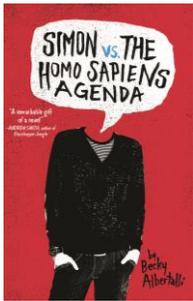


Rainbow Reads: YA Fiction



[Simon vs The Homo Sapiens Agenda](#)

Becky Albertalli

Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his

comfort zone before he's pushed out—without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met.

[One Man Guy](#)

Michael Barakiva

Forced to attend summer school, Alek is sure his summer will be pure hell. But then he meets Ethan, and Alek can't believe someone so cool wants to be his friend. Soon Ethan wants to be more than friends! Alek hasn't dated anyone, guy or girl, but thanks to Ethan, he might finally be ready to make that leap.



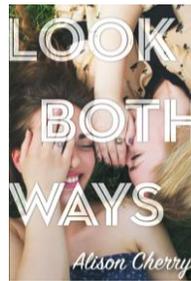
[Great](#)

Sara Benicasa

Nature is out of balance in the human world. The sun hasn't shone in years, and crops are failing. Worse yet, strange and hostile creatures have begun to appear. The people's survival hangs in the

balance. To solve the crisis, the oracle

stones are cast, and Kaede and Taisin, two seventeen-year-old girls, are picked to go on a dangerous and unheard-of journey to Tanlili, the city of the Fairy Queen. As members of their party succumb to unearthly attacks and fairy tricks, the two come to rely on each other and even begin to fall in love. But the Kingdom needs only one huntress to save it, and what it takes could tear Kaede and Taisin apart forever.



[Look Both Ways](#)

Allison Cherry

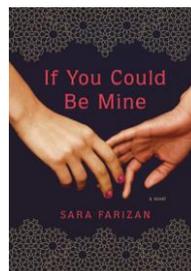
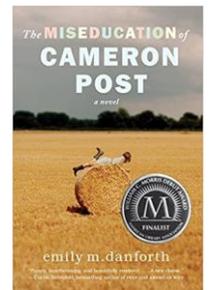
A summer away from the city is the beginning of everything for Brooklyn Shepard. Her acting apprenticeship at the Allerdale Playhouse is a chance to prove that she can carve out a niche all her own, surrounded by people who don't

know anything about her or her family of superstar performers. As she questions her sexuality, her role as an artist, and her place in her family, Brooklyn discovers that neither talent nor love are as straightforward as she thinks.

[The Miseducation of Cameron Post](#)

Emily Danforth

Cameron Post feels a mix of guilt and relief when her parents die in a car accident. Their deaths mean they will never learn the truth she eventually comes to — that she's gay. Orphaned, Cameron comes to live with her old-fashioned grandmother and ultraconservative aunt Ruth. There she falls in love with her best friend, a beautiful cowgirl. When she's eventually outed, her aunt sends her to God's Promise, a religious conversion camp that is supposed to "cure" her homosexuality. At the camp, Cameron comes face to face with the cost of denying her true identity.

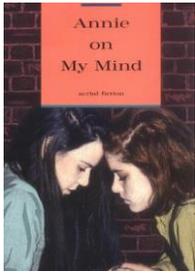


[If You Could Be Mine](#)

Sarah Farizan

Sahar has been in love with her best friend, Nasrin, since she was young. Despite mutual romantic interest, they have shared only stolen kisses as homosexuality is illegal in Iran. When Nasrin's parents arrange her marriage,

Sahar ponders sex reassignment to save their relationship.



[Annie On My Mind](#)

Nancy Garden

This groundbreaking book, first published in 1982, is the story of two teenage girls whose friendship blossoms into love and who, despite pressures from family and school that threaten their relationship, promise to be true to each other and their

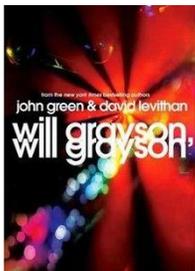
feelings.

[Symptoms of Being Human](#)

Jeff Garvin



Riley is genderfluid, a fact that doesn't mesh super well with having a conservative congressman for a father. Thankfully, the internet is a respite for working out all the thoughts and feelings Riley can't be open about at home or at school, and as it turns out, there are plenty of others out there who sincerely appreciate the thoughts and voice of a funny, articulate, and bold blogger. But when someone threatens to expose Riley as the person behind the blog, it forces the choice between coming out and losing an emotional lifeline.



[Will Grayson, Will Grayson](#)

John Green

One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, Will Grayson crosses paths with . . . Will Grayson. Two teens with the same name, running in two very different circles, suddenly find their lives going in new and unexpected directions, and

culminating in epic turns-of-heart and the most fabulous musical ever to grace the high school stage.

