

We're Here, We're Trans - What the Heck Do We Read?

Transgender Characters and Themes in Contemporary YA Literature
Additional Resources for Librarians, Young People, and their Families and Caregivers

For Librarians

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Lists of YA titles with transgender characters or themes

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/yals/trans-titles-for-young-adults-summer-2013/>

http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/11446.Booklist_for_Trans_Teens

<http://www.malindalo.com/2013/10/ya-friendly-books-by-and-about-transgender-people/>

Nonfiction for youth

Andrews, Arin. *Some Assembly Required: The Not-So-Secret Life of a Transgender Teen*. 2014.

Bornstein, Kate. *Hello, Cruel World: 101 Alternatives to Suicide for Teens, Freaks, and Other Outlaws*. 2006.

Hill, Katie Rain. *Rethinking Normal: A Memoir in Transition*. 2014.

Kuklin, Susan. *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak*. 2015.

Books for parents and caregivers

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Brill, Stephanie and Rachel Pepper. *The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals*. 2008.

Cook, Terri, and Vince Cook. *Angels and Allies*. 2013. More info and a sample chapter <http://alliesandangels.com/>

Hubbard, Eleanor and Cameron Whitley (editors). *Trans-Kin: A Guide for Family and Friends of Transgender People*. 2012.

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Krieger, Irwin. *Helping Your Transgender Teen: A Guide for Parents*. 2011

Pepper, Rachel (editor). *Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children*. 2012.

Many people also find author Jennifer Finney Boylan's work very accessible. Her books are not about having a transgender child, but about being a transgender person in her family of origin, and about being a transgender parent herself. She also regularly writes New York Times columns which are frank, funny, and poignant. Her books, blog posts, other published work, are available at <http://www.jenniferboylan.net/>

For transgender teens (and their parents and caregivers) considering college

Prospective college students who are transgender, and their parents and caregivers, are requesting and expecting more from institutions of higher education, and more and more of those are delivering, raising their level of services and improving their campus climates. Here are some resources on this topic:

One good place to start is with online ratings of campuses regarding LGBT friendliness. The Campus Pride Index provides information about schools, provides the ability compare several schools at once, the option to send a message directly to the LGBT Resources Professional or Admission office of a school requesting additional information, and more. <http://campusprideindex.org/>

This article summarizes some key elements transgender students and parents or caregivers should be looking for, to find the best college fit for their student - US News and World Report Story for Transgender Students on Considering Colleges <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2014/09/18/consider-college-options-carefully-as-a-transgender-student>

The Campus Pride Trans Policy Clearinghouse provides lists of the colleges and universities that have specific policies, services, and practices when it comes to supporting transgender students. <http://www.campuspride.org/tpc/>