

FICTION AND NON-FICTION RESOURCES – LGBT PERSPECTIVE OR INTEREST

*Grade levels are as noted in reviews by School Library Journal (when available)

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TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	SYNOPSIS	*Gr Level
ABC – A Family Alphabet Book (2000)	Combs, Bobbie	0-967-4468-1-3	Have fun with the kids, moms, dads and pets in this delightful book that celebrates all kinds of families, as it teaches young children the alphabet.	Pri
All Families Are Special (2003)	Simon, Norma	978-0-8075-2175-5	Adoption, single parents, grandparents, divorce, two moms, long distance, good times and bad... all families are special.	Pri
And Tango Makes Three (2005)	Richardson, Justin	0-689-87845-1	The tender, charming, and true story of two male penguins who spend all their time together and try to hatch a rock... until the zookeeper gives them an egg of their own to care for.	Pri
Antonio's Card (2005)	Gonzalez, Rigoberto	0-892392045	In Antonio's Card / La tarjeta de Antonio, a young boy comes to understand that love defines a family, no matter what it looks like. Antonio has two moms and worries what his classmates will think about his unconventional Mother's Day card.	Pri
Asha's Mums (1990)	Elwin, Rosamund & Paulse, Michele	0-88961-143-2	Asha is told she cannot go on a field trip because her form is filled out incorrectly -- it says she has two mums. Her classmates debate the issue and defend her. Asha's moms talk to the school and resolve the problem. Good representations of people of colour.	Pri
Belinda's Bouquet (1991)	Willhoite, Michael	1-55583-154-0	A young girls discovery of the differences in people's sizes and shapes. This story is told to her by Belinda's two mothers using the analogy of flowers.	Pri
The Boy Who Cried Fabulous(2007)	Newman, Leslea	978-1582462240	A rhyming tale endorsing exuberance, this book offers a refreshing, optimistic message about appreciating the little things in life.	Pri
Celebrating Families (1997)	Hausherr, Rosmarie	0-967-44689-9	With sensitively written text and lively photographs, 14 brief descriptions of single parent, two parent, same-gender, adopted, foster, extended and homeless families are depicted.	K-7
Daddy's Roommate (1991)	Willhoite, Michael	1-55583-178-8	A boy does many things with his dad and Frank on the weekends, like going to the zoo, ball games or doing yard work. The boy asks his mom what the word "gay" means. She explains, "Being gay is just one more kind of love and love is the best kind of happiness."	Pri
Daddy's Wedding (1996)	Willhoite, Michael	1-55583-350-0	A great discussion starter, this book follows logically from "Daddy's Roommate." Dad and Frank have a commitment ceremony, celebrating with their supportive friends and family.	Pri

