

LGBT Books in the Dominic J. Bruno Library at Brighton High

IL=Interest Level, RL=Reading Level

The books on this list are in the Brighton High School Library collection. There are many other books and ebooks available via the Boston Public Library Site, some in other languages. They can be searched at bpl.org. We are a BPL branch and you can have materials delivered here. See library for help.

37 things I love (in no particular order)

By Magoon, Kekla Dewey: -Fic-
Fifteen-year-old Ellis recalls her favorite things as her mother's desire to turn off the machines that have kept Ellis's father alive for two years fill the last four days of her sophomore year with major changes in herself and her relationships.

2012 IL:YA

Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe

By Saenz, Benjamin Alire Dewey: -Fic-
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before. 2014 IL:YA

Ask the passengers

By King, A. S Dewey: -Fic-
Astrid Jones, who realizes that she is a lesbian, deals with the gossip and rejection she faces by sending love up to the people on airplanes as they pass over her. 2013 IL:YA

Beneath a meth moon : an elegy

By Woodson, Jacqueline Dewey: -Fic-
Laurel Daneau, having lost her mother, grandmother, and home in Hurricane Katrina, thinks things are going well with her new life as a cheerleader and the girlfriend of basketball star T-Boom, but after T-Boom

Almost perfect

By Katcher, Brian Dewey: -Fic-
With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student--who is hiding a big secret--arrives at his small-town Missouri high school.

2009 IL:YA

Ash

By Lo, Malinda Dewey: -Fic-
A variation on the Cinderella story in which a girl named Ash grows up believing in the fairy realm that the king and his philosophers have sought to suppress, until one day she must choose between a handsome fairy cursed to love her and the King's Huntress, whom she loves. 2009 IL:YA

Bait

By Sanchez, Alex Dewey: -Fic-
Diego keeps getting into trouble because of his explosive temper until he finally finds a probation officer who helps him get to the root of his anger so that he can stop running from his past.

____#0399KA8 2009 IL:YA \$14.51

The Bermudez Triangle : a novel

By Johnson, Maureen Dewey: -Fic-
The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.

2004 IL:YA

introduces her to meth and she finds the drug helps her deal with her past, Laurel must rely on the help of an artist named Moses and her friend Kaylee to overcome the addiction.
2012 IL:YA

Better Nate than ever

By Federle, Tim Dewey: -Fic-
An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."
2014 IL:5-8 RL:5.9

Beyond magenta : transgender teens speak out

By Kuklin, Susan Dewey: 306.76
Six teens tell what it is like for them to be members of the transgender community.
2015 IL:YA

Dare truth or promise

By Boock, Paula Dewey: -Fic-
Louie Angelo, a Woodhaugh High prefect who plans to be a lawyer, falls in love with a girl who lives in a pub and just wants to get through her exams so she can become a chef.
1997 IL:YA

The difference between you and me

By George, Madeleine Dewey: -Fic-
School outsider Jesse, a lesbian, is having secret trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president, but when they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue

Between Mom and Jo : a novel

By Peters, Julie Anne Dewey: -Fic-
Fourteen-year-old Nick and his two mothers face prejudice, work problems, alcoholism, cancer, and finally separation.2006 IL:YA

Boyfriends with girlfriends

By Sanchez, Alex Dewey: -Fic-
When Lance begins to date Sergio, who is bisexual, he is not sure that it will work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand. 2011 IL:YA

Crossing lines

By Volponi, Paul Dewey: -Fic-
Adonis, a football hero and boyfriend to one of the prettiest girls at school, goes along with the team when they target Alan, a new kid who wears lipstick and joins the fashion club, but he must choose between being popular and doing the right thing when his buddies come up with a plan to humiliate Alan.
2011 IL:YA

David inside out

By Bantle, Lee F Dewey: -Fic-
At a Minneapolis high school, a cross-country runner tries to deny his sexual feelings for a male teammate. 2009 IL:YA

Down to the bone

By Dole, Mayra L Dewey: -Fic-
Laura, a Miami high school student, gets caught kissing her lesbian lover which marks the start of big changes in her life, including getting kicked out of her Catholic school,

and Jesse becomes more involved with a student activist, they are forced to make a difficult decision.

