LGBTQ+ History Booklist for Secondary



50 Queers Who Changed the World: A Celebration of LGBTQ+ Icons. Dan Jones. (7 – 12) LGBTQ+ people are some of the coolest in history – Freddie Mercury, Divine, Virginia Woolf, Marlene Dietrich, Andy Warhol... the list goes on. This book celebrates the lives, work and unique perspectives of the icons who changed the world.



All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages. Saundra Mitchell. (6-12) Seventeen young adult authors across the queer spectrum have come together to create a collection of beautifully written diverse historical fiction for teens. *All Out* tells a diverse range of stories across cultures, time periods and identities, shedding light on an area of history often ignored or forgotten.



Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America. Ibi Zoboi. (8 – 12) Featuring some of the most acclaimed bestselling Black authors writing for teens today—*Black Enough* is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and Black in America.



The Gay Agenda: A Modern Queer History & Handbook. Ashley Molesso and Chessie Needham. (9-12) Filled with engaging descriptions, interesting facts and helpful features, this book illuminates the transformation of the community, highlighting its struggles, achievements, landmarks and contributions.



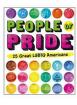
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. (7 - 12) Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men in the "New World," Indigenous human rights advocate Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz reveals the roles that settler colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.



No Way, They Were Gay?: Hidden Lives and Secret Loves. Lee Wind. (6 – 12) This book features stories supported by primary source documents such as poetry, memoir, news clippings and images of ancient artwork. Get a look at the hidden lives and secret loves of 12 well-known historical figures, from William Shakespeare and Pharaoh Hatshepsut to Cary Grant and Eleanor Roosevelt.



Our Gay History in Fifty States. Zaylore Stout. (9 – 12) This book tells LGBTQ+ American history, state-by-state, highlighting significant people, places and "queer facts" so that all readers learn that LGBTQ+ history is American History.



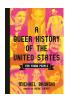
People of Pride: 25 Great LGBTQ Americans. Chase Clemesha. (4-7) Featuring people from a variety of occupations and backgrounds, this collection of 25 short biographies demonstrates the diversity, accomplishments and pride within the American LGBTQ+ community. Includes full-page images and text about each person.



Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community. Robin Stevenson. (4-8) Pride events are an opportunity to honor the past, protest injustice and celebrate a diverse and vibrant community. How did Pride come to be? And what does Pride mean to the people who celebrate it? Includes extensive photos and descriptive text.



Queer: A Graphic History. Dr. Meg-John Barker. (10 - 12) From identity politics and gender roles to privilege and exclusion, this groundbreaking non-fiction graphic novel explores how we came to view sex, gender and sexuality in the ways that we do; how these ideas get tangled up with our culture and our understanding of biology, psychology and sexology; and how these views have been disputed and challenged.



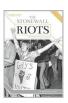
A Queer History of the United States for Young People. Michael Bronski. (7 - 12) Through engrossing narratives, letters, drawings, poems and more, the book encourages young readers, of all identities, to feel pride at the accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ people who came before them and to use history as a guide to the future.



Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World. Sarah Prager. (8 – 9) World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals—and you've never heard of many of them. Queer author and activist Sarah Prager delves deep into the lives of 23 people who fought, created and loved on their own terms.



Reclaiming Two-Spirits: Sexuality, Spiritual Renewal & Sovereignty in Native America. Gregory D. Smithers. (9 – 12) This book decolonizes the history of gender and sexuality in Native North America. It honors the generations of Indigenous people who had the foresight to take essential aspects of their cultural life and spiritual beliefs underground in order to save them.



The Stonewall Riots: The Fight for LGBT Rights. Tristan Poehlmann. (4-8) This book discusses the 1969 Stonewall Riots, which are now commemorated each year with LGBTQ+ Pride. Look at what led up to the riots, what happened at Stonewall, who the key people were and how the riots launched the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement.



Transgender Role Models and Pioneers. Barbra Penne. (5-8) Read through the profiles of a host of accomplished transgender people who have made their names in a wide range of fields, including sports, politics, activism, entertainment and the arts.



Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington. Jacqueline Houtman. (5-12) Bayard Rustin was one of the most influential activists of our time who was an early advocate for African Americans and for gay rights. He was a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., teaching him about the power of nonviolent direct action.



We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, and Pride in the History of Queer Liberation. Matthew Riemer. (9 – 12) This inclusive and intersectional book enables us to truly see queer history unlike ever before, with glimpses of activism in the decades preceding and following Stonewall, family life, marches, protests, celebrations, mourning and Pride.