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The Different Dragon (2006)	Bryan, Jennifer	9780967446868	Boy with two moms befriends dragon who is also different and convinces him that there are lots of ways to be a dragon besides being fierce.	Pri
Duke Who Outlawed Jellybeans, and Other Stories(2004)	Valentine, Johnny	1-55583-847-2	In these five action-filled, inventive tales, many young heroines and heroes, and lesbian and gay parents are given prominent roles. In some stories, young girls assume a very feminist stance and save the day in each situation.	Pri/Int
Emma and Meesha My Boy: A Two Mom Story (2005)	Considine, Kaitlyn Taylor	978-1413416008	This book is about a little girl and her cat and their daily lives. The fact that she has two moms is handled in a matter of fact nature, saying we too, are a normal family. It is about love, understanding and parenting. Great way to include other family structures.	K-3
Families (2006)	Kuklin, Susan	978-0786808229	Colour photography book featuring a diverse mix of families. Descriptions are in the words of children talking about their family. Various ethnicities, religions, and structures including two dads, two moms, step-parents, adoption, divorce, special needs, etc	K-7
Families - A Celebration of Diversity, Commitment, and Love (1990)	Jenness, Aylette	0-395-66952-9	This book depicts families via black and white photographs. Children and teenagers talk about their single-parent, adoptive, foster, extended, bi-racial, same-gender, traditional and step-parent families, and also describe their hobbies, family life and activities.	Read Aloud K-7
Family Book, The (2003)	Parr, Todd	0-316-15563-2	All types of family diversity are presented. Great for early primary.	Pri
Felicia's Favorite Story (2002)	Newman, Leslea	0967446856	A young girl named Felicia helps her two mothers tell the story of how they came to adopt her.	K-4
Heather Has Two Mommies (2000)	Newman, Leslea	1-55583-180-X	Heather, 4, lives with her two mothers. We learn how her mothers fell in love and decided to have a baby by artificial insemination. Heather feels uncomfortable in pre-school, but soon learns that other children have same-gender parents, step-parents and single parents and that the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love one another.	Pri
Is Your Family Like Mine? (1996)	Abramchik, Lois	0-96744-689-9	A beautiful story about families, told by an African-American girl with two moms. Nicely illustrated.	Pri
It's Okay to Be Different (2001)	Parr, Todd	0-316666033	This book describes all kinds of differences and allows the question to be asked, "What's different about you?"	Pri
King and King (2002)	De Haan, Linda & Nijland, Stern	1-58246-061-2	The mother of the lovelorn prince Bertie decreed that he must marry SOON. The search to find the prince's perfect match discovers Lee and a merry wedding follows. A contemporary tale about finding true love and living happily ever after.	K-4

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King and King and Family (2004)	De Haan, Linda & Nijland, Stern	1-58246-113-9	Join King Lee and King Bertie on their noisy jungle journey. The royal newlyweds are greeted by wild animal families, but they suspect that something more significant awaits them in the trees. They soon discover the wonderful adventure of starting a family of their own.	K-4
Lucy's Family Tree (2001)	Halvorsen-Schreck, Karen	0884482928	During a family tree assignment, Lucy struggles to honour both her Mexican heritage and her adoptive family. She learns that family trees can be different for many reasons, including a boy who has two moms.	Late Pri/ Int
Milly, Molly and Different Dads (2006)	Pittar, Gill	1-877297-29-1	When Sophie appears troubled about her dad, her teacher gets her classmates to contribute something different about their dads and their families. Wonderful pictures help to illustrate diversity in families.	Pri
Molly's Family (2004)	Garden, Nancy	0-374-35002-7	Molly is nervous about bringing her two mothers to school.	Pri
Mom and Mum Are Getting Married (2004)	Settingington, Ken	1-896764-84-3	One of Rosie's two mothers announces, "Your Mum and I are getting married!" they can't wait to start planning the big day. At this party, family, friends and fun come together for a joyous celebration of love in a changing world.	Pri
My Two Uncles (1995)	Vigna, J.	0-8075-5507-X	Elly is upset when her grandfather refuses to invite Uncle Ned's "friend" Phil to his anniversary party. Her dad explains that some people don't think it's OK to be gay, "but I don't think it's wrong."	Pri
Oliver Button Is a Sissy (1999)	dePaola, Tomie	0-15-257852-8	His classmates' taunts don't stop Oliver from doing what he likes best. DePaola identifies this story as being his own. It's a subtle, moving book about a child who is seen as being different.	Pri
One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dads (1994)	Valentine, Johnny	1-55583-848-0	A wonderfully written whimsical book reminiscent of Dr. Seuss. It plays with rhyme in trying to decide what might have made two dads turn blue. It playfully questions the differences between blue dads and other dads' roles and duties.	Pri
Pinky and Rex and the Bully (1996)	Howe, James	978-0-689-80834-0	Pinky is called a sissy for liking and wearing pink, and also for having a girl for a best friend. He eventually decides that he is fine just the way he is and lets the bully know this.	K-5
Rough, Tough Charley (2007)	Kay, Verla	1582461848	Stunning illustrations and poetic verse document the exciting true story of Charley Parkhurst, an orphan living in California in the mid-1800s who became a famous stagecoach driver, joined the Odd Fellow's Club, voted in Presidential elections and was revealed, after death, to be a woman. * (Great for lessons on gender and sexism).	K-7
Saturday is Pattyday (1993)	Newman, Leslea	0889611815	This is about a small boy dealing with the divorce of his two Moms and having a special Saturday with his other Mom Patty.	Pri

