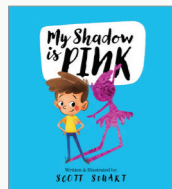


Diversify your reading with these LGBTQIA+ books



Being represented in stories, especially from childhood, can have a profound impact on a child's sense of learning, belonging and confidence. There are so many fantastic LGBTQIA+ children's books out there – but here are some of our favourites!

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My shadow is pink
by Scott Stuart

Themes: Gender identity; acceptance of diversity
Suggested reading age: 4+

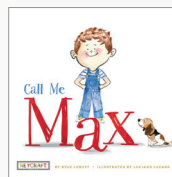
Inspired by the author's child, this story features themes of self-discovery and the importance of unconditional love, encouraging children to embrace their true selves.



My shadow is purple
by Scott Stuart

Themes: Non-binary genders; acceptance of diversity
Suggested reading age: 4+

This book is about self-acceptance and diversity through the story of a child discovering and embracing their unique identity and interests.



Call me Max
by Kyle Lukoff

Themes: Transgender child (assigned female at birth); social transitioning
Suggested reading age: 5+

Call me Max is about a transgender boy who bravely comes out to everyone at school, with help from his supportive teacher and friends.



Sam is my sister
by Ashley Rhodes-Courter

Themes: Transgender child (assigned male at birth); sibling support; social transitioning
Suggested reading age: 4+

This story is about a transgender girl named Sam, and her sister who writes about how they support each other and deal with challenges together.



An ABC of families
by Paulina Morgan

Themes: Diverse family types
Suggested reading age: 4+

An ABC of families teaches children about different types of families using the alphabet, showing that families can be diverse and unique in many ways.



Enough love?
by Maggie Hatchings

Themes: Same-sex relationship (male); parent coming out; divorce
Suggested reading age: 3+

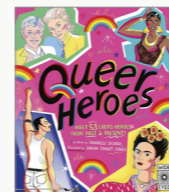
Enough love is about a child who learns that love can be abundant and unconditional, no matter the circumstances or challenges faced.



The girl with two dads
by Mel Elliot

Themes: Same-sex parent relationship (male)
Suggested reading age: 3+

This book is about a girl who lives happily with her two dads, showing that families come in different forms and are filled with love and care.



Queer heroes
by Arabelle Sicardi

Themes: Queer history; positive LGBTQIA+ role models
Suggested reading age: 4+

Queer heroes celebrates the lives of trailblazing LGBTQIA+ icons throughout history, with inspiring stories of bravery and resilience.



Pink is for boys
by Robb Pearlman

Themes: Gender bias
Suggested reading age: 4+

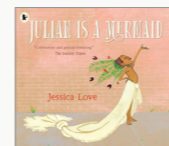
This book shows how colours like pink and blue can be enjoyed by everyone, encouraging children to like what they like without worrying about stereotypes.



Love makes a family
by Sophie Beer

Themes: Diverse family types
Suggested reading age: 1+

This story by Sophie Beer shows that families can be made up of different people who love each other very much, no matter how they are connected.



Julian is a mermaid
by Sophie Love

Themes: Same-sex parent relationship (male)
Suggested reading age: 3+

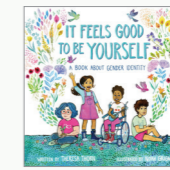
Julian is a mermaid is about a boy who loves mermaids and dreams of being one. He embarks on a journey of self-discovery and acceptance with the support of his abuela (grandmother).



Julian at a wedding
by Jessica Love

Themes: Gender norms/bias; questioning gender identity
Suggested reading age: 3+

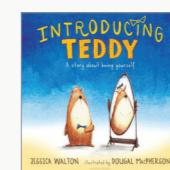
This story follows Julian as he attends a wedding with his abuela (grandmother), where he embraces his unique self-expression and learns about the power of love and celebration.



It feels good to be yourself
by Theresa Thorn

Themes: Gender identity; transgender child; non-binary child
Suggested reading age: 4+

It feels good to be yourself tells the story of Ruthie, who learns about different gender identities through the experiences of her friends and family.



Introducing teddy
by Jessica Walton

Themes: Gender identity, acceptance and friendship
Suggested reading age: 3+

This story is about Thomas, a teddy who shares with his friends that inside, he feels more like Tilly, a female teddy.



Enid and her two mums
by Jessica Skogstad

Themes: Same-sex parent relationship (female)
Suggested reading age: 2+

Enid and her two mums is about a girl who happily lives with her two mothers, celebrating their love and their family bond.



We are allies!
by Taimani Emerald

Themes: Introduction to allyship
Suggested reading age: 2+

This book teaches children how to support and stand up for each other through kindness and understanding among friends and classmates.



Mama and mommy and me in the middle
by Zoe Lacour

Themes: Separation anxiety; same-sex parent relationship (female)
Suggested reading age: 3+

This story is about a family with two mums, celebrating their everyday adventures and the special bond they share with their child.

