

**Annotated Bibliography:
Homosexuality**

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Bawer, B. A Place at the Table: The Gay Individual in American Society. Poseidon, 1993.

A conservative Christian homosexual takes the middle of the road view on gay civil rights, while criticizing anti-gays and gay subculture.

Block, F. L. Weetzie Bat. Harper, 1989.

A gay and a straight couple- all teenagers- live together in a semi-Eden of their own creation. Soon the reality of life intrudes and breaks up their home.

Carpenter, W. Keeper of Sheep. Milkweed editions, 1994.

Penelope decides to care for her neighbors gay lover who is dying of AIDS. At the same time she must help him battle the community that wants to drive him out.

Chambers, A. Dance on my grave. Harper, 1982.

Two boys ill-fated homosexual relationship ends tragically.

Chandler, K. Passages if Pride: Lesbian and Gay Youth Come of Age. Times, 1995.

Real life experiences of teens that have 'come out of the closet'. Represents the three phases of homosexual life.

Cleary, J. Bleak Spring. Morrow, 1994.

An Austrian police investigator must struggle with his feelings when he suspects that the prime suspects in the murder of his neighbor are his wife and her lesbian lover.

Cohen, S. When Someone You Know is Gay. Evans, 1989.

This is a book for non gays to help them understand a different sexual orientation. Written about both male and female homosexuality.

Colman, H. Happily Ever After. Scholastic Paper, 1986.

Melanie has found a great new boyfriend. As the novel progresses she begins to realize that he is gay.

Cooper, B. A Year of Rhymes. Viking, 1993.

A group of short stories set in 1960's LA. 11 year old Burt becomes aware that he is gay.

Davis, D. My Brother Has AIDS. Atheneum, 1994.

13 year old Lacy is not prepared to hear that her brother is homosexual and dying of AIDS. This is the a realistic story of care taking families that love people dying from AIDS.

Donovan, S. Dive. Dutton, 1994.

On top of dealing with a family full of drug addiction, alcoholism and terminal illness, 15 year old Virginia must also try to sort out her growing attraction to her friend Jane.

Fox, P. The Eagle Kite. Orchard, 1995.

Liam struggles with his emotions when he finds that his father is dying of AIDS. While his mother insists he got it from a blood transfusion, he remembers seeing his father in the arms of a young man years before.

Garden, N. Lark in the Morning. Farrar, 1991.

Gillie not only hides that she found two abused runaways on their property from her parents, she also hides the realization that she is a lesbian.

Garden, N. Annie On My Mind. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1982.

The story of Annie and Liza and how they grow into their lesbian relationship and deal with their teachers being fired after they use their house for a rendezvous. Dispels stereotypes.

Hall, L. Sticks and Stones. Follett, 1972.

Tom begins to doubt his masculinity and breaks off his relationship with Ward after hearing rumors of homosexuality. After he nearly dies, Tom defends his relationship with Ward and his feelings.

Hautzig, D. Hey, Dollface. Greenwillow, 1978.

The story of two girls who are best friends, and how they turn to each other and begin a physical relationship after deaths in their families.

Heron, A. How Would You Feel if Your Dad Was Gay? Farrar, 1991.

A presentation of dilemmas children confront when they have parents who are gay. Many different perspectives including African American and Caucasian.

Holland, I. The Man Without a Face. Lippincott, 1972.

George's mother has divorced many times which has left him drained and unmotivated. He begins to fear he is attracted to his tutor when he finds out that the man is homosexual. The tutor dies before any problems can arise.

Homes, A..M. Jack. Macmillan, 1989.

Jack learns that his father is gay only four years after his parents divorce.

Kaye, M. Real Heroes. Harcourt/Gulliver, 1993.

11 year old Kevin must face many personal problems in dealing with his recently separated parents and his gym teacher who is gay and HIV positive.

King, L.R. A Grave Talent. St. Martin's, 1993.

Lesbian homicide detective Kate Martinelli must investigate the murders of three little girls.

Klein, Norma. Now That I Know. Bantam, 1988.

Nina is shocked to discover that her recently divorced father is Actually gay.

Koertge, R. The Arizona Kid. Little, 1988.

Teenage Billy must deal with his feelings and confusions when he finds out that his Uncle Wes is gay.

Landau, E. Different Drummer: Homosexuality in America. Messner, 1986.

This book tells the facts about homosexuality and dispels myths. Includes interviews with male and female homosexuals and reviews societies attitudes towards them. Also discusses AIDS crisis and repressive laws in different states.