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Sissy Duckling, The (2002)	Fierstein, Harvey	0-689-83566-3	Elmer tries to typical boy duck activities but just doesn't fit in. His dad calls him a sissy, and his mum calls him "special." Elmer runs away to avoid the other ducks, but an ingenious act of bravery and loyalty for his father changes everyone a bit, and he remains very "special."	Pri
Tiger Flowers (1994)	Quinlan, Patricia	0-803714076	When his uncle Michael dies of AIDS Joel's dreams and thoughts of Michael keep his memory alive.	Pri/Int
Too Far Away to Touch (2004)	Newman, Leslea	978-0395900185	A beautifully tale that will be meaningful to all children who have lost a beloved relative to any illness, but especially to AIDS. Leonard, Zoe's favourite uncle, uses a trip to the planetarium, to discuss how he will always be with her even when he's "Too Far Away to Touch".	Pri/Int
Uncle Bobby's Wedding (2008)	Brannen, Sarah	9780399247125	Chloe's Uncle Bobby is getting married to his male partner. She's worried that this will change their special relationship until she is invited to be a flower girl, and finds that she now has two special uncles.	Pri
We Belong Together (2007)	Parr, Todd	0736905103	A book about adoption and families. Encourages varying pronouns to reflect different situations.	Pri
White Swan Express, The (2003)	Okimoto, Jean	0618164537	Across North America, people in four different homes prepare for a special trip to China, while four baby girls in China await their new adoptive parents.	Pri
Who's in a Family (1998)	Skutch, Robert	1-883672-66-X	This story compares human and animal families and represents many types of families: traditional, only child, single-parent, same-gender, extended, childless, stepparent and inter-racial. It concludes with "Who's in a family? The people who love you the most."	Pri
William's Doll (1972)	Zolotow, Charlotte	9780060270476	William wants a doll but is told that makes him a creep and a sissy. His Dad buys him a basketball and a train set, but he still wants the doll. Finally his grandma buys him a doll which he can feed, care for and love.	Pri
<u>INTERMEDIATE AND UP</u>				
Absolutely, Positively Not (2005)	LaRochelle, David	978-0439591096	Even though the good-natured humor does cloud the book's overall sense of reality at times, Laroche's eye-opening and accurate portrayal of Steven's coming out will ring optimistically true for many teens and their friends who are struggling with sexuality issues. And it's the delivery of his outing, coated in a healthy dose of hilarity, that makes <i>Absolutely, Positively Not</i> a fast-paced, funny, and frivolously frank read. - <i>Hillias J. Martin, New York Public Library</i>	6-9