2012 IL:YA

Empress of the world

By Ryan, Sara Dewey: -Fic-

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.

2001 IL:YA \$5.84

Freak show

By St. James, James Dewey: -Fic-

Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, Christianity expressed as persecution, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

2007 IL:YA \$14.10

Gay marriage

Dewey: 306.84

Presents six essays that argue opposing points regarding gay marriage; three example essays with notes and exercises teaching how to write persuasively; and tools for research, including guidance on source use and MLA style, fact lists on gay marriage, a list of sample topics on the issue, an annotated list of related organizations to contact, and a bibliography.

2008 IL:5-8 RL:7

Gemini bites

By Ryan, Patrick Dewey: -Fic-

Sixteen-year-old fraternal twins Kyle and Judy both fall for the student their parents have taken in for the school year, Garret Johnson, who claims to be a vampire.

2011 IL:YA

thrown out of her home by her mother, and forced to build a new kind of family with the help of friends and supporters.

2008 IL:YA

Fancy white trash

By Geerling, Marjetta Dewey: -Fic-

Fifteen-year-old Abby Savage hopes that her five rules for falling in love will keep her from making the same mistakes as her mother and two older sisters--all unwed mothers who have slept with the same man, among others--while she also tries to help her best friend Cody admit that he is gay, and decide how she really feels about Cody's older brother, Jackson.

2008 IL:YA

Freaks and revelations : a novel

By Hurwin, Davida Dewey: -Fic-

A story told in the alternating voices of a seventeen-year-old racist and a thirteen-year-old boy cast out of his home for being gay, whose violent encounter with each other has a lasting impact on their futures.

2009 IL:YA

Gay people of color : facing prejudices, forging identities

By Seba, Jaime Dewey: 306.76

Examines the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender--LGBT--individuals who also face prejudices because of race or ethnicity, describing the discrimination that can be found within and outside of the LGBT community.

2011 IL:YA

GLBTQ : the survival guide for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning teens

By Huegel, Kelly Dewey: 306.76

Offers gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender teens, as well as those questioning their sexuality, information and practical advice to

help them deal with the issues they may face with their families, at school, and within contemporary society.

2011 IL:YA

The God box

By Sanchez, Alex Dewey: -Fic-
When openly gay Manuel transfers to Paul's high school, Paul, a born-again Christian, begins to question his own sexuality.
2007 IL:YA

Grl2grl : short fictions

By Peters, Julie Anne Dewey: 813
A collection of ten short stories about teens and their problems with relationships and sexual identity. 2007 IL:YA

Homo

By Harris, Michael Dewey: -Fic-
When Will's best friend announces on Facebook that he is gay, his life begins to spiral out of control. 2013 IL:YA RL:4

How beautiful the ordinary : twelve stories of identity

Dewey: -Fic-
Presents twelve stories by contemporary, award-winning young adult authors, some presented in graphic or letter format, which explore themes of gender identity, love, and sexuality. 2009 IL:YA

I was a teenage fairy

By Block, Francesca Lia Dewey: -Fic-
A feisty, sexy fairy helps a young woman heal traumas from her past. 1998 IL:YA

Gravity

By Lieberman, Leanne Dewey: -Fic-
Ellie Gold, an orthodox Jewish teenager in the 1980s, struggles to cope with her newly-discovered homosexuality and her strict religion's rules against homosexuality, until her mother and sister offer her an alternate concept of God that helps Ellie accept her lifestyle. 2008 IL:YA

Hero

By Moore, Perry Dewey: 813
Thom, the teenage son of a fallen superhero who seems to be linked to his mother's disappearance, joins the League and finds himself dealing with confusing sexual feelings for the hero Uberman while learning to use his powers and moving toward the truth about his mother's disappearance. 2007 IL:YA

The house you pass on the way

By Woodson, Jacqueline Dewey: -Fic-
When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.
1997 IL:YA

How they met, and other stories

By Levithan, David Dewey: -Fic-
A collection of eighteen stories describing the surprises, sacrifices, doubts, pain, and joy of falling in love. 2008 IL:YA

