
3.33 avg rating — 319 ratings
score: 108, and 2 people voted

Exiled to Iowa: Send Help. And Couture
by Chris O'Gorman (Goodreads Author)
4.32 avg rating — 71 ratings
score: 104, and 2 people voted

Huntress
by Melissa La (Goodreads Author)
3.78 avg rating — 2.514 ratings
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The World of Normal Boys
by K.M. Seckleheim (Goodreads Author)
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I Am J
by Cita Baum
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Double Bound (Strings Attached, #2)
by Nick Nolan
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Good Moon Rising
by Nancy Garden
3.77 avg rating — 620 ratings
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Totally Joe (The Misfits, #2)
by James Howe
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With or Without You
by Brian Parrey (Goodreads Author)
1.06 avg rating — 469 ratings
Magic's Pawn (Valdemar: Last Herald-Mage, #1)
by Mercedes Lackey
- 3.10 avg rating — 12,100 ratings
- score: 10, and 2 people voted

Starting From Here
by Lisa Jean Bigelow (Goodreads Author)
- 3.62 avg rating — 190 ratings
- score: 153, and 2 people voted

Luck in the Shadows (Nightrunner, #1)
by Lynn Plowsilling (Goodreads Author)
- 4.11 avg rating — 8,706 ratings
- score: 156, and 2 people voted

The Fire's Stone
by Sonya Hart
- 3.97 avg rating — 1,083 ratings
- score: 154, and 2 people voted

Finding H.F.
by Julia Watts
- 3.87 avg rating — 68 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

Rhythm and Blues
by Jill Murray (Goodreads Author)
- 3.28 avg rating — 12 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

The Necessary Hunger
by Nina Rewa
- 3.79 avg rating — 172 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

Depran Moss: A Science Fiction Adventure
by Deane Shumka (Goodreads Author)
- 3.09 avg rating — 27 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

Hollowstone
by Dena R. Upkins Jr. (Goodreads Author)
- 2.76 avg rating — 54 ratings
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Hillserpent Academy
by Richard Donner
- 3.14 avg rating — 50 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

Curse of Arachnaman (Masks #4)
by Hayden Thorne
- 4.00 avg rating — 49 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

The Blue Lawn
by Williams Tavlor
- 3.97 avg rating — 76 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

(In)vicible
by Anya Sunday (Goodreads Author)
- 3.62 avg rating — 118 ratings
- score: 100, and 1 person voted

She Loves You, She Loves You Not...
by Julie Anne Peters
- 3.38 avg rating — 757 ratings
gender (n) A cultural distinction of maleness, femaleness, or otherwise.
Can label behaviors, colors, jobs, haircuts, people, and more!

the GENDER booklet

by Boston Bostian, Mel Reif Hill, and Jay Mays
Welcome to the GENDER booklet, a handbook of essential excerpts from the GENDER book. The full version (available free online) is a colorful and concise resource on many gender-related topics. It's a Gender 101 for anyone and everyone!
Gender
(or the lack thereof) is part of a person's identity. Specific attributes can be gendered like behavior, voice, clothing, haircut, and social roles.

These can be thought of as masculine, feminine, androgynous, ambiguous, neutral, or any combination of the above (and more!).

We get messages about what it means to be masculine or feminine from our society. These change over time and differ from one culture to the next.

Sex

The physical structure of a person's internal and external reproductive organs, chromosomes and hormones.

Bodies are one example of a thing that can be gendered. This distinction is often referred to as one's biological sex. Sex can be thought of as one aspect of a person's gender.
Encompasses any individual who crosses over or challenges their society's traditional gender roles or expressions.
Gender

Gender expression

The performance of one's gender identity; how it is communicated to others through behavior, clothing, nonverbal actions, etc.

Genders include:

- Female
- Male
- Intersex
- Nonbinary
- Transgender
- Genderqueer
- Agender
- Aromantic
- Agender

Identity

A person's conception of their gender. Identity includes:

- Gender expression
- Gender role
- Preferred gender
- Social identity
- Biological sex

Transgender

An umbrella term used to describe anyone whose gender identity does not align with the sex assigned at birth. There are varying degrees of transgender identities and expressions which may or may not include a social transition or hormonal transition.

Transgender people may have a social identity that is different from their sex assigned at birth, and/or they may undergo a social transition to live in a different way that aligns with their gender identity.

Crossdressing

The idea that there are only two gender possibilities (male and female), and that everyone is either one or the other, with no middle ground. The extreme femininity to the extremely masculine, a continuum ranging from boys to girls.

