

LGBTQ+ Booklist

Non-Fiction

Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen. by Jazz Jennings (YA 306.768 JEN, J)

In her remarkable memoir, Jazz reflects on these very public experiences and how they have helped shape the mainstream attitude toward the transgender community. But it hasn't all been easy. Jazz has faced many challenges, bullying, discrimination, and rejection, yet she perseveres as she educates others about her life as a transgender teen.

Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out. by Susan Kuklin (YA 306.76 KUK, S)

Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender identity.

Gay America: Struggle for Equality. by Linas Alsenas (YA 306.76 ALS, L)

Milestones of gay and lesbian life in the United States are brought together in the first-ever nonfiction book on the topic published specifically for teens. Profusely illustrated with period photographs, first-person accounts offer insight as each chapter identifies an important era. From the Gay '20s to the Kinsey study, from the McCarthy witch hunts to the Beat generation, from Stonewall to disco, and from AIDS to gay marriage and families, this overview gives a balanced look at how queer men and women have lived, worked, played--and fought to overcome prejudice and discrimination--for the past 125 years.

It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living. Edited by Dan Savage and Terry Miller (YA 306.76 IT*)

A collection of testimonials written to teenagers from celebrities, political leaders, and other individuals on the happiness they found in life after they suffered through bullying and torment in their youths because of their sexual orientation.

Queer: The Ultimate LGBT Guide for Teens. by Kathy Belge (YA 306.76 BEL, K)

Queer is a humorous, engaging, and honest guide that helps LGBT teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new LGBT social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and rise up against bigotry and homophobia.