

Ryan, Tom—**Way To Go**

Danny is pretty sure he's gay, but he spends his summer trying to prove otherwise.

Sáenz, Benjamin Alire

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

When angry loner Ari Mendoza—upset about his brother being in prison—befriends Dante, he starts asking new questions about himself and his family.

Self, Jeffery

A Very, Very Bad Thing

Marley does all the wrong things for all the right reasons when the boy he loves is sent to a religious program intended to “cure” him of being gay.

Silvera, Adam

History Is All You Left Me

Secrets are revealed as OCD-afflicted Griffin grieves for his first love, Theo, who died in a drowning accident.

Smith, Andrew—**Winger**

Fourteen-year-old Ryan grapples with boarding school life, falling for his female best friend, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team.

Sim, Tara

Timekeeper series (#1—Timekeeper)

In an alternate 1875 England, 17-year-old clock mechanic Danny, aided by the boy he loves, must discover who is sabotaging the towers that control the flow of time.

Surmelis, Angelo

The Dangerous Art of Blending In

Evan escapes his abusive family life by drawing inside an abandoned monastery, but his distractingly attractive best friend, Henry, thinks he deserves something more.

Winters, Julian

Running with Lions

When Sebastian’s former best friend joins the soccer team, Sebastian is determined to push past their awkward relationship and reconnect for the sake of the team.

A few notes:

- These book lists are examples, not complete lists of books which fit into the genre.
- Not all books will be of interest to every reader.
- Teen Scene staff are always eager to help you find a book that fits your personal taste and interests. Just ask!

Gay Lit for Teens



Suggestions for Young Adult books that ...

- Address issues relating to the gay community.
- Include characters that identify as gay.

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Albertalli, Becky

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda

Not-so-openly gay Simon is being blackmailed for his email correspondence with another boy and risks alienating his friends in order to keep his secret from getting out.

Barakiva, Michael—***One Man Guy***

When Alek's Armenian-American parents send him to summer school, he thinks his summer is ruined. But then he meets Ethan, who opens his world in a series of truly unexpected ways.

Bell, Eric—***Alan Cole Is Not a Coward***

Alan has a crush on another boy and his older brother threatens to reveal his secret unless he can complete seven nearly impossible tasks.

Clawson, David

My Fairy Godmother Is a Drag Queen

Seventeen-year-old Chris's stepmother wants her daughter to marry wealthy socialite J.J. to save the family from financial ruin, but J.J. is gay and Chris has caught his eye instead.

Federle, Tim—***The Great American Whatever***

After a tragic accident, Quinn withdraws into himself, but his best friend convinces him to get out and go to a party where he meets a guy and everything changes.

Gilbert, Kelly Loy—***Picture Us in the Light***

Danny Cheng, a Chinese-American teen, grapples with a dangerous revelation about his parents' past, his plans for the future, and his feelings for his best friend, Harry Wong.

Green, John and David Levithan

Will Grayson, Will Grayson

Two suburban Chicago high schoolers—both named Will Grayson—are about to meet, brought together awkwardly by the alarmingly huge and fabulously gay Tiny Cooper.

Howard, Greg—***Social Intercourse***

Told from both viewpoints, Beckett, an out-and-proud choir member, and star quarterback Jaxon team up to derail the budding romance between their parents.

Hutchinson, Shaun David

At the Edge of the Universe

When his boyfriend goes missing and nobody seems to remember him, Ozzie begins to believe that the universe is shrinking and strives to figure out what is going on.

Jones, Adam Garnet—***Fire Song***

Shane has to keep his relationship with David a secret because there are no openly gay couples on the reservation, and they have hard choices to make when Shane wants them to move off rez for college.

Kahler, A. R.,

Runebinder Chronicles (#1—Runebinder)

Tenn finds himself in a love triangle between good and evil in a world where magic has corrupted humanity and formerly human monsters roam the streets.

Konigsberg, Bill—***Openly Straight***

Tired of being known as “the gay kid,” Rafe Goldberg decides to hide his identity when he moves to a new school, which has unexpected consequences.

Levithan, David—***Two Boys Kissing***

As Craig and Harry try to break the world record for the longest kiss, the narrators take a fly-over of the current gay landscape.

Linn, Laurent—***Draw the Line***

Adrian usually shies away from attention, but when a hate crime against another gay student turns his world upside down, he must decide whether or not to remain invisible.

Miller, Sam J.—***The Art of Starving***

Matt discovers strange abilities when he doesn't eat and tries to use his new powers to discover how and why bullies drove his older sister away.

Mittlefehldt, Rafi—***It Looks Like This***

After moving to a new town, Mike's evangelical father wants him to ditch art for sports and toughen up, but Mike's feelings for another new kid complicate things.

Moore, Perry—***Hero***

Thom is just as reluctant to come out as gay as he is to reveal his superpowers to his homophobic, disgraced ex-superhero father.

Moskowitz, Hannah—***Gone, Gone, Gone***

Against the backdrop of the D.C. sniper attacks, Craig tries to figure out what it meant when Lio kissed him, and Lio tries to figure out whether Craig is worth the risk.

Ness, Patrick—***Release***

Adam's complex story of love and letting go is intertwined with that of a vengeful ghost that rises out of the lake across town.

Philips, L.—***Sometime After Midnight***

A teenage music prodigy becomes an internet sensation after he crosses paths with a handsome socialite who just might be his Prince Charming, but past demons threaten to get in the way of any happily ever afters.

Roehrig, Caleb—***White Rabbit***

On the same night that Rufus's ex, Sebastian, shows up to “talk,” he finds his sister covered in blood and holding a knife beside her boyfriend's dead body.