Dyke, Queer

The idea that there are any two distinct genders. In between, more indistinct, including also the Middle sex, the extreme feminity, the extremely masculine, the extremely feminine to the extremely masculine, a continuum ranging from boys to girls.

Glossary
**How to be an ally to the Transgender community**

**Certainly Do** ...

- Get to know me!
- Educate yourself!
- Use preferred pronouns!
- And learn my real name!

**Please Don't** ...

- Call me by a name that is not agreed upon.
- Exaggerate or make assumptions about my gender.
- Ask me about my genitalia.

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### Useful Information

**Hermaphrodite** comes from the name of a Greek God Goddess, Hermaphroditus was the child of Hermes and Aphrodite. Today we use the more respectful term: Intersex.

- Until the 1940s, pink = masculinity and blue = femininity.
- Blue related to the Virgin Mary, while pink (a variety of red) was considered an aggressive, more masculine color.

#### Models

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**Historical Profile**

**Hannah Snell** (1723–1792)

was a British woman who disguised herself as a man and became a soldier.

Hannah Snell was born in Worcester, England on 23 April, 1723.

Locals claim that she played a soldier even as a child, (Va6)

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The creators of the GENDER book() seek to present information that is accurate and honoring. While this resource reflects an agreement of many community voices, we affirm that there is space for all readers to redefine terms and identify themselves as they see fit. Gender is beautifully diverse, and so are you!
The GENDER booklet is an annotated version containing the 6 most requested pages from the full gender book, which is a fun gender 101 for everyone.

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what is gender? history, biological differences, kids & gender, gender v. sex, binary v. spectrum, transgender umbrella, masculine women, androgynous, feminine men, transsexuals, cross-dressers, drag kings & queens, intersex, gender-queer, allies, and more!
The Genderbread Person v2.0

Gender is one of those things everyone thinks they understand, but most people don't. Like Inception. Gender isn't binary. It's not either/or. In many cases it's both/and. A bit of this, a dash of that. This tasty little guide is meant to be an appetizer for understanding. It's okay if you're hungry for more.

- Identity
- Attraction
- Expression

Gender Identity

Nongendered

Agender

Biological Sex

Asex

Attracted to

Nobody

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to gender, while the fourth pertains to sexuality, great job. Skip ahead to the next paragraph. For everyone else: If that doesn’t make sense to you, or you’re unsure of how all four interrelate, worry not. By the end of this post it’ll all make sense or you can have your money back. And if you never gave me money, give me money.

Whenever I talk to groups about gender, a common problem arises: people tend to assume that someone has to be on either the left half or the right half of all the continuums above, and when I explain that many people zig zag through the list, they give me blank stares. I’m about to say something that will likely freak you out, but be cool, because it’ll all make sense soon. Gender identity, gender expression, biological sex, and sexual orientation are independent of one another (i.e., they are not connected).

With that said (I’m going to say it again later), let’s move on.

Gender Identity: Who You Think You Are

On the left we have “woman” and on the right we have “man,” two terms you are likely already familiar with. In the middle, we have the term “genderqueer,” which, you guessed it, is used for an identity that is somewhere between woman and man. Another term for genderqueer that is accepted within the community is “genderfuck,” but that’s a bit racy for my taste. It’s also important to note that many people consider their identity to fall outside of the traditional (and limited) woman to man spectrum.

These identities can be called genderqueer, agender, third gender, bigender, and more.

Gender identity is all about how you, in your head, think about yourself. It’s about how you internally interpret the chemistry that composes you (e.g., hormone levels). As you know it, do you think you fit better into the societal role of “woman,” or “man” or do neither ring particularly true for you? That is, are you somewhere in-between the two? Or do you consider your gender to fall outside of the spectrum completely? The answer is your gender identity.

It has been accepted that we form our gender identities around the age of three, and after that age it is incredibly difficult to change them. Formation of identity is affected by hormones and environment just as much as it is by biological sex. Oftentimes, problems arise when someone is assigned a gender based on their sex at birth that doesn’t align with how they come to identity. We’ll talk about that more later.

Gender Expression: How You Demonstrate Who You Are

On the left we have “feminine” and on the right we have “masculine,” the two expressive terms related to “woman” and “man.” In the middle, we have a new term “androgynous,” which describes an ambiguous or mixed form of expressing gender.

Gender expression is all about how you demonstrate your gender through the ways you act, dress, behave, and interact—whether that is intentional or unintended. Gender expression is interpreted by others perceiving your gender based on traditional gender roles (e.g., men wear pants, women wear dresses). Gender expression is something that often changes from day to day, outfit to outfit, event or setting to event or setting. It’s about how the way you express yourself aligns or doesn’t with traditional ways of gendered expression. And like gender identity, there is a lot of room for flexibility here. It is likely that you slide around on this continuum throughout the week without even thinking about it. How about an example?

