

Queer Lit for Tweens to Adults: Reading the Rainbow

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***Bad Witch Burning by Jessica Lewis - TEEN**
black queer main character + Black ace supporting character (Trigger Warning: domestic violence, pet death, grief, poverty)

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas - TEEN
trans and cis teen boys (both gay and Latinx) (Trigger Warning: transphobia)

The Dragon of Inys by Minerva Cerridwen - ADULT asexuality

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger - TEEN
indigenous main character is canonically ace (Trigger Warning: pet death, grief)

The Extraordinaries by TJ Klune - ADULT/YA
main character is gay, with lesbian and bi side characters

***How to Succeed in Witchcraft by Aislinn Brophy - TEEN** lesbian main character + bi love interest (Trigger Warning: racism, lesbophobia, grooming)

The Insiders by Mark Oshiro - TWEEN cis gay teen boy; cis queer teen girl; nonbinary teen (Trigger Warning: bullying, homophobia)

Legends & Lattes by Travis Baldree - ADULT
sapphic orc and succubus, for D&D players

The Lost Girls by Sonia Hartl - TEEN bisexual women (Trigger Warning: grooming, relationship abuse)

A Ruinous Fate by Kaylie Smith - TEEN
bisexuals everywhere

The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas - TEEN Latinx trans main character, multiple trans and nonbinary supporting characters

A Spindle Splintered by Alix E. Harrow - TEEN/NEW ADULT sapphic characters (Trigger Warning: terminal illness)

There's Magic Between Us by Jillian Maria - TEEN pansexual white main character, Asian love interest, sapphic story (content warning: death, kidnapping)

This Is Our Rainbow: Stories of Her, Him, Them, and Us - TWEEN various LGBTQIA+-centered stories

***The Vanquishers by Kalynn Bayron - TWEEN** nonbinary supporting character, queer side characters (all POC)

***Witchlings by Claribel A. Ortega - TWEEN**
sapphic side characters



A Dowry of Blood by S.T. Gibson - ADULT
bisexuals everywhere (Trigger Warning: domestic/relationship abuse)

Echo by Thomas Olde Heuvelt - ADULT cis gay men (Trigger Warning: violence, body horror)

***Extasia by Claire LeGrand - TEEN** sapphic characters (Trigger Warning: physical abuse, violence, sexual assault, religious abuse)

A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee - TEEN lesbian main character + love interest

Manhunt by Gretchen Felker-Martin - ADULT
trans protagonists (Trigger Warning: violence, gore, body horror, transphobia)

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Red X by David Demchuk - ADULT cis gay men, chronic illness (HIV), (Trigger Warning: racism, body horror)

***What Moves the Dead** by T. Kingfisher - ADULT, OLDER TEEN non-binary (Trigger Warning: body horror, gore)



Sci Fi

The Circus Infinite by Khan Wong - ADULT asexuality (Trigger Warning: torture)

Fractured Infinity by Nathan Tavares - ADULT gay main character, Egyptian Muslim gay love interest

***The Locked Tomb series** by Tamsyn Muir - ADULT lesbian necromancers in space; many queer characters (Trigger Warning: body horror, gore, violent death described on the page)

Love After the End: An Anthology of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Speculative Fiction edited by Joshua Whitehead - ADULT nonbinary, Two-Spirit, trans, and queer overall

***The Mimicking of Known Successes** by Malka Older - ADULT, OLDER TEEN sapphic romance

***A Psalm for the Wild Built** by Becky Chambers - ADULT nonbinary protagonist

Winter's Orbit by Everina Maxwell - ADULT gay men leads



Contemporary Literature

Body Grammar by Jules Ohman - ADULT lesbian; androgyny

Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters - ADULT white trans women

Filthy Animals by Brandon Taylor - ADULT gay/lesbian/black

First Time for Everything by Henry Fry - ADULT gay/nonbinary/anxiety

Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers - ADULT lesbian couple (black main character + east Asian love interest)

It Sounds Like This by Anna Meriano - TEEN asexuality, Latinx main character

Loveless by Alice Oseman - TEEN asexuality

Luda by Grant Morrison - ADULT genderfluid AMAB drag artist protagonist (Trigger Warning: violence, drug use)

Perfect on Paper by Sophie Gonzales - TEEN bisexual main character

Rick by Alex Gino - TWEEN asexuality (Trigger Warning: acephobia)

Small Town Pride by Phil Stamper - TWEEN cis gay boy (Trigger Warning: homophobia)

This Way Out by Tufayel Ahmed - ADULT cis gay men (Trigger Warning: homophobia, racism)



Graphic Novel

The Con Artists by Luke Healy - ADULT cis gay men (Trigger Warning: alcoholism, injury, mental health issues, attempted suicide)

Coven by Jennifer Dugan - TEEN sapphic main character + love interest, queer boys going from friends to lovers

***Fine: A comic about gender** by Rhea Ewing - ADULT a full spectrum of trans identities (Trigger Warning: some discussion of suicide)

Garlic and the Vampire by Bree Paulsen - TWEEN nonbinary supporting character

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The Girl from the Sea by Molly Knox Ostertag - TEEN sapphic girls and selkies

Men I Trust by Tommi Parrish - ADULT two female protagonists who demonstrate attraction to men and women (Trigger Warning: domestic abuse)

***Mimosa by Archie Bongiovanni** - ADULT nonbinary parent, lesbian, trans woman, trans man

Monologue Woven for You by Syu Yasaka - ADULT/UPPER TEEN sapphic! so very sapphic!

