



# LGBTQ+ Books for Teens: Read with Pride!

## **What If It's Us**

By Becky Albertalli

The award-winning author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* and the best-selling author of *They Both Die in the End* present the story of two very different boys who cannot decide if the universe is pushing them together or pulling them apart.

## **Girl Made of Stars**

By Ashley Herring Blake

Torn between loyalties when her beloved twin brother is accused of rape, Mara struggles with a changing sense of right and wrong as well as strained relations with her ex-girlfriend before she is forced to face a trauma from her own past. By the author of *How to Make a Wish*.

## **I Wish You All the Best**

By Mason Deaver

Thrown out of their parents' home and moving in with their estranged sister after coming out as nonbinary, Ben De Backer struggles to endure an anxiety disorder and the last half of senior year while bonding with a charismatic new friend.

## **Picture Us in the Light**

By Kelly Loy Gilbert

Daniel, a Chinese-American teen, must grapple with his plans for the future, his feelings for his best friend Harry, and his discovery of a family secret that could shatter everything.

## **Let's Talk About Love**

By Claire Kann

A secretly asexual college student who desires a swoon-worthy romance without sex despairs of ever having a relationship when she is unable to convince any prospective partners that love and sex do not always go together, a resolve that is tested by her crush on a young man she is sure will not understand her.

## **The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali**

By Sabina Khan

Hoping to hide her authentic self from her conservative Muslim parents until she can depart for college, 17-year-old Rukhsana is caught kissing her girlfriend and whisked away to Bangladesh, where she fights an arranged marriage by consulting the wisdom she finds in her grandmother's diary.

## **Darius the Great is Not Okay**

By Adib Khorram

Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

## **Gender Queer: A Memoir**

By Maia Kobabe

Started as a way to explain to eir family what it means to be nonbinary and asexual, *Gender Queer* is more than a personal story: it is a useful and touching guide on gender identity--what it means and how to think about it--for advocates, friends, and humans everywhere.

## **The Music of What Happens**

By Bill Konigsberg

A cool and popular gay teen who harbors a secret, intense crush and a poetic youth who is looking for Mr. Right in spite of his troubled family weigh what they are willing to risk while working together at an organic food truck during a blistering Arizona summer.

## **Birthday: A Novel**

By Meredith Russo

Born in the same hospital on the same day, Morgan and Eric grow up to become best friends before they drift apart, reunite, fall in love and ultimately discover what fate has in store for them, in a romantic follow-up to *If I Was Your Girl*.

## **Like a Love Story**

By Abdi Nazemian

An Iranian youth who hides his sexual orientation from his family, an openly gay photographer and an aspiring fashion designer with an HIV-positive uncle fall in love and find their voices as activists during the height of the AIDS crisis in New York City.

## **The Summer of Jordi Perez (and the Best Burger in Los Angeles)**

By Amy Spalding

Fashion-obsessed Abby Ives lands an internship at her favorite boutique for the summer, but falls for her fellow intern Jordi Perez, against whom she is vying for the one paid position at the end of the internship.