You wake up and you’re wearing baggy grey sweatpants and a t-shirt. As you walk into your kitchen to prepare breakfast, you’re expressing an androgynous-to-slightly-masculine gender. However, you see your partner in the kitchen and you pout in like Halle Berry from Catwoman, then you are expressing much more femininely, so now you’re back on the left half of the continuum. You pour a bowl of cereal, wrap your fist around a spoon like a viking, and start shoveling Fruit Loops into your face, and all-of-a-sudden you’re sliding back onto the right side of the continuum. After breakfast, you skip back into your bedroom and playfully place varying outfits in front of you, pleading your partner help you decide what to wear. You’re feminine again.

I assume this entire time you were imagining it was you, with your gender identity, acting out that example. Now go through the whole thing, but imagine someone with the a different gender identity from you going through the motions. Now you are starting to understand how these concepts interrelate, but don’t interconnect.

Biological Sex: The Equipment Under the Hood

On the left we have “female” and on the right we have “male,” the two biological sexes we all grew up knowing about. In the middle, we have a new term “intersex,” which

Differently Gendered People
Clarifying the Diversity

Definitions

Definitions of different kinds of people, who may identify as differently gendered or (transgender).

Transgender:

a broad term used to encompass all manifestations of crossing gender barriers. It includes all who crossdress or otherwise transgress gender norms, and all others who wish to belong. The Minnesota Human Rights Act includes transgender people and defines them as: “having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one’s biological maleness or femaleness.”

Crossdresser:

the preferred term for one who enjoys dressing as their opposite sex; a part-time activity which can involve a degree of exploration into gender identity.

Transvestite:

the original term for "cross-dresser", which has acquired a connotation of fetishism and perversion.

Bi gender / Dual gender:
Definitions

a person who possesses and expresses a distinctly masculine persona and a distinctly feminine persona. Is comfortable in and enjoys presenting in both gender roles.

Transgenderist (cross living):

a term used specifically to describe a person who expresses a gender contrary to the normal expectation of their anatomy-most or all of the time-but feels no need for Gender Reassignment Surgery.

F to M or M to F:

abbreviations used to describe female to male or male to female transgender people.

Pre-op Transsexual:

one who feels their anatomy should be altered to correspond with their dominant gender; may live full-time in their dominant gender, but hasn't yet had Gender Reassignment Surgery (GRS) - or may never be able due to health or financial problems.

Post-op Transsexual:

one who has had GRS and lives full-time, often preferring to drop the label since it refers primarily to their transition.

Two spirited (Berdache):

term used by most anthropologists for transgendered Native-American Shamans, whose traditions varied between tribes.

Female or male Impersonator:

persons who crossdress as a performing art and/or as stage personalities. They may also consider themselves “drag performers” and may or may not consider themselves to be transgender.
Drag Queen/King:

a man or woman dressed as the opposite gender, many times overdone or outrageous and may present a “stereotyped image.” Often lesbian or gay.

Androgyny:

a profound blend of gender which blurs the distinction between masculine and feminine.

The Third Sex:

generally a term applied to transgender people who express a "gender alternative" to traditional masculine or feminine roles.

Gender Blending:

dressing in such a way as to question the traditional feminine or masculine qualities assigned to articles of clothing or adornment. Gender bending may be a part of 'fashion', or possibly a 'political' Statement.

Intersexed (Hermaphrodite):

one who is born with ambiguous anatomical features or features of both male and female.
FREE CECE!

Chrishaun "CeCe" McDonald is a young, African-American, transgender woman incarcerated for manslaughter after an incident in Minneapolis that began when she was violently attacked because of her race and gender.

CeCe is a creative and energetic person who, before her life was so unjustly interrupted, was studying fashion & had a stable home where she lived with and helped support four other African American youth - her family. CeCe is a leader, a role model, and a loyal friend. After accepting a plea to manslaughter, she was sentenced to 41 months in prison. Her crime: Surviving a racist & transphobic attack. ***** Below are some solid ways to help CeCe while she serves her time in prison. Don't let the world forget about her, don't let her be just another news story you read about once. CeCe needs her community; she needs to know she's still loved.

*Write letters & send books to CeCe in prison to show her yr love.  *Organize a fundraiser for CeCe. It cost a lot to survive in prison. She needs money for commissary, phone calls, writing materials and to fund trips for her family and supporters to visit her.  *Donate directly to her through her website: www.supportcece.wordpress.com  *Write yr own articles and blog post, post, re-post, forward, spread her story far and wide. *Write letters to editors asking them to write responsible articles about CeCe's case. We NEED to keep her story in the news.

