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**Amateau, Gigi**  
**A Certain Strain of Peculiar**

Thirteen-year-old Mary Harold, not getting along with the kids at her new school and having convinced her mother to allow her to live with her grandmother, finds the physical and emotional strength to help a Cherokee farm manager with his herd and defend his daughter who does not fit in.

**Atkins, Catherine**  
**Alt Ed**

Susan, an overweight tenth grader, develops a better sense of herself through participation in a special after-school counseling class with other troubled students, and the friendship of a sensitive gay classmate.



**Bauer, Marion Dane**  
**Am I Blue?**

A collection of short stories about homosexuality by such authors as Bruce Coville, M.E. Kerr, William Sleator, and Jane Yolen.



**Beam, Cris**  
**I am J**

J, who feels that he is a boy who was mistakenly born a girl, hides who he is from his family and the world, but after he loses his best friend, J decides to stop hiding, whatever the cost. Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011)



**Borris, Albert**  
**Crash Into Me**

Four suicidal teenagers go on a "celebrity suicide road trip," visiting the graves of famous people who have killed themselves, with the intention of ending their lives in Death Valley, California.



**Brooks, Kevin**  
**Black Rabbit Summer**

When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening—and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet.



**Crutcher, Chris**  
**Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories**

A collection of short stories featuring characters from earlier books by Chris Crutcher.

**Donoghue, Emma**  
**Kissing the Witch: Old Tales in New Skins**

A collection of thirteen interconnected stories that give old fairy tales a new twist.



**Felin, Sindy**  
**Touching Snow**

After her stepfather is arrested for child abuse, thirteen-year-old Karina's home life improves but while the severity of her older sister's injuries and the urging of her younger sister, their uncle, and a friend tempt her to testify against him, her



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mother and other well-meaning adults persuade her to claim responsibility.



## **Ferris, Jean** **Eight Seconds**

Eighteen-year-old John must confront his own sexuality when he goes to rodeo school and finds himself strangely attracted to an older boy who is smart, tough, complicated, gorgeous, and gay.

## **Forman, Gayle** **If I Stay**

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

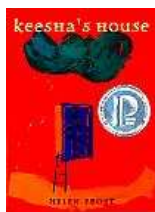


## **Freyman-Weyr, Garret** **My Heartbeat**

As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.

## **Frost, Helen** **Keesha's House**

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.



## **Garsee, Jeannine** **Say the Word**

After the death of her estranged mother, who left Ohio years ago to live with her lesbian partner in New York City, seventeen-year-old Shawna

Gallagher's life is transformed by revelations about her family, her best friend, and herself.

## **Going, K.L.** **King of the Screwups**

Liam Geller is one of the most popular boys in school but can't seem to do anything right in the eyes of his father; so he goes to live with his homosexual, rocker uncle who helps him to understand that there is much more to him than his father will ever see.



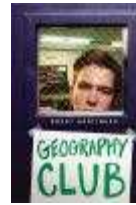
## **Halpin, Brendan** **Donorboy: A Novel**

Rosalind, a fourteen-year-old orphan, becomes the ward of her biological father after the tragic death of her gay mother, and struggles with the adjustment of getting to know a father she never knew.



## **Hartinger, Brent** **Geography Club**

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



## **Howe, James** **Totally Joe**

As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alpha biography, and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.



## **Klise, James** **Love Drugged**

Fifteen-year-old Jamie is dismayed by his attraction to boys, and when a beautiful girl shows an interest in him,



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he is all the more intrigued by her father's work developing a drug called Rehomoline. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011).



**Kluger, Steve**  
**My Most Excellent Year**

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

**Koertge, Ronald**  
**The Arizona Kid**

Sixteen-year-old Billy comes to terms with his own values when he is sent to live with his gay uncle in Tucson and is introduced to the world of rodeos where he falls in love with an outspoken racehorse rider named Cara.

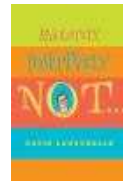
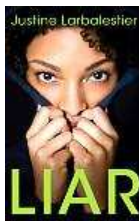


**Koertge, Ronald**  
**Boy Girl Boy**

Three troubled high school seniors plan to run away together from Illinois to California after graduation in order to find out who they are and what they want to be. t when she's excluded from his all-male secret society and knows Matthew's lying to her, Frankie uses her brainy side to become a criminal mastermind.