[None of the Above](#)

I.W. Gregorio



When Kristin Lattimer is voted homecoming queen, it seems like another piece of her ideal life has fallen into place. She's a champion hurdler with a full scholarship to college and she's madly in love with her boyfriend.

In fact, she's decided that she's ready to take things to the next level with him. But Kristin's first time isn't the perfect moment she's planned— something is very wrong. A visit to the doctor reveals the truth: Kristin is intersex, which means that though she outwardly looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts." Dealing with her body is difficult enough, but when her diagnosis is leaked to

the whole school, Kristin's entire identity is thrown into question. As her world unravels, can she come to terms with her new self?



[Let's Talk About Love](#)

Claire Kann

Alice had her whole summer planned. Nonstop all-you-can-eat buffets while marathoning her favorite TV shows (best friends totally included) with the smallest dash of adulting—working at the library to pay her share of the rent. The only thing missing from her perfect plan? Her girlfriend (who ended things when Alice confessed she's asexual). Alice is done with dating — no thank you, do not pass go, stick a fork in her, done. But then Alice meets Takumi and she can't stop thinking about him or the rom com-grade romance feels she did not ask for (uncertainty, butterflies, and swoons, oh my!). When her blissful summer takes an unexpected turn and Takumi becomes her knight with a shiny library-employee badge (close enough), Alice has to decide if she's willing to risk their friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated — or understood.

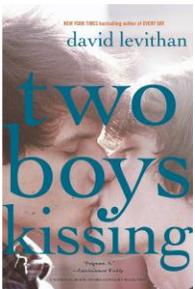
[Everything Leads to You](#)

Nina Lacour



Emi and her friend, Charlotte, discover a mysterious letter at the estate sale of an old Hollywood film star, leading the two friends on an epic adventure to discover more about the star's hidden life.

However, the hunt ends up leading Emi to Ava and to the kind of romance fit for one of the Hollywood movies Emi loves so much!

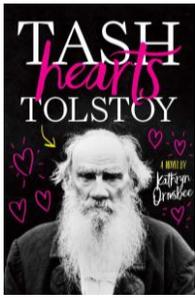


[Two Boys Kissing](#)

David Levithan

Harry and Craig, two 17-year-olds who are about to take part in a 32-hour marathon of kissing to set a new Guinness World Record—all of which is narrated by a Greek Chorus of the generation of gay men lost to AIDS.

While the two increasingly dehydrated and sleep-deprived boys are locking lips, they become a focal point in the lives of other teen boys dealing with languishing long-term relationships, coming out, navigating gender identity, and falling deeper into the digital rabbit hole of gay hookup sites — all while the kissing former couple tries to figure out their own feelings for each other.



[Tash Hearts Tolstoy](#)

Kathryn Ormsbee

Tash is the writer and producer of a small amateur web series that becomes an overnight sensation. While she's struggling to deal with the internet fame, she also has to deal with the changes within her family, the usual production

problems, friendship problems and a romantic attraction in a long-distance relationship with another vlogger. In the midst of all this, Tash is left to figure out how to balance her life and becomes a lovely example of the way some asexuals are oblivious to innuendo or flirting, as she's utterly oblivious to Paul's feelings as well as her own. She's incredibly passionate, not afraid of making mistakes or trying to fix them, and not always likeable. But she tries and is surrounded largely by supportive people.

[Radio Silence](#)

Alice Oseman

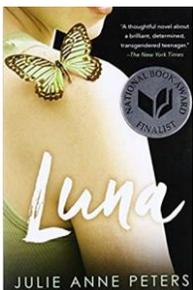
Frances Janvier spends most of her time studying. Everyone knows Aled Last as that quiet boy who gets straight As. You probably think that they are going to fall in love or something. Since he is a boy and she is a girl. They don't. They make a podcast. In a world determined to shut them up, knock them down, and set them on a cookie cutter life path, Frances and Aled struggle to find their voices over the course of one life-changing year. Will they have the courage to show everyone who they really are? Or will they be met with radio silence?



[Luna](#)

Julie Anne Peters

Liam is a transgender teen who has chosen Luna as her true female name. Luna's sister, Regan, has always been supportive of Luna. However, now that Luna is ready to introduce her true self to the world, Regan worries about the repercussions on her own life.