Keep updated with information and how to get involved:

www.supportcece.wordpress.com  
www.facebook.com/freecece.mcdonald  
twitter.com/#/free_cece

No PRIDE without JUSTICE!

Stay tuned for FREE CECE presence at this year's Pride!
When Did it Happen: An LGBT History Activity

Answer Key: Use this list to reveal the correct order of events

1623: Francis Bacon, a noted homosexual who coined the term "masculine love" publishes The Advancement of Learning—an argument for empirical research and against superstition. This deductive system for empirical research earned him the title "the Father of Modern Science."

1624: Richard Cornish of the Virginia Colony is tried and hanged for sodomy.

1649: The first known conviction for lesbian activity in North America occurs in March when Sarah White Norman is charged with "lewd behavior" with Mary Vincent Hammon in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

1749: Thomas Cannon wrote what may be the earliest published defense of homosexuality in English, Ancient and Modern Pederasty Investigated and Exemplify’d.

1779: Thomas Jefferson revises Virginia law to make sodomy (committed by men or women) punishable by mutilation rather than death.

1886: We'wha, an accomplished Zuni weaver and potter (who would be considered by Western standards and norms as being male at birth) lived as a woman in the Zuni tribe, visits Washington, D.C. as an ambassador of the Zuni people. She is received by President Grover Cleveland as a "Zuni princess."

1924: Henry Gerber forms the Society for Human Rights, the first gay group in the United States, but the group is quickly shut down.

1925: Blues woman Ma Rainey is arrested in her house in Harlem for having a lesbian party. Her protégé, Bessie Smith, bails her out of jail the following morning. Rainey and Smith were part of an extensive circle of lesbian and bisexual African-American women in Harlem.

1928: The Well of Loneliness by Radclyffe Hall is published in the United States. This sparks great legal controversy and brings the topic of homosexuality to public conversation.

1950: The first gay organization, the Mattachine Society is formed in Los Angeles. They referred to themselves as a homophile group.

1952: Christine Jorgensen is the first American whose sex reassignment surgery became public. Her surgery caused an international sensation, and for many, she was the first visible transsexual in the media.

1955: The Daughters of Bilitis (DOB), considered to be the first lesbian rights organization, was formed by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon in San Francisco, California. The group was conceived as a social alternative to lesbian bars, which were considered illegal and thus subject to raids and police harassment. Founders claim that they had no knowledge of the male-oriented homophile groups, such as the Mattachine Society, when they first established the organization.


1962: Illinois becomes first U.S. state to remove sodomy law from its criminal code.

1963: Bayard Rustin, noted civil rights activist and gay man, is the chief organizer behind the historic March on Washington, which culminates with Dr. Martin Luther King’s famous “I have a dream…” speech.
1963: The first gay rights demonstration in the USA took place on September 19th at the Whitehall Induction Center in New York City, protesting against discrimination in the military.

1969: A police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City in the wee hours of June 28th leads to four days of battle between police and angry lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and trans identified people. Youth are a major part of these "riots" that mark the birth of the modern gay movement.

1970: The first Gay Liberation Day March is held in New York City.

1973: The board of the American Psychiatric Association votes 13-0 to remove homosexuality from its official list of psychiatric disorders, the DSM-II. The resolution also urges an end to private and public discrimination and repeal of laws discriminating against homosexuals.

1982: Nearly 800 people are infected with GRID (Gay-Related Immunodeficiency). The name is changed to AIDS by years end.

1984: Virginia Uribe begins Project 10, a program to support gay and lesbian students in a L.A. high school. The project is eventually adopted by the entire Los Angeles School District.

1985: The first memorial to the Nazi's gay victims, a pink granite stone monument at Neuengamme concentration camp, inscribed "Dedicated to the Homosexual victims of National Socialism", is unveiled.

1987: ACT UP a direct action activist group is founded in the LGBT Community Center in NYC to focus attention on AIDS related issues using civil disobedience.

1989: Billy Tipton, jazz musician, dies and is discovered to be female after presenting as a man since 1933.

1991: Audre Lorde, critically acclaimed novelist, poet and essayist, who was politically active in the civil rights movements, a cofounder of The Kitchen Table Women of Color Press and an editor of the lesbian journal Chrysalis, was named State Poet of New York.

1996: Kelli Peterson founds a Gay-Straight Alliance at East High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. The city school board bans all "non-curricular" student clubs in order to keep the group from meeting.