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Box Girl (2002)	Withrow, Sarah	0-888994362	This is a sensitive portrayal of how Gwen, who lives with her gay Dad, and whose mother has moved away creates a friendship with the free-spirited new girl in her class. An award-winning writer shows the healing power of friendship.	6-8
Case of the Stolen Scarab (2004)	Garden, Nancy	0967446872	When Nikki and Travis and their two moms - buy an old inn in Vermont, they don't expect their first visitor to be the local sheriff with news of a robbery - and their second to be a bedraggled hiker with amnesia! Soon Nikki and Travis find themselves trying to solve a mystery that steadily grows more complicated - and perhaps dangerous as well.	4-6
Clear Spring, A (2002)	Wilson, Barbara	1558612777	While visiting relatives in Seattle, twelve-year-old Willa explores the diversity of her family and investigates the pollution of a salmon stream. Includes gay couples, interracial marriages, and single parents.	4-7
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun (1995)	Woodson, Jacqueline	0-590-45881-7	Melanin Sun, a teenager, must deal with his own internal fears and prejudices of sexism, racism and homophobia, if he wants to have a meaningful relationship with his mama, who is coming out to him.	7-11
Giver, The (1999)	Lowry, Lois	0-785734988	When a member of a utopian society is chosen to be the "receiver of memories", he realizes how important choice and individuality are.	6-9
Harvey Milk Story, The (2001)	Krakow, Kari	0-9674468-3	The author did a good job of highlighting Harvey Milk, a courageous American who stood for freedom for all people and was committed to changing the world.	5-7
Holly's Secret (2000)	Garden, Nancy	374332738	After moving from a big city to the country, Holly tries to change her name and to hide the fact that she has two lesbian mothers. She finds that her plan is a lot more difficult in practice than in theory and that it hurts the people who matter the most to her.	4-7
House You Pass on the Way, The (1997)	Woodson, Jacqueline	0-14-250191-3	A tender, richly layered coming-of-age story about a daughter of an interracial family in an all-Black rural town. It explores the anxious wonderings of two young teenage cousins in their search for self-identity.	6-10
How It Feels to Have a Gay or Lesbian Parent: A Book by Kids for Kids of All Ages (2004)	Snow, Judith E.	978-1560234197	Thirty-two individuals between the ages of 7 and 31 provide enlightening perspectives on the confusion and prejudices surrounding this issue. This inspirational, eye-opening title gives readers who have gay and lesbian parents a much-deserved voice.	5-12
It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health (1994)	Harris, Robie & Emberley, M.	076-362-4330	An honest, trustworthy, updated book about sexuality. Information on gay/lesbian issues is presented clearly and non-judgmentally. Same-sex couples are throughout the book. Puberty, bodies, sex, families, decision-making and staying healthy are the main topics.	4-8

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Last Herald Mage: Magic's Pawn (1994)	Lackey, Mercedes	088677-352-0	Young Vanyel doesn't fit in with his sturdy, peasant-folk family and is therefore sent to the capital to stay with his Aunt Savil, who is a "Herald of Valdemar"! Along the way he must come to face his growing "magic" powers, his sexual orientation and the enemies of his country. (first of a fantasy/scifiction trilogy)	7-12
Last Herald Mage: Magic's Price (1994)	Lackey, Mercedes	0886-774-268	The peaceful kingdom of Valdemar is besieged on all fronts and Vanyel is the last Herald Mage left to protect it. Vanyel and the Bard Stefen travel to confront a dark mage and prevent him from unleashing a final deadly blow against the kingdom. (third of a fantasy/scifiction trilogy)	7-12
Last Herald Mage: Magic's Promise (1994)	Lackey, Mercedes	088677-401-2	Herald Vanyel has been worn out using his powers against the enemies of his country and so goes home to his family to rest. However, he and his Companion must untangle another mystery involving newly chosen Tashir. (second of fantasy/scifiction trilogy)	7-12
Misfits, The (2001)	Howe, James	0-689-83956-1	Four best friend "misfits" one of whom is called a "fairy", try to change life at their school by starting a campaign against name-calling. Empowering.	6-8
Parrotfish (2007)	Wittlinger, Ellen	978-1416916222	This fast read follows Grady through the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas as he comes out as transgendered, faces issues of acceptance and rejection at school and at home. Grady turns out to be a very normal boy who, like every teen, must deal with vexing issues of self-identity. To his credit, he does this with courage and grace. The book is an excellent resource for building awareness about, and serving the increasing number of, transgendered teens.	7-10
S.P. Likes A.D. (1990)	Brett, Catherine	0-88961-142-4	Stephanie is fascinated by dinosaur bones, and a girl named Anne. Kate Burton, a paleontologist, becomes a positive role model and a friend, who listens and encourages Stephanie to be true to herself. It teaches us about coming out, friendship, families, peer pressure, and those feelings of a first crush.	6-10
Skull of Truth, The (1997)	Coville, Bruce	0152046127	Charlie can't seem to stop telling lies. It's gotten so bad that he has to run away to avoid being punished for telling a lie. A skull he steals forces him to tell the truth but the problem is, Charlie has such a bad reputation that no one believes a word he says.	4-6
Stitches (2003)	Huser, Glen	0888995784	This dramatic novel, set in a western Canadian town, tells the story of Travis and his best friend Chantelle, who find refuge from being different and bullied through their friendship and love of creating puppet theatre. Governor General Literary Award Winner.	7-10
Totally Joe (2005)	Howe, James	0-689-83957-X	Joe demonstrates that he truly is a one-of-a-kind kid, mostly comfortable with himself but still struggling with common adolescent issues, like being popular, living with family, and name-calling. He deals with being gay and through it his narration always feels honest if not entirely credible.	6-9
Touch of the Clown (1999)	Huser, Glen	978-0888993434	This poignant novel deals with child abuse and neglect as well as how individuals deal with death. The story mixes a strong plot and likable characters in such a way as to appeal to adolescent readers.	5-9

