

TEEN FICTION

Callendar, Kacen. *Felix Ever After.*

A Black, Queer, Transgender seventeen year old winds up in a quasi love triangle when he tries to get revenge on someone that posted Felix's old name beside photos of him, before he transitioned.

Edgmon, H.E. *The Witch King.*

To save a fae kingdom, a trans witch must face his traumatic past and the royal fiancé that he left behind.

England, M.K. *Spell Hacker.*

The story of four friends that work together to syphon 14 strains of magic called maz from a greedy corporation. Orphan Diz, caretaker Jaesin, nonbinary spellweaver Remi, and techwitch Ania find themselves in a conspiracy involving a new kind of maz called maz-15.

Lee, Emory. *Meet Cute Diary.*

Transgender Noah Ramirez writes a popular blog, the Meet Cute Diary, a collection of trans love stories. The problem is all the stories are fake and Noah is exposed. When Drew comes into Noah's life, all his fantasies about love change, and he realizes that love is complicated.

Peyton, Thomas. *Both Sides Now.*

A heartfelt story of Finch, a trans teen finding his place in the world who has to argue against his humanity when the debate team takes on transgender bathroom access. Finch is attracted to his gay debate partner, and their friendship helps him realize that some things are not up for debate.

Thomas, Aiden. *Cemetery Boys.*

A trans boy from a conservative Latino family conjures the ghost of his high school's bad boy and agrees to help him find out what caused his death. The novel balances Latinx culture and delves into important topics such as racism and LGBTQ+ acceptance, deportation and colonization.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Middle Grade

Clarke, Cat. *The Pants Project.*

Eleven year old Liv fights to change the dress code at her school, and along the way finds the courage to tell her moms that she was meant to be a boy.

Gephart, Donna. *Lily and Dunkin.*

Named one of the best books of the year by NPR and New York Public Library Junior Library Guild Selection. A compelling story of two remarkable young people: Lily, a transgender girl, and Dunkin, a boy dealing with bipolar disorder.

Lukoff, Kyle. *Too Bright to See.*

As eleven-year-old Bug gets ready to attend Middle School, she must contend with her best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes and boys, a ghost that is haunting her Vermont home, and the realization she is transgender.

Salazar, Aida. *Moon Within.*

Eleven-year-old Black, Puerto Rican, and Mexican Celi Rivera is dreading the Mexican "moon ceremony" she is having for reaching puberty. Celi is also dealing with her first crush and supporting her gender-fluid best friend Marco.

Picture Books

Hall, Michael. *Red: a Crayon's Story.*

Red's factory label says that he is red, but despite the help of everyone around him, he can't seem to do anything right, until a new friend offers a different perspective.

Lukoff, Kyle. *When Aidan Became a Brother.*

Aidan realized he was a trans boy and his parents fixed the parts of his life that didn't fit. He wants to be the best brother, and his parents tell him he already knows the most important thing is to love and everything else can be fixed.

Transgender Recommended Books



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ADULT FICTION

Alameddine, Rabih. *The Wrong End of the Telescope.*

An Arab American trans woman's journey amongst Syrian refugees on Lesbos Island. Mina Simpson, a Lebanese American doctor, confronts her past while helping Syrian refugees.

Ebershoff, David. *The Danish Girl.*

Loosely based on the lives of painters Einar Wegener and his wife Greta, as they struggles and cope with Einar's change to Lili in 1920's Berlin. A moving story about a pioneer in transgender history and one of the most unusual love stories of the 20th century.

Joukhadar, Zeyn. *Thirty Names of Night: a Novel.*

The touching story of a Syrian American trans boy who discovers connections to other trans people in the history of his family through the tattered diary of a Syrian American artist.

Peters, Torrey. *Detransition, Baby.*

Three women, transgender and cisgender, confront their deepest desires to become an unconventional family.

Shade, Anne & Villaseñor, Victoria, eds. *In Our Words: Queer Stories from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Writers.*

A thoughtfully curated collection of short stories across multiple cultures and countries. *In Our Words* reflects the diversity of the human experience.

Thornton, Jeanne. *Summer Fun.*

A young trans woman from New Mexico writes letters to the leader of a 1960's California band and begins a dialogue on identity, culture, music, and counterculture.

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Boydon, Alina. *Stealing Thunder.*

A dragon fantasy novel in which a trans girl named Razia runs away from home, finds a community of trans women known as hijras, falls in love, and steals back her dragon.

Guran, Paula. *Far Out: Recent Queer Science Fiction and Fantasy.*

Covers both science fiction and fantasy short fiction from the last decade. Includes characters and stories that span the rainbow.

Winterson, Jeanette. *Frankissstein: a Love Story.*

A reimagination of the literary classic Frankenstein which travels back and forth between 1816 when Mary Shelley was challenged to write a ghost story, and Brexit England in which a transgender doctor falls in love with Victor Stein, a celebrated professor carrying out AI in underground tunnels.

MEMOIRS/NON-FICTION

Barres, Ben. *The Autobiography of a Transgender Scientist.*

The autobiography of transgender scientist Barbara Barres, a precocious math and science wiz who graduated from MIT in the 1970's. Barres transitioned in his 40's to Ben Barres, as he always felt he was assigned to the wrong gender. He became an advocate for gender equality as he/she experienced gender bias as a woman at MIT.

Beck, Kristin. *Warrior Princess.*

Chris Beck grew up playing football and serving our country as a Navy SEAL for 20 years before transitioning to Kristin as he always felt he was female.

Brill, Stephanie. *The Transgender Teen. A Handbook for Parents and Professionals Supporting Transgender and Nonbinary Teens.*

Explores the unique challenges families face every day raising a teenager that may be transgender, gender variant, or gender fluid.

Harris, Duchess & Marciniak, Kris. *Being Transgender in America.*

Examines the unique experiences of transgender people in America.

Herriot, Lindsay & Fry, Kate, eds. *In Our Own Words.*

Written by trans youth from 11 to 18, this collection illustrates the trans experience through stories, essays, art, and poetry.

Jenner, Caitlyn. *The Secrets of My Life.*

The story of celebrated Olympian Bruce Jenner, who struggled with gender identity. Jenner transitioned to Caitlyn long after his retirement.

Playdon, Zoe. *The Hidden Case of Ewan Forbes: and the Written History of the Trans Experience.*

An aristocratic Scottish trans man was assigned female at birth but his clear identity was male. He transitioned and became a doctor with a family. He was set to inherit the baronetcy as the oldest male, but was contested by his sister and male cousin. He won the case, but it was kept private until 1996.

Vincent, Ben. *Transgender Health: a Practitioner's Guide to Binary and Non-binary Trans Patient Care.*

This book shows health care professionals how to deliver excellent care to gender diverse patients.