1997: Ellen DeGeneres and her television character Ellen Morgan, come out. Ellen becomes the first show to feature a lesbian or gay lead character.

1998: Matthew Shepard, a gay Wyoming college student is brutally beaten by two young men, tied to a fence and left overnight to die.

2002: NYC expands the definition of gender to include protections for trans and gender-different people in the NYC Human Rights Law.

2002: Gwen Amber Rose Araujo, a male-to-female transgender teenager dies after being attacked by multiple individuals. The events leading up to Araujo's death were the subject of a pair of criminal trials in which it was alleged that the attackers were angered by the discovery that Araujo — who, at the time, was living as female — was biologically male. In the most recent trial, two of the defendants were convicted of second-degree murder, but the jury concluded that no hate crime was committed.

2003: The Supreme Court overturns sodomy laws, proclaiming rights to privacy and decriminalizing "homosexual" behavior.
2004: Hundreds of same sex couples legally exchange marriage vows in Massachusetts, the first U.S. state to allow gay marriage.

2005: At its annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia, the American Psychiatric Association votes to support government-recognized marriages between same-sex partners.

2006: Attorney and transgender activist Kim Coco Iwamoto is elected to the state-level Board of Education in Hawaii. She is the first openly transgender person to be elected to a state level office in the United States.

2007: The David Ray Hate Crimes Prevention Act of ________, or David's Law, is a bill first introduced in the United States House of Representatives by Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee of Texas. It is designed to reinforce hate crimes, and specifically makes sexual orientation a protected class alongside race and gender.

2008: Soulforce, an organization committed to confronting religious-based hate, visits 32 colleges and universities that ban enrollment of openly LGBT students.

2009: New Hampshire becomes the 6th state to accept same-sex marriages.
Famous GLB People in History You're in Good Company!

"Within the typical secondary school curriculum, homosexuals do not exist. They are 'nonpersons' in the finest Stalinist sense. They have fought no battles, held no offices, explored nowhere, written no literature, built nothing, invented nothing and solved no equations. The lesson to the heterosexual student is abundantly clear: homosexuals do nothing of consequence. To the homosexual student, the message has even greater power: no one who has ever felt as you do has done anything worth mentioning." -Gerald Unks, editor, The Gay Teen.

Sports

- Martina Navratilova, professional tennis champion
- Billie Jean King, professional tennis champion
- David Kopay, retired NFL football player
- Greg Louganis, three-time Olympic gold medalist in diving
- Glenn Burke, Ex-Major League baseball player
- Dave Pallone, Ex-Major League baseball umpire
- Bruce Hayes, Olympic swimmer
- Bob Jackson, professional bodybuilder
- Babe Didrikson Zaharias, professional golfer
- Tom Waddell, Olympic decathlete

Music

- Elton John, musician
- George Michael, musician
- k.d. lang, musician
- Melissa Etheridge, musician
- Boy George, musician (Culture Club)
- Ani DiFranco, musician
- Brian Epstein, First manager for the Beatles
- Liberace, pianist/entertainer
- Aaron Copeland, composer
- Johnny Mathis, musician
- Iggy Pop, musician
- Janis Ian, musician

Homosexuality - Famous People

*It is widely believed that this person was gay, lesbian or bisexual, based on their personal history, accounts by family and friends, memoirs, or works.
Questions about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History:

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. In 1974, what state had a state senator become the first elected official in the nation to publicly ‘come out’ and what is this person's name?

   State: ________  Senator: ________________

2. Which gay American playwright made his Broadway debut with *The Glass Menagerie*?

   a) F. Scott Fitzgerald  b) Tennessee Williams  c) James Baldwin

3. Who lived at 27 Rue de Fleurs, Paris? ________ & ________

4. Who assassinated San Francisco mayor George Mascone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978?

   a) Bob Green  b) Bill Whitely  c) Dan White  d) Tom Brown

5. Who played the gay character on the 1970’s comedy SOAP?

   a) Billy Crystal  b) Jerry Seinfeld  c) Tom Hanks  d) Bobby Riggs

6. N.O.W. once expelled author Rita Mae Brown simply because she is a lesbian.

   True or False
Answers for: "WHAT Do You KNOW?"

1) State: Minnesota  Senator: Alas Spear

2) b - Tennessee Williams

3) Gertrude Stein & Alice B. Toklas

4) c - Dan White

5) a - Billy Crystal

6) False. But she did resign form there following anti-gay remarks by Betty Friedan.

7) a - Oregon

8) b - An Early Frost

9) a - 1973

10) b - Eleanor Roosevelt

11) c - the triangle was used by the Nazis to identify gays and lesbians in concentration camps in Germany