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What If Someone I Know Is Gay? (2000)	Marcus, Eric	0-8431-7611-3	This candid and frank resource answers real questions from teenagers on all aspects of homosexuality. The author pushes aside the myths and negative stereotypes about LGBT people and helps students to understand what being gay is really all about.	7-10
Zack's Story (2002)	Greenberg, Keith E.	0-8225-2581-X	This is a true story of 11-year-old Zack who lives with his two mothers and has a loving relationship with his father as well. Zack deals assertively with homophobic name-calling at school and tells about life in a lesbian family, helping to debunk myths and stereotypes for students meeting a same-sex family for the first time.	4-7
SECONDARY			For other secondary titles please check www.alexsanchez.com	
Annie on My Mind (1982)	Garden, Nancy	978-0374400118	Liza and Annie are two 17-year-old New Yorkers who meet, become friends, and slowly realize that their feelings encompass more than friendship. They are confused, curious, tentative and intense with each other. No single work has done more for young adult LGBT fiction than this classic about two teenage girls who fall in love. – School Library Journal.	Sec
Baby Be-Bop (1995)	Block, Francesca	0-06-024879-3 (1995)	Dirk McDonald, a sixteen-year-old boy living in Los Angeles, comes to terms with being gay after he receives surreal storytelling visitations from his dead father and great-grandmother	Sec
Bad Boy (1992)	Wieler, Diana	0-88899-083-9	For A.J. life is finally coming together as he makes the Triple A hockey team in Moose Jaw. Things begin to fall apart when he learns that his best friend and teammate is gay. His fear and rage start to spill onto the ice as he navigates his own sexuality and comes to terms with his friend's news. *Governor General's Award Winner*	Sec
Boy Meets Boy (2005)	Levithan, David	978-0375832994	In this delightful young adult novel, high school sophomore Paul says, "There isn't really a gay scene or a straight scene in our town. They got all mixed up a while back, which I think is for the best." And, as he observes at the end of the story, "It's a wonderful world." Paul has both gay and straight friends, and they all hang out together.	Sec
Child of My Right Hand (2004)	Goodman, Eric	1402203063	College professors Jack and Genna Barish have moved to Tipton, Ohio, a small town divided by bigotry and class tensions, where they will learn to deal with their son's sexuality and ever-present teenage angst while struggling with their own complex marital problems.	Sec
Close to Spiderman (2000)	Coyote, Ivan E.	1-55152-086-9	Short Stories by Ivan who has a clear feminist voice that powerfully details what it means to experience life as a girl when your imagination is hungry enough to identify and crave the different sorts of freedoms that boys have.	Sec
Drag King Dreams (2006)	Feinberg, Leslie	0-78671-763-7	The story of Max, a butch lesbian bartender at an East Village club where drag kings perform. A veteran of the women's and gay movement of the past 30 years, Max's mid-life crisis hits in the midst of the post-9/11.	Sec
Flip Side, The (2003)	Matthews, Andrew	0-7497-4258-5	Do you know who you are? Well, think again. Robert is one teenager who knows that there are a whole lot of people inside you, like a collection of masks. Just remember this whoever you choose to be, there is always a flipside.	Sec