King of the screwups

By Going, K. L Dewey: -Fic-
Liam Geller is one of the most popular boys in school but can't seem to do anything right in the eyes of his father; so he goes to live with

Keesha's house

By Frost, Helen Dewey: -Fic-
Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again. 2003 IL:YA \$15.41

The last exit to normal

By Harmon, Michael B Dewey: -Fic-
Yanked out of his city life and plunked down in a small Montana town with his newly outed father and his father's boyfriend, seventeen-year-old Ben, angry and resentful about the changed circumstances of his life, begins to notice something is not quite right with the little boy next door and determines to figure out what is going on. 2008 IL:YA

Love & lies : Marisol's story

By Wittlinger, Ellen Dewey: -Fic-
When Marisol, a self-confident eighteen-year-old lesbian, moves to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work and try to write a novel, she falls under the spell of her beautiful but deceitful writing teacher, while also befriending a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana. 2008 IL:YA \$5.84

M or F? : a novel

By Papademetriou, Lisa Dewey: -Fic-
Gay teen Marcus helps his friend Frannie chat up her crush online, but then becomes convinced that the crush is falling for him instead. 2005 IL:YA

My heartbeat

By Freymann-Weyr, Garret Dewey: -Fic-
As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend,

his homosexual, rocker uncle who helps him to understand that there is much more to him than his father will ever see.

2009 IL:YA

Losers

By Roth, Matthue Dewey: -Fic-
Russian-born teenager Jupiter Glazer tries to fit in with his American classmates and ends up becoming the target of a bully and developing a crush on a popular girl who is friendly to him. 2008 IL:YA

A love story starring my dead best friend

By Horner, Emily Dewey: -Fic-
As she tries to sort out her feelings of love, seventeen-year-old Cass, a spunky math genius with an introverted streak, finds a way to memorialize her dead best friend. 2010 IL:YA

Mousetraps

By Schmatz, Pat Dewey: -Fic-
When Maxie's best friend from elementary school returns years later after a horrible act of violence against him, Maxie feels guilty about how she treated him and conflicted over whether or not she wants to befriend him again. 2008 IL:YA \$13.51

My most excellent year : a novel of love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park

By Kluger, Steve Dewey: -Fic-
Three Boston teens, about to become seniors, learn important lessons about friendship, love, family, and themselves as they work to complete an English assignment on their "most excellent year." 2008 IL:YA

The perks of being a wallflower

By Chbosky, Stephen Dewey: -Fic-
Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a

fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing. 2002 IL:YA

Parrotfish

By Wittlinger, Ellen Dewey: -Fic-
Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male. 2007 IL:YA

Punkzilla

By Rapp, Adam Dewey: -Fic-
A runaway teenager, having overcome his addiction to meth, travels across the country from Portland to Memphis in order to reconnect with his dying brother and meets a colorful cast of characters along the way. 2009 IL:YA

Rage : a love story

By Peters, Julie Anne Dewey: -Fic-
At the end of high school, Johanna finally begins dating the girl she has loved from afar, but Reeve is as much trouble as she claims to be as she and her twin brother damage Johanna's self-esteem, friendships, and already precarious relationship with her sister. 2009 IL:YA

Rainbow road

By Sanchez, Alex Dewey: -Fic-
While driving across the United States during the summer after high school graduation, three young gay men encounter various bisexual and homosexual people and make some decisions about their own relationships and lives. 2005 IL:YA

The realm of possibility

By Levithan, David Dewey: -Fic-
A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences, and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories. 2004 IL:YA RL:3.7

collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver. 1999 IL:YA

Putting makeup on the fat boy

By Wright, Bil Dewey: -Fic-
Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate. 2011 IL:YA

Rainbow High

By Sanchez, Alex Dewey: -Fic-
Gay friends Nelson, Kyle, and Jason, nearing the end of their high school days, struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love, and college choices. 2003 IL:YA RL:6.6

A really nice prom mess

By Sloan, Brian Dewey: -Fic-
Gay high school senior Cameron Hayes endures a disastrous prom night when forced to take a girl as his date, and after fleeing the dance in disguise, he finds himself involved in a surprising on-stage performance, a high-speed police chase, and unexpected revelations. 2005 IL:YA

