

LGBTQ+ BOOKS

Mirrors and Windows for Students



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Description

Two authors discuss how their books fit into the history and struggle for LGBTQ+ rights and how these texts can serve as mirrors and windows, allowing some students to see themselves in the pages of a book and enabling others to grow in their understanding and empathy, thus creating a more inclusive school environment.

Outcomes

Participants will:

- discover some of the challenges LGBTQ+ students face,
- be introduced to books that can help students better understand their own identities (mirrors) and the identities of others (windows),
- become better equipped to use books with LGBTQ+ themes.

LGBTTTQQIA

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Transgender

Two-spirited

Transexual

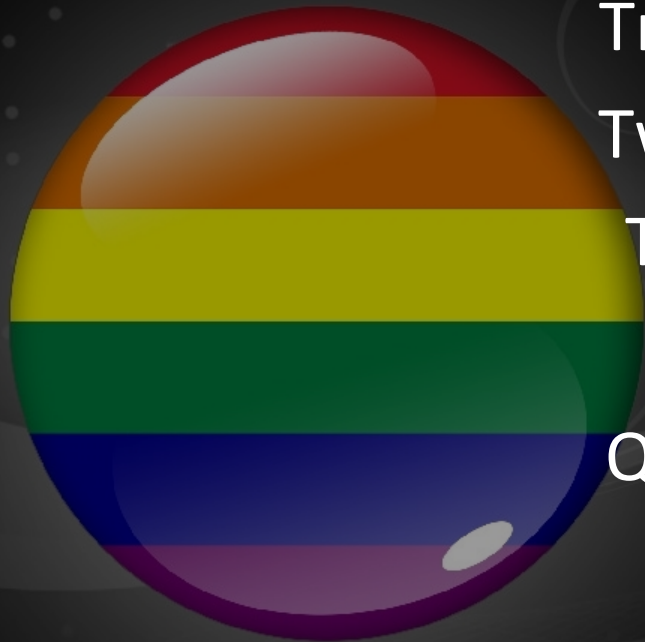
Queer

Questioning

Intersex

Asexual

Ally



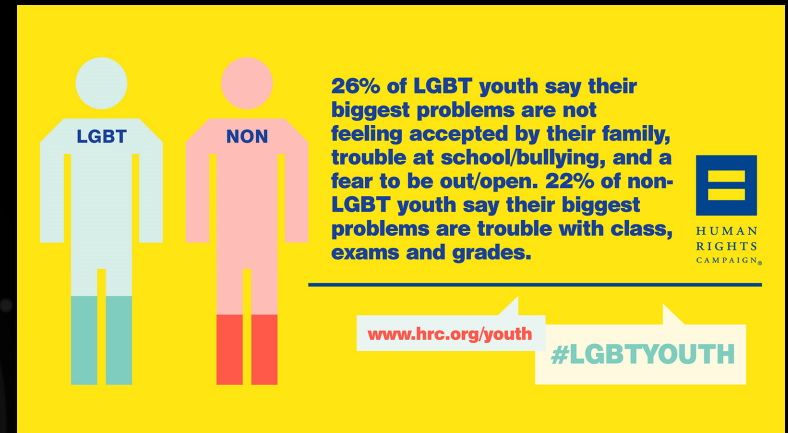
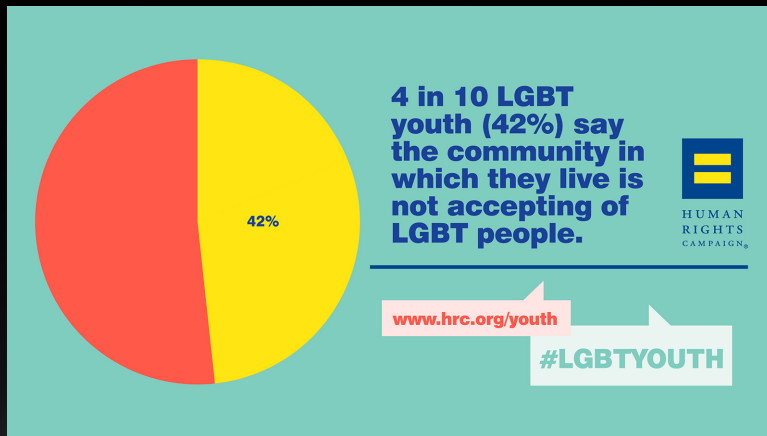
MIRRORS AND WINDOWS

“When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror.”

