

## Novels with trans\* protagonists

### **Beautiful Music for Ugly Children**

by Kristin Cronn-Mills

### **Being Emily**

By Rachel Gold

### **Brooklyn, Burning**

by Steve Brezenoff

### **Choir Boy**

by Charlie Anders

### **Crossing Lines**

by Paul Volponi

### **f2m**

by Hazel Edwards

### **FIRST SPRING GRASS FIRE**

by Rae Spoon

### **Freakboy**

by Kristin Elizabeth Clark

### **I AM J**

by Cris Beam

### **London Reign**

by A.C. Britt

### **THE MARVELOUS LAND OF OZ**

by L. Frank Baum

*\*The second book of the classic fantasy series addresses historical feminist themes as it challenges gender in several ways, including a transgender main character.*

### **NEVADA**

by Imogen Binnie

*\*This novel includes mature themes related to sex and drugs, so use discretion when recommending it, but it gives an excellent portrayal of a mentoring relationship between 29 year-old trans woman and a young adult questioning their trans identity, and could be meaningful to older trans youth, particularly young trans women.*

### **Parrotfish**

by Ellen Wittlinger

### **ROVING PACK**

by Sassafras Lowrey

### **Run, Clarissa, Run**

by Rachel Eliason

### **The Sweet In-Between**

by Sheri Reynolds

## Novels with trans\* friends or family members

### **Almost Perfect**

by Brian Katcher

*\*This story depicts strong violence against a teen trans woman and may be quite upsetting. I have included it because it does include a strong teen trans woman character.*

### **Beauty Queens**

by Libba Bray

### **Bloodhound (Beka Cooper, #2)**

by Tamora Pierce

### **Down to the Bone**

by Mayra Lazara Dole

### **The End**

by Nora Olsen

### **Eon: Dragoneye Reborn (& sequel: Eona)**

by Alison Goodman

### **Happy Families**

by Tanita S. Davis

### **Jumpstart the World**

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

### **Luna**

by Julie Anne Peters

### **Please Don't Kill the Freshman**

by Zoe Trope

### **TWO BOYS KISSING**

by David Levithan

## Short stories

### **THE COLLECTION: SHORT FICTION FROM THE TRANSGENDER VANGUARD**

edited by Tom Léger & Riley MacLeod

*\*This collection of short stories is not explicitly YA and some stories contain sexual content, but several of the stories are well suited to classroom discussion*

### **Girl Goddess #9**

by Francesca Lia Block

### **Girl Meets Boy: Because There Are Two Sides to Every Story**

by Kelly Milner Halls

### **How Beautiful the Ordinary: Twelve Stories of Identity**

by Michael Cart

### **ONE IN EVERY CROWD**

by Ivan E. Coyote

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## Non-Fiction:

**Feeling Wrong in Your Own Body:  
Understanding What It Means to Be  
Transgender**

by Jaime A. Seba

**HEAR ME OUT: TRUE STORIES OF TEENS  
EDUCATING AND CONFRONTING  
HOMOPHOBIA**

by Planned Parenthood of Toronto

**HELLO CRUEL WORLD: 101 ALTERNATIVES  
TO SUICIDE FOR TEENS, FREAKS & OTHER  
OUTLAWS**

by Kate Bornstein

*\*All adults who work with teens should have this book in their personal or classroom libraries. It is an unconventionally effective resource young (and old) people struggling with bullying, depression, as well as those who have considered suicide. Bornstein is smart, funny, and gritty, and any of her books are good resources for teens*

**Kicked Out**

by Sassafras Lowrey

**MY GENDER WORKBOOK**

by Kate Bornstein

**The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You**

by S. Bear Bergman

**Speaking Out: LGBTQ Youth Stand Up**

by Steve Berman

**TRANS BODIES, TRANS SELVES**

edited by Laura Erickson-Schroth

by Cris Beam

**Transparent: Love, Family and Living the T  
with Transgender Teenagers**

by Cris Beam

*\*This book is written by the parent of a trans teen, and may be of particular interest for parents of trans youth, although youth may find it useful as well.*

## Graphic novels/manga

**A + E 4ever**

by ilike merey

**Cheeky Angel**

Hiroyuki Nishimori

**Ranma ½**

by Rumiko Takahashi

**Shadoweyes**

by Ross Campbell

**WANDERING SON**

by Shimura Takako

## Trans\* children's books

**10,000 Dresses**

by Marcus Ewert & Rex Ray (Illustrator)

**Backwards Day**

by S. Bear Bergman & KD

Diamond (Illustrator)

**Be Who You Are**

by Jennifer Carr

**Goblinheart**

by Brett Axel & Terra Bidlespacher (Illustrator)

**My Princess Boy**

by Cheryl Kilodavis & Suzanne DeSimone

(Illustrator)

**Rough, Tough Charley**

by Verla Kay & Adam Gustavson (Illustrator)

## Key:

**TITLES HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN ARE OF AN ELEVATED LITERARY QUALITY, AND MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY, THOUGH, AS THESE TITLES MAY CONTAIN MATURE THEMES BEST SUITED TO BOOKS INTENDED FOR DISCUSSION**

**THE TWO TITLES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ARE BETTER SUITED FOR INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATION THAN CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, BUT ARE VERY WELL DONE, AND DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION**

A few of the books on this contain mature content that is not appropriate for all readers, so, as with any book recommendations or classroom assignments, teachers and librarians should personally review all books before recommending to teens or children when possible. Also, please keep in mind that trans YA fiction is a new and growing genre that is currently limited to only a handful of titles of varying degrees of quality—for some trans\* teens, representation may be more important than quality, but books written by authors with ties to the trans\* community tend to provide better representation.

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