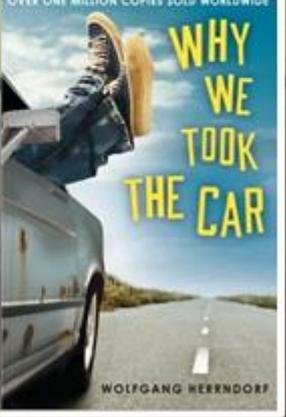
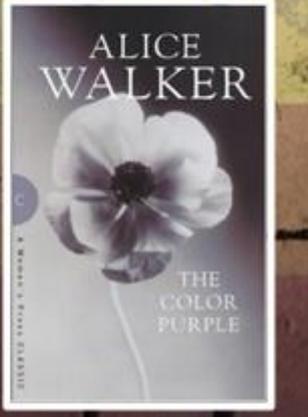
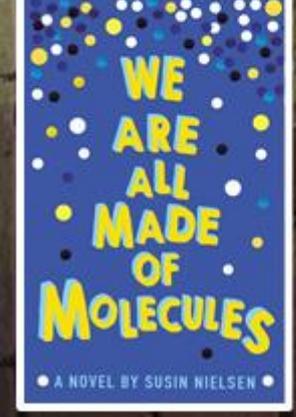
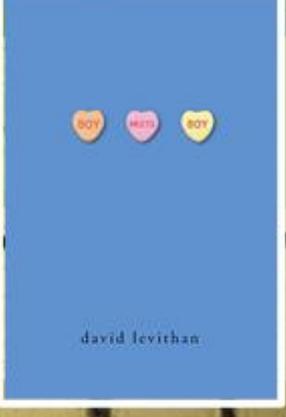
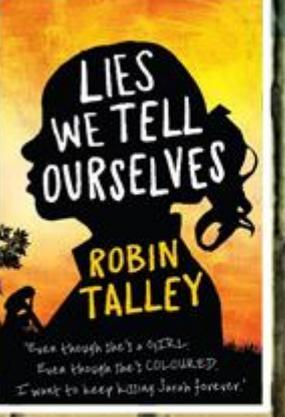
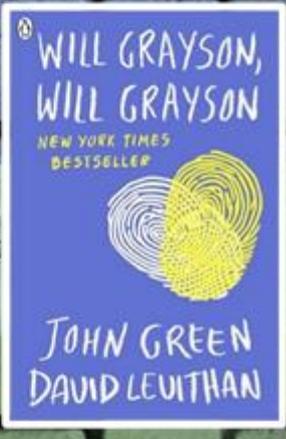
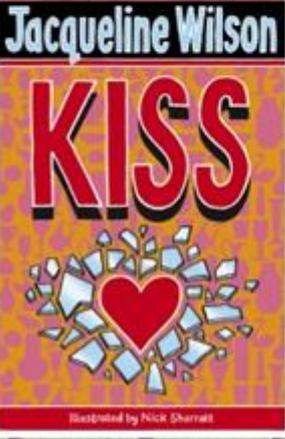
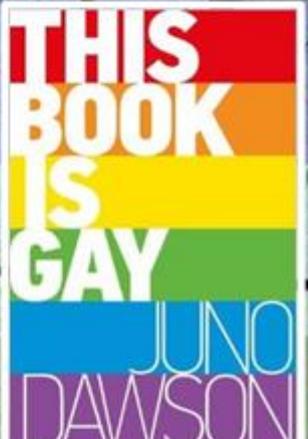
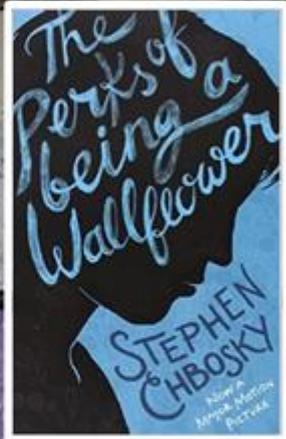
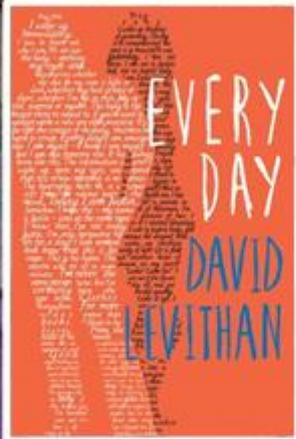


