



Not The Only One

LGBT Fiction for Teens



Beam, Chris

I Am J (2011)

J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him.

Burd, Nick

The Vast Fields of Ordinary (2011)

Dade had just finished high school and sees his parent's marriage disintegrate, ends a long-term secret relationship, comes out of the closet, and savors first love.

Cohn, Rachel

Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List (2007)

Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year of college.

Danforth, Emily

The Miseducation of Cameron Post (2012)

In the early 1990s, Cameron is sent to a gay conversion therapy center when her conservative family decides she needs to change her ways.

Finneyfrock, Karen

The Sweet Revenge of Celia Door (2013)

Celia has only her poetry for solace until newcomer Drake befriends her, comes out to her, and seeks her help in connecting with the boy he left behind.

Franklin, Emily

Tessa Masterson Will Go To Prom (2012)

Luke has to decide if he should stand by his best friend Tessa when she invites a female date to prom, sparking a firestorm of controversy in their small Indiana town.

George, Madeleine

The Difference Between You and Me (2012)

School outsider Jesse and student council vice president Emily have a secret romance, but their opposite sides on a major issue leads to a difficult decision.

Green, John

Will Grayson, Will Grayson (2010)

When two teens, one gay and one straight, discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend.

Hartinger, Brent

Geography Club (2002)

A group of gay and lesbian teens find mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.

Katcher, Brian

Almost Perfect (2009)

Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student arrives at his small-town Missouri high school, keeping a big secret.

King, A. S.

Ask the Passengers (2012)

Astrid has to cope with gossip and narrow-mindedness and feels that there is no one to talk to about her deep secret or the profound questions she's trying to answer.

Kluger, Steve

My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park (2008)

Three teens in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.

- Knowles, Jo ***See You at Harry's*** (2012)
Fern feels invisible in her family until tragedy strikes and the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.
- Konigsberg, Bill ***Out of the Pocket*** (2008)
Quarterback Bobby Framingham, finally admits to himself that he's gay, but events spin out of control when his sexual orientation is revealed in the local papers.
- LaRochelle, David ***Absolutely, Positively Not*** (2005)
Chronicles a teen boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.
- Levithan, David ***Boy Meets Boy*** (2003)
Paul's simple high-school life is confused by his desire for another boy who seems unattainable until a friend helps him find the courage to pursue his crush.
- Moore, Perry ***Hero*** (2007)
Thom Creed tries not to disappoint his dad, a disgraced caped crusader, so he keeps his gay identity and his developing superpowers under wraps.
- Myracle, Lauren ***Shine*** (2011)
When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.
- Peters, Julie Anne ***She Loves You, She Loves You Not*** (2011)
When Alyssa is disowned by her father for being a lesbian, she's sent to live with the mother she's never known and forced to come to terms with herself and her family.
- Peters, Julie Anne ***Luna*** (2004)
Liam has always longed to be a girl and has only revealed himself at night as Luna, but will Liam's family and friends welcome Luna when she emerges from her cocoon?
- Ryan, Sara ***Empress of the World*** (2001)
While attending a summer institute, 15 year old Nic meets a girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.
- Saenz, Benjamin Alire ***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*** (2012)
Ari, an angry loner, becomes friends with Dante and starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.
- St. James, James ***Freak Show*** (2008)
Having faced difficult challenges, 17 year old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his school.
- Sanchez, Alex ***The God Box*** (2007)
When openly gay Manuel transfers to Paul's high school, Paul, a born-again Christian, begins to question his own sexuality. Also try Sanchez's ***Rainbow*** trilogy.
- Wittlinger, Ellen ***Parrotfish*** (2007)
Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.