**Larbalestier, Justine**  
**Liar**

Compulsive liar Micah promises to tell the truth after revealing that her boyfriend has been murdered.



**LaRochelle, David**  
**Absolutely, Positively Not**

Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.



**Lecesne, James**  
**Absolute Brightness**

In the beach town of Neptune, New Jersey, Phoebe's life is changed irrevocably when her gay cousin moves into her house and soon goes missing.

**Levithan, David**  
**Boy Meets Boy**

Paul's simple high-school life is confused by his desire for another boy who seems unattainable, until Paul's friends help him find the courage to pursue the object of his affections.



**Levithan, David**  
**Love is the Higher Law**

Three New York City teens express their reactions to the bombing of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and its impact on their lives and the world.

**Lo, Malinda**  
**Ash**

A variation on the Cinderella story in which a girl named Ash grows up believing in the fairy realm that the king and his philosophers have sought to suppress, until one day she must choose between a handsome fairy cursed to love her and the King's Huntress, whom she loves.



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**Lyon, George Ella**  
**Sonny's House of Spies**

In a small Alabama town in 1947-1956, Sonny searches for answers about his father's disappearance, "Uncle

Marty," who looks after the family, and Mamby, their black housekeeper.

**Mac, Carrie**  
**Crush**

During a summer in New York, Hope falls in love with another girl and must decide whether she is gay.



**Myracle, Lauren**  
**Shine**

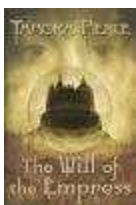
When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to

discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



**Peters, Julie Ann**  
**Keeping You a Secret**

Holland starts a difficult last semester of high school, and she finds herself puzzled about her future but intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a lesbian and gay club at school.



**Pierce, Tamora**  
**Will of the Empress**

Sandry, now eighteen, reunites with her friends and fellow mages, Daja, Tris, and Briar, who agree to travel

with her to Namorn to visit her vast landholdings, not realizing her cousin, Empress Berenene, has plans to keep her there, even if it means forcing Sandry into an arranged marriage.

**Plum-ucci, Carol**  
**What Happened to Lani Garver**

Sixteen-year-old Claire is unable to face her fears about a recurrence of her leukemia, her eating disorder, her need to fit in with the popular crowd on Hackett Island, and her mother's alcoholism until the enigmatic Lani Garver helps her get control of her life at the risk of his own.



**Ryan, Sara**  
**Empress of the World**

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.



**Sanchez, Alex**  
**Rainbow Boys**

Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other.



**Sanchez, Alex**  
**Rainbow High**

Sequel to: Rainbow boys. Gay friends Nelson, Kyle, and Jason, nearing the end of their high school days, struggle with issues of coming out, safe sex, homophobia, being in love and college choices.



**Sanchez, Alex**  
**Rainbow Road**

While driving across the United States during the summer after high school graduation, three young gay



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men encounter various bisexual and homosexual people and make some decisions about their own relationships and lives.



**Selvadurai, Shyam**  
**Funny Boy: a novel**

A coming of age story about Arjun Chelvaratnam, who struggles with his homosexuality; entering into an affair with a schoolmate and breaking not only sexual taboos, but also social structures that separate the Tamil and Sinhalese.



**Selvadurai, Shyam**  
**Swimming in the Monsoon Sea**

In 1980 Sri Lanka, fourteen-year-old Amrith's uneventful summer, filled with typing lessons and hopes of a part in his school's production of "Othello," is turned upside down when he falls in love with a boy.



**Springer, Nancy**  
**Looking For Jamie Bridger**

Fourteen-year-old Bridger is determined to find out who her real parents were in spite of opposition from the grandparents who raised her, but her search ends in a bittersweet discovery.

**Trueman, Terry**  
**7 Days at the Hot Corner**

Varsity baseball player Scott Latimer struggles with his own prejudices and those of others when his best friend reveals that he is gay.



**Wieler, Diana**  
**Bad Boy**



A.J. Brandiosa becomes the bad boy of the Cyclone hockey team, and learns that his best friend is gay, as he tries to cope with his own sexuality during his senior year in high school.