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‘Two Songs for Heidli Anderson’ *W. H. Auden*

Suitable for: KS5

Themes: love, loss

A poem made of two songs, the first being the famous “Funeral Blues”, about the death of a beloved man, made famous by the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. The second song, “Johnny” is about the poet’s love for a man who is withholding and frequently goes away.



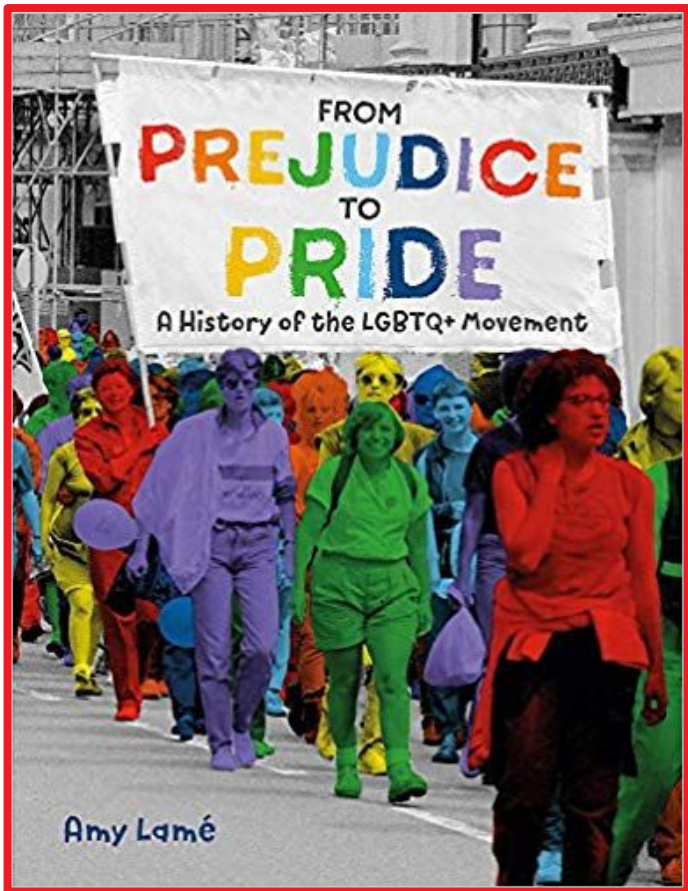
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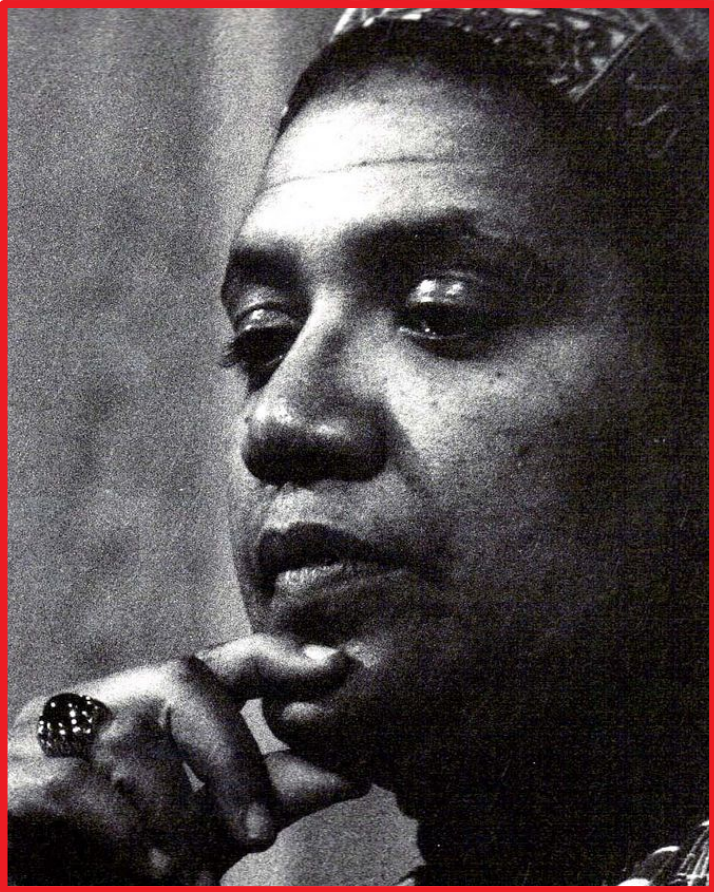
From Prejudice to Pride
Amy Lamé

Suitable for: KS4, KS5

Themes: significant moments in LGBT+ history

Follow LGBT+ history from ancient civilisations to the present-day, and learn about key events including the trial of Oscar Wilde, the Stonewall riots, the AIDS crisis, same-sex marriage and changing laws that have impacted on LGBT+ life.





