

## Asexual and/or Aromantic Characters

Kann, Claire

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

Alice's asexuality has all but ended her dating life, but when she meets Takumi she has to decide if she's willing to risk their friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated, or even understood.

Nijkamp, Marieke

### ***Before I Let Go***

Corey looks for answers after she makes a return visit to her former home town in Alaska and learns that her best friend has just died, only no one in the community will talk about it.

Nowlin, Laura

### ***This Song Is (Not) for You***

When Ramona falls in love with two members of her band, how can she be true to her feelings without breaking up the band?

Ormsbee, Katie

### ***Tash Hearts Tolstoy***

Fame and success come at a cost for Natasha when she creates a popular web series based on Tolstoy's Anna Karenina.

Redgate, Riley

### ***Seven Ways We Lie***

A chance encounter tangles the lives of seven high school students, each resisting the allure of one of the seven deadly sins, and each telling their story from their seven distinct points of view.

TEEN GRAPHIC Jughead

Zdarsky, Chip

### ***Jughead***

A hot-headed new principal at Riverdale High threatens Jughead's beloved school lunchtime and may have even more sinister plans up his sleeve. Can Jughead and the gang expose the principal's plans and save the day?

#### **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!

# Transgender, Bisexual, & Asexual Characters

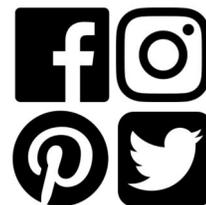


## Suggestions for Young Adult books that...

- Show representations of teens exploring gender identity and sexuality

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## Transgender Characters

Clark, Kristin Elizabeth

### ***Jess, Chunk, and the Road Trip to Infinity***

Transgender teen Jess and her best friend Chunk take a road trip to attend Jess's father's wedding to her mother's former best friend.

### Clarke, Cat—***The Pants Project***

Eleven-year-old Liv undertakes a project to change his school's dress code so that he can find the courage to come out as a boy.

Cronn-Mills, Kirstin

### ***Beautiful Music for Ugly Children***

Gabe has not yet come out as transgender, and his burgeoning radio DJ career is thrown into jeopardy when a group of violent boys from school discover his identity.

Daniels, April

### **Nemesis series (#1—*Dreadnought*)**

Danny hides that she's transgender until she is transformed by inheriting a dying superhero's powers.

### Gephart, Donna—***Lily and Dunkin***

Lily Jo, born Timothy, and bipolar new kid Norbert are both trying to establish new identities for themselves as they enter eighth grade.

### Gold, Rachel—***Being Emily***

When Christopher comes out as Emily, her parents think she needs a therapist and her girlfriend thinks she needs God. She's heard "it gets better," but she's not so sure.

### Hennessey, M. G.—***The Other Boy***

When one of 12-year-old Shane's new classmates learns that he's transgender, the entire community reacts.

Patel, Sonia

### ***Jaya and Rasa: A Love Story***

Neither stunningly beautiful Rasa nor transgender outsider Jaya have ever known real love, but a chance meeting on a Hawaiian mountain may change everything.

### Russo, Meredith—***If I Was Your Girl***

Amanda wants to fit in at her new school, but she's keeping a big secret. When she falls for a boy, she wants to share everything about herself, including her previous life when she was Andrew.

### Williamson, Lisa—***The Art of Being Normal***

Outsider David forms an unlikely friendship with new kid Leo. When David's deepest secret gets out, that he wants to be a girl, things get very messy for both of them.

## Bisexual Characters

Blake, Ashley Herring

### ***How to Make a Wish***

Grace has all but given up on wishes, but a series of clandestine nighttime adventures with Eva helps Grace begin to believe in happiness again.

Foody, Amanda

### ***Daughter of the Burning City***

Sorina lives in a traveling carnival of fantasy and uses her talents of illusion to make creations that seem life-like, but aren't real. Her perspective changes, however, when one of the illusions is murdered.

Green, Sally

### **Half Bad Trilogy (#1—*Half Bad*)**

Nathan, son of a White witch and a powerful Black witch, must escape his captors and claim his powers before his 17th birthday.

Hall, Sandy

### ***Been Here All Along***

The relationship between best friends Kyle and Gideon becomes complicated when Kyle reveals that he's bisexual and Gideon grapples with his own sexuality.

### Lauren, Christina—***Autoboyography***

Tanner has hidden his bisexuality since his family moved to Utah, but he falls hard for Sebastian, the student mentor in his senior writing seminar.

Lo, Malinda

### **Adaptation duology (#1—*Adaptation*)**

Reese and her longtime crush David become involved in a conspiracy after their car crashes and they wake up in a military hospital with no memory of what happened.

Marsh, Sarah Glenn

### **Reign of the Fallen duology (#1—*Reign of the Fallen*)**

Odessa is a skilled necromancer who must come face-to-face with an enemy who turned her magic into a weapon.

Talley, Robin

### ***As I Descended***

Tapping a dark power to prevent the favorite candidate for a distinguished educational prize from winning, school power couple Maria and Lily unleash fatal energies that blur the lines between reality and madness.

### Trevayne, Emma—***Coda***

In a world where the music around him is encoded with addictive and mind-altering elements, 18-year-old Anthem finds escape in his underground rock band.