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Geography Club (2003)	Harteringer, Brent	0060012226	A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the 'Geography Club' at their high school, which eventually becomes the Gay/Straight Alliance Club. Great lessons about integrity vs. popularity.	Sec
Ironman (1996)	Crutcher, Chris	0-688-13503-X	This dramatic novel presents a boy learning in an anger-management class to deal with his feelings toward his controlling father. A subplot concerns his discovery that his coach is gay, and how he deals with this news. The language is strong, but realistic.	Sec
I've Known Since I was Eight (2003)	Glasser, Sophie	978-0595293339	The story of a down-to-earth teenage girl's first lesbian relationship and the reactions of her family, friends, and community.	Sec
Keeping You a Secret (2005)	Peters, Julie Anne	978-0316009850	High-school senior Holland, who has a boyfriend, develops an overwhelming crush on Cece. The girls fall passionately in love and a tragic coming-out story ensues. She finds help at the local Gay Resource Center, however, and begins to look forward to attending a local college after high school, with Cece by her side.	Sec
Luna (2006)	Peters, Julie Ann	978-0316011273	Regan is fiercely protective of her brother Liam and his secret desire to be Luna. She fears the family's reaction, and she fears that her brother may someday give in to despair. While Regan wonders if she will ever be able to have a life separate from the needs of her sibling, Liam seriously begins to consider a permanent change.	8-12
The Men with the Pink Triangle(1980)	Heger, Heinz	978-1555830069	Gay survivors of Nazi concentration camps recount their experiences. This book is harrowing but necessary reading for everyone concerned about gay history, human rights, or social justice.	Sec
My Heartbeat (2002)	Freyman-Weyr, Garret	0-618-14181-2	Ellen adores her older brother and has a crush on his best friend James. It all seems very typical until someone asks if maybe James is gay. A complex tale of intimacy, family secrets, and the fragility of many kinds of love. ALA Award for Excellence	Sec
One Man's Trash (2002)	Coyote, Ivan E.	1-55152-120-2	Short stories about queer life in western Canada.	Sec
Outside Rules (2007)	Robson, Claire	978-0892553167	This collection of 14 stories "stick[s] up for the young people who are singled out because they don't behave, look, worship, or love the way they 'should.'" Each story has well-developed characters and situations with which many teens will relate. Some selections are by well-known authors, such as Sandra Cisneros and Wally Lamb.	Sec
Perks of Being a Wallflower, The (1999)	Chobsky, Stephen	0-671-02734-4	Charlie is a sweet, naive boy who wears his heart on his sleeve. Through letters to an unknown person, his straightforward, piercing observations about his dysfunctional family, his loving friends, and his own confusing feelings betray the painful, exhilarating process of growing up.	Sec
Really Nice Prom Mess, A (2005)	Sloan, Brian	0689874383	Gay high school senior Cameron Hayes endures a disastrous prom night when forced to take a girl as his date, and after fleeing the dance in disguise, he finds himself involved in a surprising on-stage performance, a high-speed police chase, and unexpected revelations.	Sec