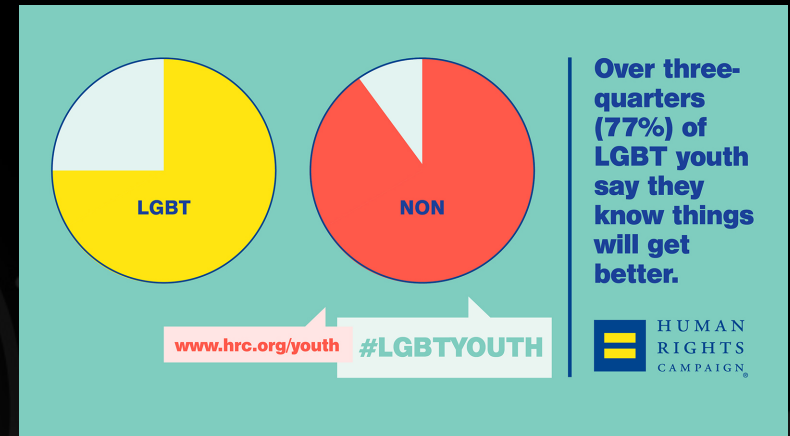
--Rudine Sims
Bishop



LGBTQ+ STUDENT STRUGGLE



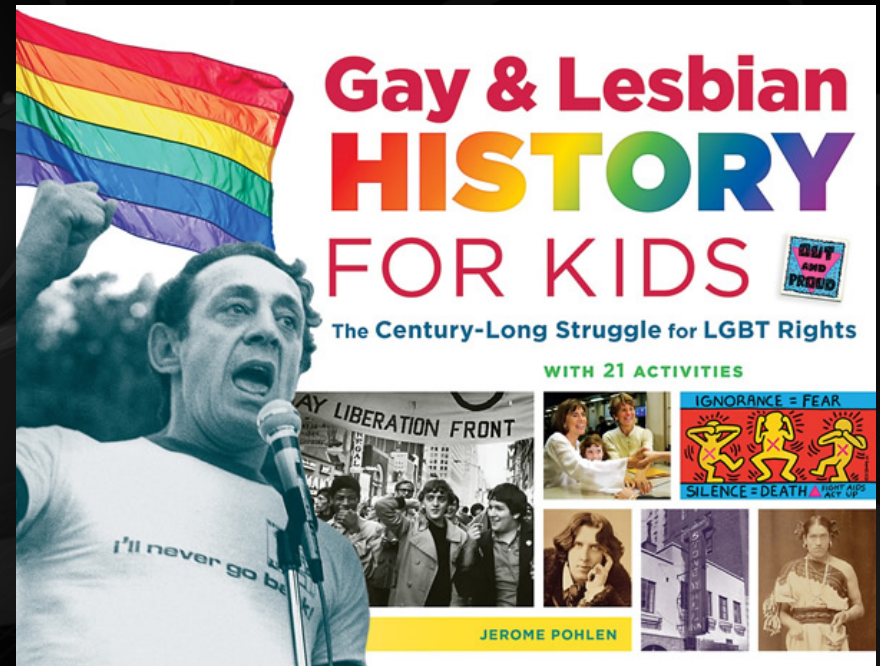
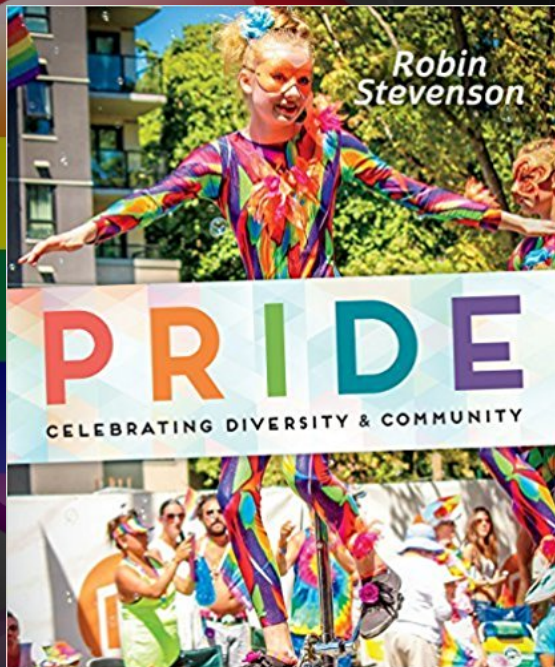
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Only 22.4% of LGBTQ students have indicated they have experienced an inclusive curriculum. (*The 2015 National School Climate Survey*, GLSEN)

LGBTQ+ HISTORY

- Books help us learn history.
- Teachers and librarians must know history and make books available.



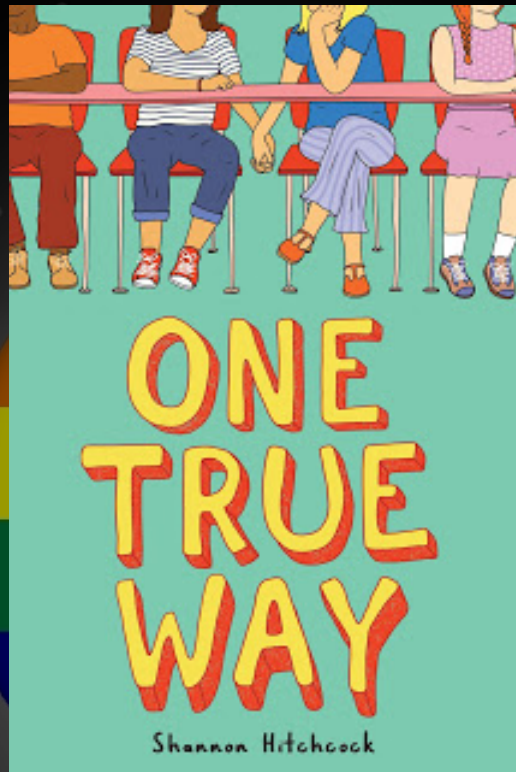
LGBTQ+ History

Dr. Gayle E. Pitman says it's important to teach kids LGBTQ+ history in order to:

- Boost self esteem
- Prevent and counteract stereotypes
- Promote empathy
- Help children become more socially aware
- Help prevent bullying and harassment
- Help children develop perspective-taking skills
- Give all children the opportunity to visualize themselves in a wider range of careers.