L'Engle, M. A House Like a Lotus. Dell paper, 1984.

Polly O'Keefe, 17, encounters lesbianism and as well as heterosexual romance.

Levy, E. Come Out Smiling. Delacorte, 1981.

Jenny is not only shocked but very confused when she discovers that her camp counselors Peggy and Ann have a homosexual relationship.

Marcus, E. Is it a Choice? Answers to 300 of the Most Frequently Asked Questions about Gays and Lesbians. Harper, 1993.

The book answers questions about sex, relationships, discrimination, religion and AIDS as they pertain to homosexuality.

McCauley, S. The Object of My Affection. Washington Square Press, 1988.

A pregnant young woman is lost and looking for help which comes along in her roommate who is not only a teacher, but a gay man as well.

Murrow, L.K. Twelve Days in August. Holiday House, 1993.

Randy spreads the rumor that the new star soccer player, Andy, is gay and displays vicious homophobic actions towards him. Story is told from Todd's perspective who has a gay uncle. The basis of the novel comes down to teamwork.

Nelson, T. Earthshine. Orchard/Richard Jackson, 1994.

"Slim" meets Isaiah, whose pregnant mother has AIDS, at a support group after she decides to move in with her father and his lover who is dying of AIDS.

Quinn, E.S. Say Uncle. Dutton, 1994.

The story of the situations that occur after a gay man receives custody of his late sister's son despite the concern over his sexual orientation.

Reading, J.P. Bouquets for Brimbal. Harper, 1980.

Macy's new best friend Annie turns out to be a lesbian. As both girls enter romantic relationships Macy finds she is bothered by Annie's relationship with a woman. In the end they build a stronger relationship and come to a better understanding of each other.

Rench, J. E. Understanding Sexual Identity: A Book for Gay Teens and Their Friends. Lerner, 1990.

A question and answer discussion for teens who think they are gay or who simply want to know about the subject.

Scoppettone, S. Happy Endings are All Alike. Harper, 1979.

Jaret and Peggy must work together to get past the societal condemnation of their lesbian relationship. Rape and male domination are also part of their story.

Scoppettone, S. Trying Hard to Hear You. Harper, 1981.

Jeff and Phil reveal their homosexual relationship to their peers and spend the summer dealing with the consequences. Ending in non-judgmental and does not change their sexual orientation.

Shannon, G. Unlived Affections. Harper, 1989.

While getting ready for college, Willie comes across some of his deceased grandmothers letters. Through these letters he finds out that his absent father is gay.

Singer, M. The Course of True Love Never Did Run Smooth. Harper, 1983.

During a school production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* a gay couple 'comes out' to the rest of the school.

Stinson, S. Fat Girls Dance with Rocks. Spinsters Ink, 1994.

17 year old Char is struggling with her identity, her obesity and her confusion about beauty when her best friend Felice kisses her on the lips.

Sumrall, A.C. Love's Shadow: Writings by Women. Crossing, 1993.

Women, both lesbian and heterosexual, telling stories about dealing with the end of love and the emotions involved.

Ure, J. The Other Side of the Fence. Delacorte, 1988.

Wealthy young teen Richard runs away when he discovers he is gay. He settles down in squatters digs with orphaned Bonny as he tries to begin his new life.

Velasquez, G. Tommy Stands Alone. Arte Publico/Piñata, 1995.

The story of a young Latino man who is gay and the humiliation and rejection he feels when he is confronted with homophobia.

Walker, K. Peter. Houghton, 1992.

This is a novel about a 15 year old Australian boy who struggles with his sexual identity as he is coming of age.

Wersba, B. Crazy Vanilla. Harper, 1986.

Tyler not only can't talk to his father but his mother is an alcoholic. He is disturbed to find out that his brother is gay and must find a way to deal with it.

Wersba, B. Just Be Gorgeous. Harper, 1988.

Lonely teenager Heidi falls for a streetwise kid who turns out to be gay.

White, E. A Boy's Own Story. Dutton, 1982.

A boy writes a novel about his adolescence and his trials and tribulations about growing up gay.

Zubro, M.R. Political Poison. St. Martin's, 1993.

A single father who is gay and the murder of a popular alderman put a new twist on the excitement and intrigue of Chicago politics.

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Rudman, M.K. (1995). Children's literature: An issues approach. New York: Longman's Publishers.

Calvert, S.J. (Ed.). (1997). Best books for young adult readers. NJ, R.R. Bowker Company.