[Final Draft](#)

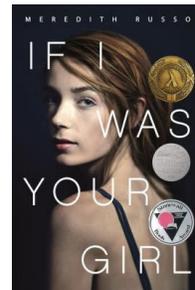
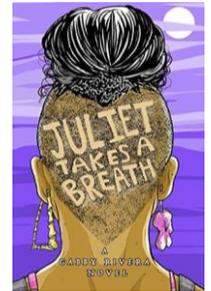
Riley Redgate

18-year-old fat, pansexual, Ecuadorian American Laila is an accomplished sci-fi writer whose final semester of high school is ruined when her favorite creative writing teacher is replaced. Her new instructor is critical of and unenthusiastic about her work, leading her to push herself out of her comfort zone — but how far is too far?

[Juliet Takes a Breath](#)

Gabby Rivera

Juliet Milagros Palante is leaving the Bronx and headed to Portland, Oregon. She just came out to her family and isn't sure if her mom will ever speak to her again. But Juliet has a plan, sort of, one that's going to help her figure out this whole "Puerto Rican lesbian" thing. She's interning with the author of her favorite book: Harlowe Brisbane, the ultimate authority on feminism, women's bodies, and other gay-sounding stuff.



[If I Was Your Girl](#)

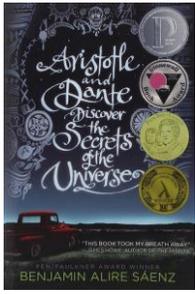
Meredith Russo

Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she's determined not to get too close to anyone. But when she meets sweet, easy-going Grant, Amanda can't help but start to let him into her life. As they spend more time together, she realizes just how much she is losing by guarding her heart. She finds herself yearning to share with Grant everything about herself, including her past. But Amanda's terrified that once she tells him the truth, he won't be able to see past it. Because the secret that Amanda's been keeping? It's that at her old school, she used to be Andrew. Will the truth cost Amanda her new life, and her new love?

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[Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe](#)

Benjamin Saez

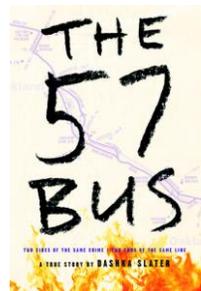
Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as

the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship — the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

[What if It's Us](#)

Adam Silvera

The universe can deliver a show stopping romance when you least expect it. BEN thinks the universe needs to mind its business. If the universe had his back, he wouldn't be on his way to the post office carrying a box of his ex-boyfriend's things. But when Arthur and Ben meet-cute at the post office, what exactly does the universe have in store for them...?



[The 57 Bus](#)

Dashka Slater

One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of

the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment.



[The Summer of Jordi](#)

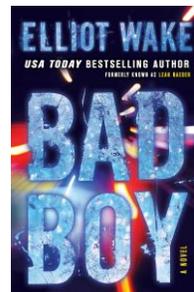
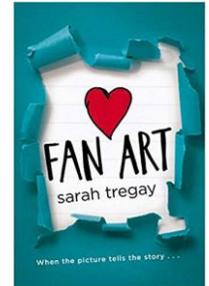
Perez Amy Spalding

In this light-hearted feel-good romance, 17-year-old Abby is obsessed with fashion, fat, and gay. One summer, she finds herself falling for her fellow fashion boutique intern Jordi and participating in a project that involves eating burgers all over east L.A.

[Fan Art](#)

Sarah Tregay

Jamie Peterson has a problem: Even though he tries to keep his feelings to himself, everyone seems to know how he feels about Mason, and the girls in his art class are determined to help them get together. Telling the truth could ruin Jamie and Mason's friendship, but it could also mean a chance at happiness. Falling in love is easy, except when it's not, and Jamie must decide if coming clean to Mason is worth facing his worst fear.



[Bad Boy](#)

Elliot Wake

Renard Grant has two lives: a public life as an internet personality, and a hidden life as a member of Black Iris, a vigilante group that specializes in taking down rapists. When Renard is accused of rape, however, it turns his world upside down — particularly because Renard himself has been the victim of assault, albeit in a female body.

[Queens of Geek](#)

Jen Wilde

Charlie likes to stand out. She's a vlogger and actress promoting her first movie at SupaCon, and this is her chance to show fans she's over her public breakup with co-star Reese Ryan. When internet-famous cool-girl actress Alyssa Huntington arrives as a surprise guest, it seems Charlie's long-time crush on her isn't as one-sided as she thought. Taylor likes to blend in. Her brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best guy friend Jamie—no matter how much she may secretly want it to. But when she hears about a fan contest for her favorite fandom, she starts to rethink her rules on playing it safe.