Gender and Identity



Book Title & Author	Description	Recommended Reading Age
Lies we tell ourselves – Robin Talley	In 1959 Virginia, the lives of two girls on opposite sides of the battle for civil rights will be changed forever. Forced to work together on a school project, Sarah and Linda must confront harsh truths how they feel about one another.	13+
Will Grayson, Will Grayson – David Levithan and John Green	One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, Will Grayson crosses paths with... Will Grayson. Two guys with the same name, running in two very different circles, suddenly find their lives going in new and unexpected directions.	14+
Every Day – David Levithan	Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that. Never get too attached. Until A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Rhiannon, who he wants to be with. Every day.	13+
The Art of Being Normal - Lisa Williamson	David has always been an outsider. Only his two best friends know the real truth - he wants to be a girl. Leo couldn't have less in common with David, but when he ends up standing up for Leo in a fight, an unlikely friendship begins to develop.	14+
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens' Agenda – Becky Albertalli	Simon is falling in love with someone he has never seen, 'Blue', a boy he met online. The boys are able to discuss their deepest fears and greatest hopes, until Simon is blackmailed.	14+
This book is Gay - Juno Dawson	A funny and pertinent book about being lesbian, bisexual, gay, queer, transgender or just curious - for everybody, no matter their gender or sexuality.	13+
Beautiful Music for Ugly Children - Kristin Cronn-Mills	Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, parents, his radio show and trying to come out as transgendered.	12+
Oranges are not the only fruit - Jeanette Winterson	This is the story of Jeanette, adopted and brought up by her mother as one of God's elect. She seems destined for life as a missionary, but then she falls for one of her converts.	14+
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe - Benjamin Alire Saenz	Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. As the two loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special kind of friendship--the kind of friendship that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.	14+

The Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky	Charlie is a shy, introspective teenager, but he can't remain a 'wallflower' forever. From first dates to family dramas, new friends to experimenting with sex and drugs, Charlie's journey of self-discovery is both funny and deeply moving.	14+
Kiss – Jacqueline Wilson	Sylvie and Carl have grown up together. Throughout their friendship, Sylvie's expectation has been that they will marry. However Carl's growing friendship with Paul, and Sylvie's with the extrovert Miranda, cause a rift.	11+
We are All Made of Molecules – Susin Nielsen	Intellectually high-functioning, socially floundering Stewart meets socially superior, painfully insecure Ashley. Their utterly distinctive voices alternate as they negotiate difficult relationships.	12+
Boy Meets Boy – David Levithan	Paul is a sophomore at a high school where the cheerleaders ride Harleys; the trans homecoming queen, Infinite Darlene, is also the star quarterback; and the local Boy Scouts have renamed themselves the 'Joy Scouts' after renouncing the organisation's gay-unfriendly policies. Paul meets a boy, Noah, and falls in love.	13+
Ash – Malinda Lo	Circumnavigating the traditional Cinderella story of a girl and a handsome prince, this beautifully-written re-interpretation instead focuses on two young women falling in love. Full of magic and enchantment, novel is a sophisticated fairy-tale.	12+
The Colour Purple - Alice Walker	Set in the American South, Celie, a young black girl born into poverty and segregation is raped, has her children taken away from her and is trapped into an ugly marriage. But then she meets the glamorous Shug Avery, singer and magic-maker - a woman who has taken charge of her own destiny.	15+
Why we took the car – Wolfgang Herrndorf	At fourteen, Mike has a dysfunctional family life, no friends and an unrequited crush on his classmate. He is reluctantly drawn into friendship with the new pupil Tschik, another misfit at school. During the summer vacation they take off in a 'borrowed' Lada to find Tschik's mythical roots in the south.	11+