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## BOOKS FOR EDUCATORS

Choosing good quality LGBTQ+-themed books for your classroom, your GSA space, or yourself can be challenging. Is it a truly great story? Will it help teachers become stronger allies? Is it relevant to teachers who identify within the LGBTQ+ spectrum?

To help in this search, I have collected lists of books for educators and for students of different ages. These titles have been recommended by me; Sharon Tang, our social media wizard on the LGBTQ+ executive committee; Krista Spence, my school's wonderful librarian; and my fabulous 13-year-old niece, Regan. This column focuses on books for teachers. Our next list will include books written for younger students.

***One Teacher in Ten in the New Millennium*** (Beacon Press, 2015) by Kevin Jennings, the founder of GLSEN. This worldwide survey that encapsulates the diversity of LGBTQ+ teachers is highly recommended.

***Teaching Queer: Radical Possibilities for Writing and Knowing*** Pittsburgh Series in Composition, Literacy, and Culture, (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017) by Stacey Waite. This text focuses on queer theory in writing and literacy.

***Queer Teachers, Identity and Performativity***, Palgrave Studies in Gender and Education, (Palgrave, 2014) edited by Anne Harris and Emily Gray. This book addresses what it means to be a queer teacher in Australia, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

***School's Out: Gay and Lesbian Teachers in the Classroom*** (University of California Press, 2014) by Catherine Connell. With research collected in Texas and California, *School's Out* grapples with the challenges gay and lesbian teachers face when trying to have an authentic presence and voice in a climate of homophobia.

***LGBTQ Voices in Education: Changing the Culture of Schooling*** (Routledge, 2016) edited by Veronica E. Bloomfield and Marni E. Fisher. This resource addresses how teachers can meet the needs of their LGBTQ students and improve the overall culture in their schools.

***Queer Girls in Class: Lesbian Teachers and Students Tell Their Classroom Stories*** (Peter Lang, 2010) edited by Lori Horvitz. This is a collection of personal essays.

***Queer Voices From the Classroom*** (Information Age, 2013) edited by Hidehiro Endo and Paul Chamness Miller. This first volume in the Research in Queer Studies series offers personal essays from LGBTQ+ teachers and administrators.

***A Guide to Gender: The Social Justice Advocate's Handbook*** (Impetus Books, 2013) by Sam Killermann. With useful examples and humor, this book is great introduction to understanding gender.

***The Gender Quest Workbook: A Guide for Teens and Young Adults Exploring Gender Identity*** (Instant Help, 2015) by Rylan Jay Testa, Deborah Coolhart, and Jayme Peta. This comprehensive workbook aims to help people navigate home, school, and peers.

***The ABC's of LGBTQ+*** (Mango, 2016) by Ashley Mardell. This book is written by a popular YouTube personality, whose channel features insightful videos such as the one here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFqLrSHWNT4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFqLrSHWNT4)

***Safe Is Not Enough: Better Schools for LGBTQ Students*** (Harvard Education Press, 2016) by Michael Sadowski and Kevin Jennings. A discussion of the creation of authentically inclusive school communities to support LGBTQ students.

***The Right to Be Out: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in America's Public Schools*** (University of Minnesota Press, 2010) by Stuart Biegel. A look at the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ students and educators in hostile environments.

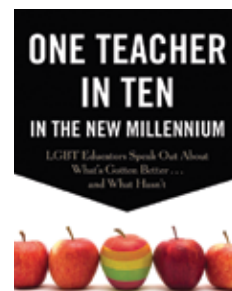
***LGBTQ Youth & Education: Policies & Practices*** (Teachers College, 2014) by Cris T. Mayo. An outline of necessary steps to improve the outcomes of LGBTQ+ students.

***Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Schooling: The Nexus of Research, Practice, and Policy*** (Oxford University Press, 2016) edited by Stephen T. Russell and Stacey S. Horn. This book also advocates for the well-being of LGBTQ+ students through the connections made from research to policy to practice.

***Out in the Country: Youth, Media, and Queer Visibility in Rural America*** (NYU Press, 2009) by Mary L. Gray. This award-winning book provides a lens into LGBTQ+ life in rural Kentucky.

***Queer and Trans Artists of Colour: Stories of Some of Our Lives*** (Nia King, 2014) interviews by Nia King and coedited by Jessica Glennon-Zukoff and Terra Mikalson. King interviews fellow artists.

***Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*** (Candlewick, 2015) by Susan Kuklin. Detailed portraits given of adults navigating their gender journeys. ■



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