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What the heck are all those letters for? GLBTQQIAA stands for almost everyone: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Allied. If you're interested in the lives, issues, and rights of people who fall into any of these categories, this list is for you!

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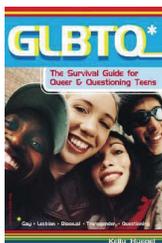
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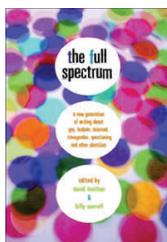
Non-Fiction



Huegel, Kelly. *GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Free Spirit Publishing, 2003.

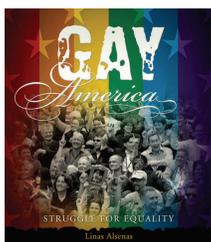
From "GLBTQ 101" to school, friends, relationships, and religion, this book covers important topics for all teens and reinforces that all sexualities are "normal."

Levithan, David and Billy Merrell. *The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing About Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities*.



New York: Knopf, 2006.

Stories, poems, and photographs from real teens of all sexual orientations about the real issues in their lives.



Alsenas, Linas. *Gay America: Struggle for Equality*. New York : Amulet Books, 2008.

A teen-oriented book about gay and lesbian life throughout United States history, from colonial times through the AIDS epidemic and the current fight for marriage equality.

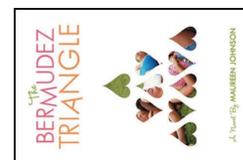
Moore, Perry. *Hero*. New York : Hyperion, 2007.

Thom has to keep two secrets from his fallen ex-superhero father: that he's gay and that he, too, has superpowers. Which will disappoint his father more?

Levithan, David. *Boy Meets Boy*. New York : Knopf, 2005.

A high-school gay romance in a tolerant utopia where the school's star quarterback is also the homecoming queen.

Fiction



Bauer, Marion Dane. *Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence*. London : HarperTrophy, 1995.

Stories about growing up gay by 16 YA authors including Bruce Coville, Lois Lowry, and Jacqueline Woodson.

Johnson, Maureen. *The Bermudez Triangle*. New York : Razorbill, 2004.

What happens when your two best friends fall in love with each other? And what if they're both girls?

Where can I find these books? Check your local library! Search for these books by title or for others by subject: try *sexual orientation, gay youth, homosexuality, gay teenagers, lesbian teenagers, bisexuals, transsexuals, gender identity, and gays*. Dewey numbers: 305.235, 306.76 Library of Congress: HQ74 to HQ77

Websites

Local Resources

LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

lgcsc.org

The Community Center offers advocacy and counseling services as well as youth drop-in programs including tutoring on Tuesdays and fun classes on cooking, art, and more on Wednesdays.

Gay People's Chronicle

www.gaypeopleschronicle.com

Pick up this Ohio newspaper for free around town or view the articles — about local and national queer issues — online.

Fusion Magazine

www.thatgaymagazine.com

Kent State's queer student magazine reports the relevant news and offers student opinions on the issues of the day.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network)

www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/student/index.html

This organization provides information about starting a Gay-Straight Alliance at your school, yearly Days of Action, and creating a Safe Space network (see bottom of page).

PFLAG (Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

www.pflag.org

Find here support for GLBT people, and especially for Allied friends and family. A good place to start is the FAQ, which gives advice on defining sexual orientation, coming out, and reconciling sexuality with religion.



YouthResource

www.amplifyyourvoice.org/youthresource

YouthResource is a community of queer youth with message boards, blogs, and peer educators available to answer the tough questions.

The Gay Youth Corner

www.thegyc.co.uk

Create a profile and talk with queer youth aged 14-25 around the English-speaking world through this website's forums and chat rooms.

Hotlines

Want more? Ask your librarian to point you toward other books and websites.

GLBT National Help Center

www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org/

Need to talk? Get peer counseling, information, and resources from the youth talkline (1.800.246.7743) or chat online with a volunteer peer counselor at this site.

The Trevor Project

www.thetrevorproject.org

Queer youth are at a much higher risk than heterosexual youth for attempting (and succeeding at) suicide. Get information about helping yourself or a friend at this site, or call 1.866.488.7386 to talk with someone directly.



**SAFE
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www.glsen.org

What is a Safe Space? Safe Spaces (also called Safe Zones or other similar names) are found primarily on college campuses and in other academic environments. If you see a symbol like this on a door or desk, it means that the person behind it is willing to help any person, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.