ONE TRUE WAY

by Shannon Hitchcock

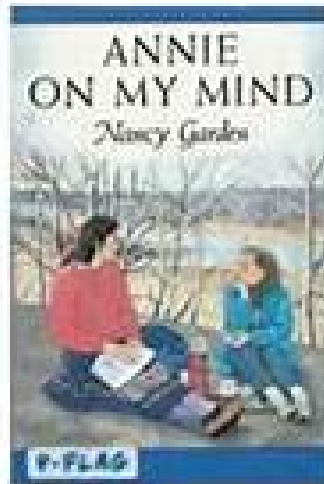


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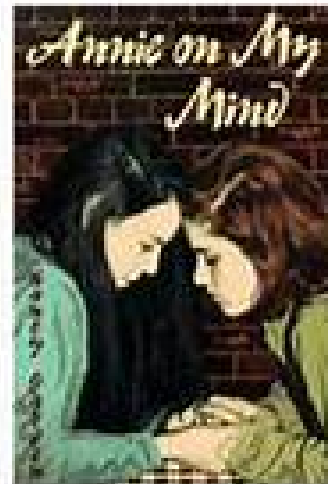
A Mirror and a Window for Shannon



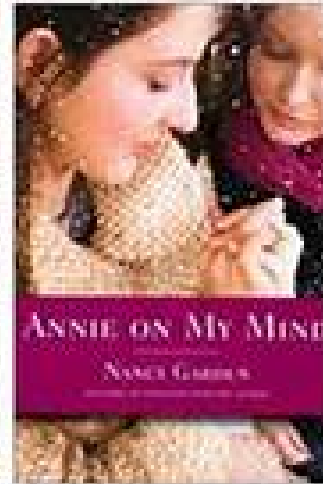
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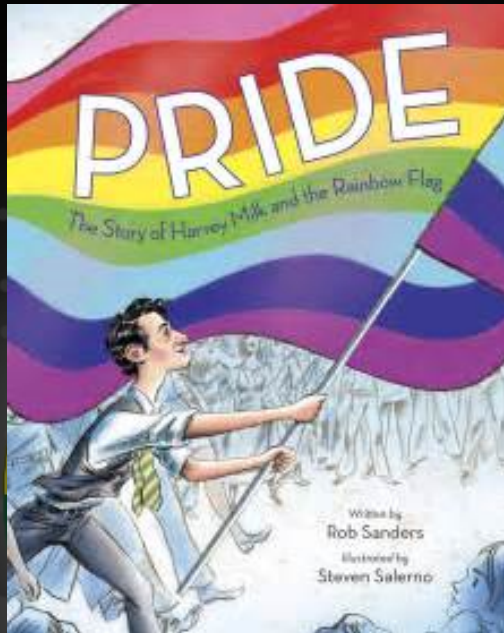


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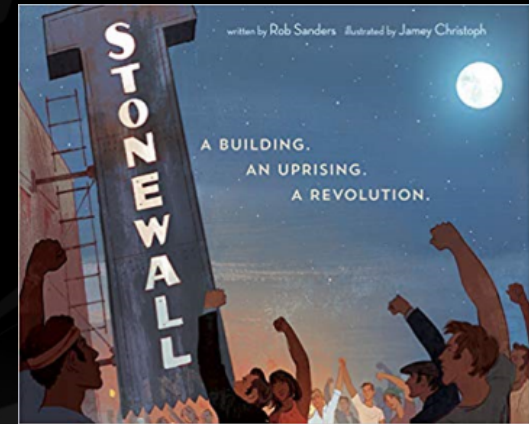
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STONEWALL: A BUILDING. AN UPRISING. A REVOLUTION.

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A Mirror for Rob



BOOKS WITH LGBTQ+ THEMES

“You have to give them hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow . . .”

—*Harvey Milk*

Give them hope.
Give them a book.



BOOKS WITH LGBTQ+ THEMES

Do you have favorite LGBTQ+-themed books to use with students?

What are they?

Look for our posts on Facebook and Twitter and comment with a favorite title. Let's grow the canon!



An LGBTQ+ Textbook



RECOGNIZING AND FACING THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

With a partner discuss this question:

What challenges will I face/have I faced introducing LGBTQ+ books at my school?



PLANNING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES HEAD ON

Before you make a plan, put a face to the LGBTQ+ community. Think of a student you currently teach or have taught who might find a mirror in LGBTQ+ literature.



PLANNING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES HEAD ON

A

Ally & Advocate

B

Book Expert

C

Conversations, Coalitions
& Collaborations



“Rights are won only
by those who make
their voices heard.”

—*Harvey Milk*

