

Small Town Pride

by Phil Stamper

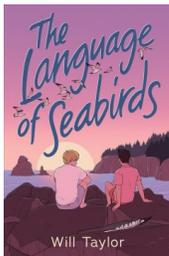
When Jake comes out to his dad, who hangs a ginormous pride flag in their front yard as a show of love and support, the mayor begins receiving complaints and Jake fights to throw his town's very first pride festival. No Lexile.



The Coldest Touch

by Isabel Sterling

Knowing with every touch exactly when someone will die, Elise Beaumont must sacrifice her future to secure vampire Claire's help to learn how to control her rare Death Oracle power in order to stop a teacher's murder. Lexile: 680.



The Language of Seabirds

by Will Taylor

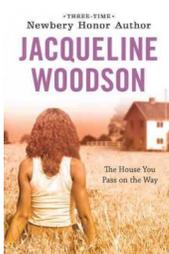
While staying with his dad and uncle in a seaside cabin in Oregon, Jeremy meets and forms a friendship with local boy Evan that turns into something neither boy expected, but something they both wished for. Lexile: 820.



Kings of B'more

by R. Eric Thomas

When his best friend announces he is moving, Harrison gives him a send-off like Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and as they do things they've been scared to do, they learn the scariest thing is saying goodbye. Lexile: 720.



The House you Pass on the Way

by Jacqueline Woodson

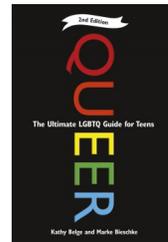
When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self. Lexile: 690



Cinderella is Dead

by Kalynn Bayron

Sophia would much rather marry Erin, her best friend, than parade in front of suitors at the Annual Ball. Sophia tries to flee the ball, and hides in Cinderella's mausoleum. Lexile: 710.



Queer : the Ultimate LGBTQ Guide for Teens

by Kathy Belge

A guide that helps LGBT teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, & rise up against homophobia. **Shelved in the nonfiction section.**



Drum Roll, Please

by Lisa Jenn Bigelow

Finding unexpected joy in drumming, Melly is excited for her summer at Camp Rockaway, but a series of events leaves her with doubts about her performance readiness. Lexile: 630.



Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea

by Ashley Herring Blake

Traumatized and facially scarred by the accident that ended a parent's life, young Hazel joins other family members traveling for two years before settling in a Maine community, where an unlikely friend informs her about a local mermaid legend. No Lexile.



Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens

by Tanya Boteju

After a bewildering encounter at her small town's annual summer festival, biracial, queer Nima plunges into the world of drag, where she has the chance to explore questions of identity, acceptance, self-expression, and love. Lexile: 880.



Melt With You

by Jennifer Dugan

Two teen girls, former best friends and one-time lovers, go on a summer road trip in an ice cream truck. Lexile: 810.

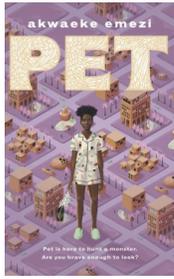
Resources

Everyone deserves a welcoming, loving world. Visit thetrevorproject.org for resources including a free text/call/chat crisis counselor to help you if you need.

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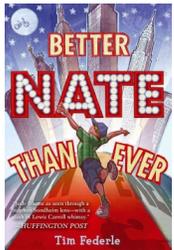


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Pet

by Akwaeke Emezi
In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster. Lexile: 820.



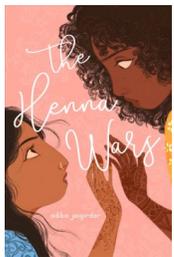
Better Nate than Ever

by Tim Federle
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.". Lexile: 930.



Valiant Ladies

by Melissa Grey
Two proper 17th-century ladies who trade in their daytime silks and lace for swords and muskets at night, pass their time fighting, gambling, solving murders and falling desperately in love with each other. No Lexile.



The Henna Wars

by Adiba Jaigirdar
When Nishat, an Irish girl of Bengali heritage, sees her old friend Flávia again, she feels attracted, but when they both enter a school contest as henna artists, their feelings for each other become more complicated. No Lexile.



Our Dreams at Dusk

by Yuhki Kamatani
Not only is high schooler Tasuku Kaname new in town, he is also terrified that he has been outed as gay. Just as he's contemplating doing the unthinkable, he meets a mysterious woman who leads him to a group of people dealing with similar

problems. No Lexile.



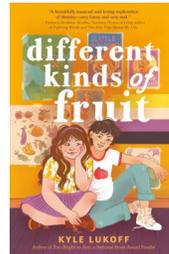
In the Key of Us

by Mariama Lockington
Brought together during summer music camp where they are the only two Black girls, Andi and Zora slowly begin to connect and soon come to realize what has been missing from their lives—each other. Lexile: 790.



Thanks a Lot, Universe

by Chad Lucas
When his anxiety spirals into panic attacks after being placed in foster care, an increasingly desperate Brian is offered shy assistance by a basketball teammate Ezra, who is concealing a secret crush.



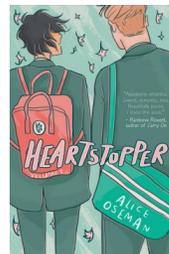
Different Kinds of Fruit

by Kyle Lukoff
When Annabelle learns that her father shares something big--and surprising--in common with her new nonbinary friend, she begins to see herself, and her family, in a whole new light. No Lexile.



Both Can Be True

by Jules Machias
Daniel and Ash cross paths when a Pomeranian is about to be euthanized; Dan rescues the dog and Ash offers to help. As the friendship grows, Ash feels less and less able to be their full self in front of Dan without knowing that both people find themselves constantly at war with their non-conforming identities. No Lexile.



Heartstopper

by Alice Oseman
A heartwarming celebration of friendship, first love and coming out follows the unlikely relationship between a shy teen and a popular rugby player who become more than friends while navigating the ups and downs of high school. No Lexile.



Nikhil Out Loud

by Maulik Pancholy
The voice actor for a hit animated series, 13-year-old Nikhil must find the courage to speak out about what's right when a group of conservative parents protest his openly gay status. No Lexile.



Spin with Me

by Ami Polonsky
Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie, in North Carolina for just one semester, and Ollie, a non-binary, "gender weird" classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label. Lexile: 660.