Other Ever Afters: New Queer Fairy Tales by Melanie Gillman - TEEN trans, sapphic, gay, etc

***Queer as All Get Out by Shelby Criswell** - TEEN gay male, lesbian, two-spirit, trans woman, intersex trans woman, trans man (Trigger Warning: homophobia)

Shadow Life by Ann Xu & Hiromi Goto - ADULT main character is a bisexual Japanese Canadian woman in her 70s

Space Trash by Jenn Woodall - TEEN sapphic BIPOC main characters

Squad by Maggie Tokuda-Hall - TEEN sapphic East Asian main character + white supporting character

***Welcome to St. Hell by Lewis Hancox** - TEEN trans man, some lesbian / bi female (Trigger Warning: eating disorder, transphobia)



Historical Fiction

***Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo** - TEEN/NEW ADULT lesbian, Chinese, immigration, citizenship (Trigger Warning: homophobia, racism, xenophobia)

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***The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor** - TWEEN queer Asian female protagonist (Trigger Warning: racism)

Sailor's Delight by Rose Lerner - ADULT historical romance with gay men, Jewish main character

***A Thousand Moons by Sebastian Barry** - ADULT gay, trans (Trigger Warning: indigenous racism, homophobia, violence)



Mystery/Thriller

***Allie Burns novels (1979, 1989) by Val McDermid** - ADULT lesbian, gay (Trigger Warning: Homophobia)

Bath Haus by P.J. Vernon - ADULT gay (Trigger Warning: sexual violence)

Devil's Chew Toy by Rob Osler - ADULT gay/lesbian (Trigger Warning: homophobia, racism)

Erin McCabe novels by Robyn Gigli - ADULT trans woman (Trigger Warning: transphobia; homophobia)

Hap and Leonard stories by Joe Lansdale - ADULT gay (Trigger Warning: homophobia, racism)

Harlem Renaissance series (Dead, Dead Girls, Harlem Sunset) by Nekesa Afia - ADULT bisexual (Trigger Warning: racism against Black people)

***Lavender House by Lev A.C. Rosen** - ADULT gay (Trigger Warning: homophobia; suicide)

***Pentecost and Parker novels by Stephen Spotswood** - ADULT bisexual; invisible disability

Pinx Video mysteries by Marshall Thornton - ADULT gay (Trigger Warning: violence)

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Renovated to Death by Anthony Polito - ADULT gay detective couple, cozy mystery

Roxane Weary novels: Once you Go This Far by Lepionka, Kristen - ADULT bisexual (Trigger Warning: mentions of sexual assault and kidnapping)

Vera Kelly stories by Rosalin Knecht - ADULT lesbian (Trigger Warning: political violence, homophobia)

The Verifiers by Jane Pek - ADULT lesbian, Taiwanese (Trigger Warning: racism towards AAPI)



Romance

Baby Teeth by Meg Grehan - TEEN lesbian main character (vampires)

***Behind the Scenes by Karelia Stetz-Waters - ADULT** sapphic, author's books are set in Oregon

***Chef's Kiss by TJ Alexander - ADULT** nonbinary and bisexual cis woman main characters & trans side character (Trigger Warning: deadnaming, transphobia, misgendering)

D'Vaughn and Kris Plan A Wedding by Chencia C. Higgins - ADULT Afro-Latina stud lesbian and fat black lesbian main characters, diverse side characters

***Dead Collections by Isaac Fellman - ADULT** Jewish trans man, transmasculine genderfluid love interest (Trigger Warning: chronic illness, transphobia, assault)

For the Love of April French by Penny Aimes - ADULT trans woman lead (Trigger Warning: consensual BDSM)

Just Like This (2020) by Cole McCade - ADULT gay male leads

***One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston - ADULT** white bisexual main character, Chinese American lesbian love interest (Trigger Warning: historical homophobia)

***The Romantic Agenda by Claire Kann - ADULT** black main character, sapphic asexuality



Exciting Queer 2023 Releases!

Fantasy: The Sun and the Star by Rick Riordan & Mark Oshiro - TWEEN/TEEN cis gay boys; also a continuation of Nico's story!

Contemporary Literature: The Late Americans by Brandon Taylor - ADULT queer friend group in their 20s

Contemporary Literature: Ponyboy by Eliot Duncan - ADULT trans

Memoir: Pageboy Elliot Page - ADULT trans

Graphic Novel: Boys Weekend by Mattie Lubchansky - ADULT trans

Horror/Fantasy: Monstrous by Jessica Lewis - TEEN sapphic

Romance: Something Wild & Wonderful by Anita Kelly - ADULT queer male main characters, NW author/setting

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