Say the word

By Garsee, Jeannine Dewey: -Fic-
After the death of her estranged mother, who left Ohio years ago to live with her lesbian partner in New York City, seventeen-year-old Shawna Gallagher's life is transformed by revelations about her family, her best friend, and herself. 2009 IL:YA

Skim

By Tamaki, Mariko Dewey: 741.5
Wiccan goth teen Kimberly Keiko Cameron sinks into a growing depression after her classmate's ex-boyfriend kills himself, sparking a school revolution that forces all the students to redefine themselves. 2008

Scars

By Rainfield, C. A Dewey: -Fic-
Fifteen-year-old Kendra, a budding artist who has not felt safe since she began to remember devastating memories of childhood sexual abuse, cannot seem to recall her abuser's identity and copes with the stress by cutting herself. 2010 IL:YA

So hard to say

By Sanchez, Alex Dewey: -Fic-
Thirteen-year-old Xio, a Mexican American girl, and Frederick, who has just moved to California from Wisconsin, quickly become close friends, but when Xio starts thinking of Frederick as her boyfriend, he must confront his feelings of confusion and face the fear that he might be gay. 2004 IL:5-8 RL:4

Stick

By Smith, Andrew Dewey: -Fic-
Fourteen-year-old Stark McClellan, also known as Stick, has always had his older brother, Bosten, to help protect him from the bullies who teased him for being born with only one ear, but when Stick realizes that Bosten is gay and their abusive father's reaction will be dangerous, Bosten must leave and Stick goes looking for him. 2011 IL:YA

Talk

By Koja, Kathe Dewey: -Fic-
Kit auditions for a controversial school play and discovers his talent for acting; however, both he and his costar face crises in their view of themselves and in their close relationships. 2005 IL:YA

Totally Joe

By Howe, James Dewey: -Fic-
As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography, and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager. 2005 IL:5-8 RL:4.8

Sprout, or, My salad days, when I was green in judgment

By Peck, Dale Dewey: -Fic-
Moving from Long Island to Kansas after his mother dies, a teenaged boy nicknamed Sprout is surprised to find new friends, a fascinating landscape, and romantic love. 2009 IL:YA

Swimming in the monsoon sea

By Selvadurai, Shyam Dewey: 813
In 1980 Sri Lanka, fourteen-year-old Amrith's uneventful summer, filled with typing lessons and hopes of a part in his school's production of "Othello," is turned upside down when he falls in love with a boy. 2005 IL:YA

Tilt

By Hopkins, Ellen Dewey: -Fic-
Three teens, connected by their parents' bad choices, tell in their own voices of their lives and loves as Shane finds his first boyfriend, Mikayla discovers that love can be pushed too far, and Harley loses herself in her quest for new experiences. 2012 IL:YA

The vast fields of ordinary

By Burd, Nick Dewey: -Fic-
The summer after graduating from an Iowa high school, eighteen-year-old Dade Hamilton watches his parents' marriage disintegrate, ends his long-term, secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love. 2009 IL:YA

Wide awake

By Levithan, David Dewey: -Fic-
In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world. 2006 IL:YA

What they always tell us

By Wilson, Martin Dewey: -Fic-
Sixteen-year-old Alex feels so disconnected from his friends that he starts his junior year at a Tuscaloosa, Alabama, high school by attempting suicide, but soon, a friend of his older brother draws him into cross-country running and a new understanding of himself. 2008 IL:YA

Will Grayson, Will Grayson

By Green, John Dewey: -Fic-
When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both. 2010 IL:YA

Absolutely, positively not

By LaRochelle, David Dewey: -Fic-
Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual. 2005 IL:YA

Orphea Proud

By Wyeth, Sharon Dennis Dewey: -Fic-
Presents a lyrical story about Orphea Proud, who shares her experiences with an audience in a dramatic performance as she talks about her sexuality, her family, prejudices, and identity. 2004 IL:YA

With or without you

By Farrey, Brian Dewey: -Fic-
When eighteen-year-old best friends Evan and Davis of Madison, Wisconsin, join a community center group called "chasers" to gain acceptance and knowledge of gay history, there may be fatal consequences. 2011 IL:YA