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Swimming In the Monsoon Sea (2005)	Selvadura, Shyam	0-88776-735-4	The setting is Sri Lanka, 1980, and it is the season of monsoons. He tries not to think of his life "before," when his doting mother was still alive. Then, like an unexpected monsoon, his cousin arrives from Canada and Amrith's ordered life is storm-tossed. He finds himself falling in love with the Canadian boy.	Sec
Tale of Two Summers (2006)	Sloan, Brian	978-0689874390	Best friends, Hal and Chuck are spending the summer apart. Hal is gay and has newly outed himself to Chuck. They set-up a private blog and chat about romantic prospects and their pursuit of emotionally and physically meaningful relationships. The boys also work together to define what Hal's sexual identity means in the context of their friendship.	Sec
Tough Love (2006)	Denson, Abby	978-1933149080	Tough Love tells the tale of a teenager coming out, finding love, and dealing with all of the associated difficulties and societal views that queer folk have to deal with. <i>Tough Love</i> helps gay teenagers to be more comfortable with themselves and less troubled, especially when they're feeling alone and misunderstood.	Sec
Walking Boy, The (2007)	Kwa, Lydia	1-55263-693-3	Set in the 8 th Century Tang Dynasty this tale follows the life of a young disciple to an aging hermit monk.	Sec
Wars, The (1982)	Findley, Timothy	0-14-024116-7	Robert, growing up in Toronto, leaves home at 19 when his beloved sister dies and his maddened mother turns cruel and unreasonable. It is 1915, and he joins the army and fights in France. Won the Canadian Governor General's award.	Sec
Who's Who in Gay and Lesbian History (2003)	Adrich, Robert & Wotherspoon, Garry	0415159830	Through 500 fascinating entries, a complete and vivid picture of gay and lesbian life in the Western world throughout the ages is painted.	Sec
Who's Who in Contemporary Gay and Lesbian History (2007)	Adrich, Robert & Wotherspoon, Garry	B000POJNW6	<i>From World War II to the Present Day</i> provides a comprehensive modern biographical survey of homosexuality in the Western world. Entries cover the less well-known and cult icons; gay and lesbian activists to homophobics; classical composers to rock musicians; novelists and poets to queer theorists and Nobel Prize winners and Olympic athletes.	Sec

ANTI-HOMOPHOBIA VIDEO/DVD RESOURCES

TITLE	MLS/SOURCE	LENGTH	SYNOPSIS	LEVEL
It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in Schools (2004)	Call # 543889 Groundspark	37min	This video is a condensed version of a full length (78 min) documentary looking at how and why elementary schools are talking about gay issues in schools. It presents many positive and inspiring stories. Either version can be used with staff or as a discussion starter with Gr 5-12 students.	Pri/Int Prof
That's a Family (2000)	Call#543902 Groundspark	35 min	Children from diverse family situations take viewers into their lives and tell what it's like to grow up with parents of different races or religions, divorced or single parents, gay or lesbian parents, adoptive parents or grandparent guardians. Includes discussion/ teaching guide, lesson plans, suggestions for discussion at different grade levels and additional resources.	K-7
Sticks and Stones (2001)	Call #542531 NFB	17 min	Young children, aged 5-12, describe gender stereotypes and how they feel when they hear put-downs of themselves or their families in this video for kids, educators and parents.	3-7
No Name-Calling: Creating Safe Environments (2004)	Call # 543179 BC Learning Network	24 min.	Words can hurt and they have the power to make students feel unsafe and very uncomfortable. Those who are targeted because they do not fit in - possibly due to body size, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or some other attribute - are often the victims. The video shows well-portrayed examples, offers students time to reflect and demonstrates good coping strategies.	3-8
In Other Words (2001)	Call #542341 NFB	27 min	This video explores the origins of homophobic language, name-calling and words, how young people feel about them, and how to overcome the hurt and anger they cause.	Upper Int/ Sec
Let's Get Real (2003)	Call# 543357 Groundspark	35 min	Young people tell their own stories about issues that lead to taunting and bullying, such as race, sexual orientation, religion, learning disabilities, sexual harassment, and others. The film gives voice to both bullies and victims, letting them express their feelings and reasoning.	Upper Int/ Sec
Anyone and Everyone (2007)	Call# 544259 Iron Zeal Films	57 min	Documentary featuring the stories of parents whose kids have come out to them. It's very powerful because it shows families from every ethnic background, religion, socio-economic level, both rural and urban. One mother in particular speaks very eloquently and passionately about how she successfully reconciles her strict Mormon beliefs with this news about her son.	Gr 7- 12/Prof
One of Them (2000)	Call # 542530 NFB	25 min	NFB drama in which a group of high school students plans events to raise awareness about racism, sexism and homophobia. Plans go sideways when homophobia surfaces within the group.	Gr 7-12
Gay Youth (2006)	Call # 543901 New Day Films	30 min	Award-winning video and 16-page study guide show coming out stories with positive and tragic outcomes, including discussions in high schools about homophobia. It is both powerful and accessible.	Sec.