



Glitch Girl!

Oet, Rainie

A middle-grade novel in verse about a young trans girl who uses a computer game to process an ADHD diagnosis, isolation, and her relationship to gender.

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A Song for You & I

O'Neill, K.

While their flying horse recovers from injury, a novice ranger travels by foot on a journey of self-discovery & gender exploration alongside a musical companion who shares their growing affections.

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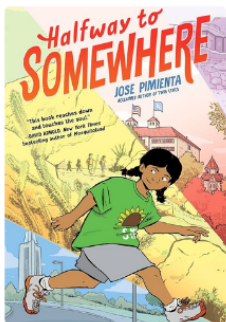


Turning Twelve

Ormsbee, Kathryn

Katie turns 12 and finally has her first crush, but growing up is much more complicated than Katie thought it would be

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Halfway to Somewhere

Pimienta, Jose

Ave, their mom & their younger brother make a life in the US while Ave's father & older sister stay in Mexico because of a divorce, in a story about exploring identity, understanding family & making friends despite a language barrier.

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Asking for a Friend

Riley, Ronnie

When their mom throws them a birthday party & invites all their friends, socially awkward Eden who has 3 (fake) friends, will do whatever it takes to convince Duke, Ramona & Tabitha to be their friend.

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Mountain Upside Down

Ryan, Sara

Alex navigates the challenges of a long-distance relationship, an increasingly forgetful grandmother, & a town's referendum on library funding, all while trying to find her place.

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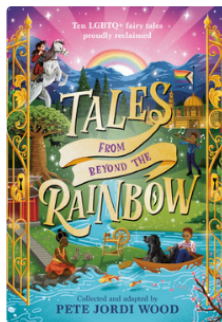


Stand Up!

Sharp, Tori

Neurodivergent best friends Clay & Kyle love making people laugh, yet the school's musical director does not appreciate Clay's humor, so the friends decide to start a podcast.

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Tales from Beyond the Rainbow

Wood, Pete Jordi

T10 epic stories of love, loss, adventure & resilience featuring & celebrating LGBTQ+ narratives a& heroes, in which gender is fluid & where queer stories can have a happy ending.

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RECOMMENDED READING FOR GRADES 6-8



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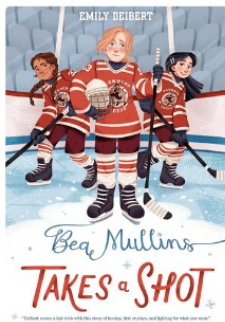


It's All or Nothing, Vale

Arango, Andrea Beatriz

Valentina Camacho was the top athlete at her fencing gym until a life-changing accident, but now her body doesn't move the same & there's a new number one. A story about a girl finding her way back to her passion.

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Bea Mullins Takes a Shot

Deibert, Emily

Bea joins her school's first all-girls hockey team to support her best friend, navigates rocky relationships with her crush Gabi & best friend Celia, & steps up to help save the team when its funding is threatened.

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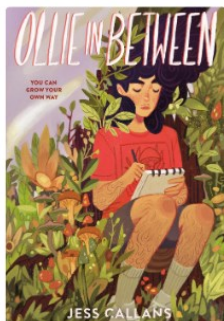


Noah Frye Gets Crushed

Horne, Maggie

Noah comes up with a foolproof plan to teach herself how to have a crush on a boy to fit in better with her friends, only to discover she's been looking in the wrong place, & her crush was right beside her all along.

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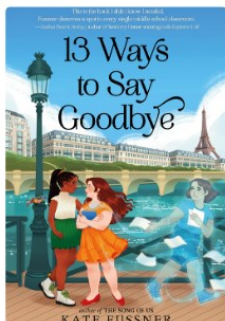


Ollie in Between

Callans, Jess

A nonbinary middle-schooler must choose between pretending to be the girl everyone expects them to be and forging their own path forward.

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13 Ways to Say Goodbye

Fussner, Kate

A novel-in-verse about life after loss, the power of sibling bonds, the depth of grief, and the strength of learning to love again.

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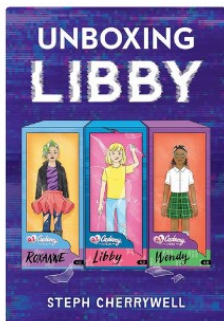


A World Worth Saving

Lukoff, Kyle

After coming out as trans, A is forced to attend a conversion-therapy group, where he discovers the group is run by a demon feeding on their pain & part of a more sinister force preying on the world's vulnerable.

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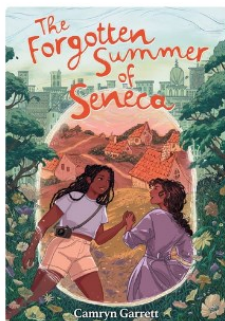


Unboxing Libby

Cherrywell, Steph

A preteen android based on a popular TV character grapples with new friendships, insecurities, & learning how to embrace her individuality.

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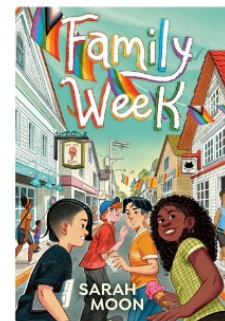


Forgotten Summer of Seneca

Garrett, Camryn

Rowan goes to live with her aunt in NYC after the loss of her father & while taking pictures with his camera, she finds a doorway in Central Park that leads to a magically preserved historical village.

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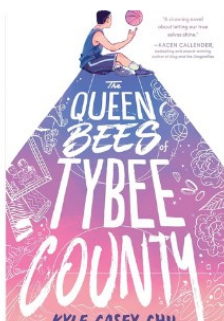


Family Week

Moon, Sarah

4 best friends spend Family Week together at an annual gathering of LGBTQ+ families in Provincetown, MA in this middle grade coming-of-age story that celebrates identity, acceptance, & found family.

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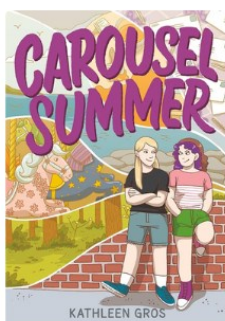


The Queen Bees of Tybee County

Chu, Kyle Casey

Chinese American Derrick explores his queer identity by competing in a small-town beauty pageant where he shares his new love of drag with his family and friends.

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Carousel Summer

Gros, Kathleen

For 12-year-old Lucy Stulligross, a boring summer without her best friend turns into an unexpected coming-of-age journey of firsts.

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Splinter & Ash

Nijkamp, Marieke

A chance encounter throws Ash & Splinter into each other's orbits, & they find friendship in their shared loneliness & their desires to prove themselves.

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