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'Martha' *Audre Lorde*

Suitable for: KS4, KS5

Themes: love, loss, the past

This poem is considered to be Lorde's first public "coming out" as a lesbian. In it Lorde speaks to Martha, a woman she loves, who was sent to an asylum for Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).



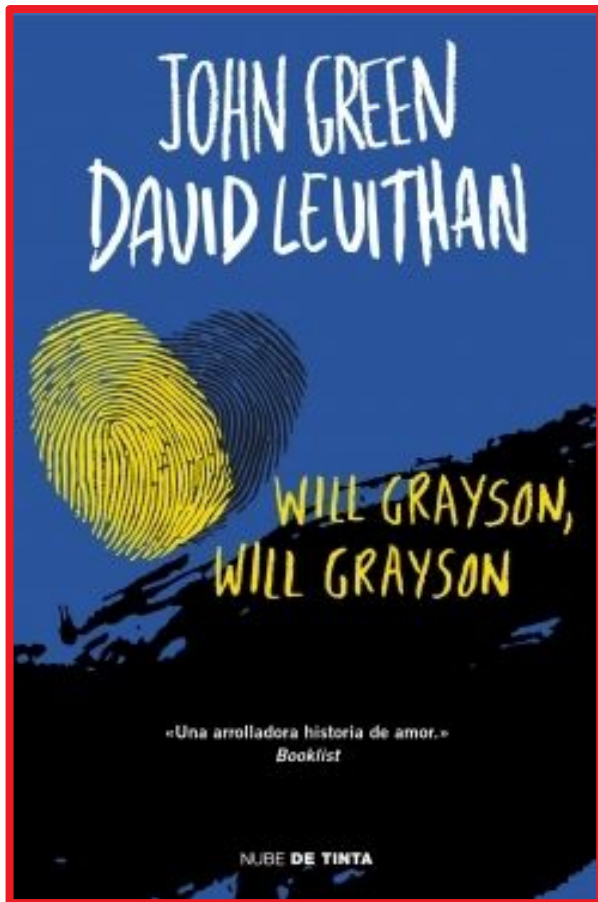
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Will Grayson, Will Grayson
John Green and David Levithan

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: sexuality, coming of age, identity

A collaboration between two authors, this novel follows the stories of two boys named Will Grayson. Odd-numbered chapters tell the story of a heterosexual teenager, and even-numbered chapters of the second Will Grayson, a gay teenager.



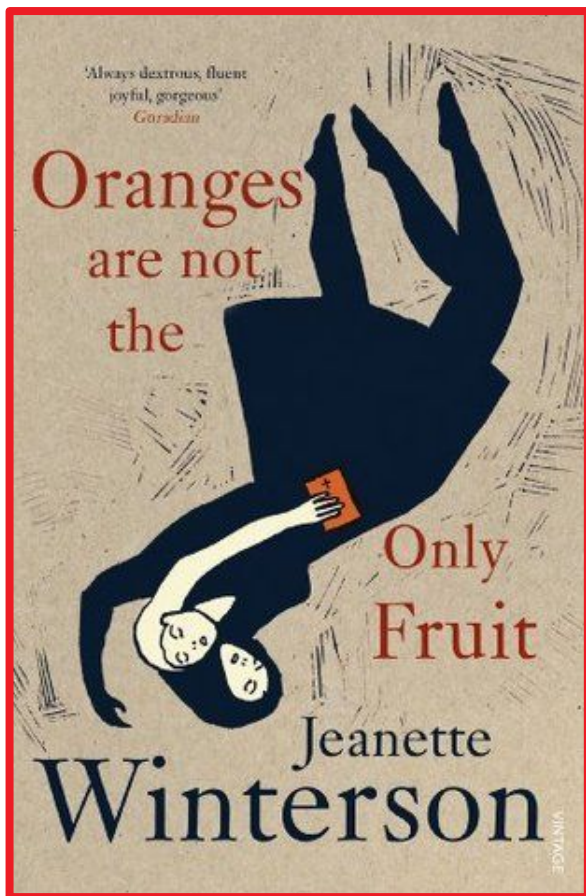
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Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit *Jeanette Winterson*

Suitable for: KS5

Themes: sexuality, identity, religion, family

A coming-of-age story about Jeanette, a girl growing up in an English Pentecostal community who finds herself attracted to another girl. The novel follows her relationships with women, and her efforts to reconcile her sexuality the Church and belief in God.



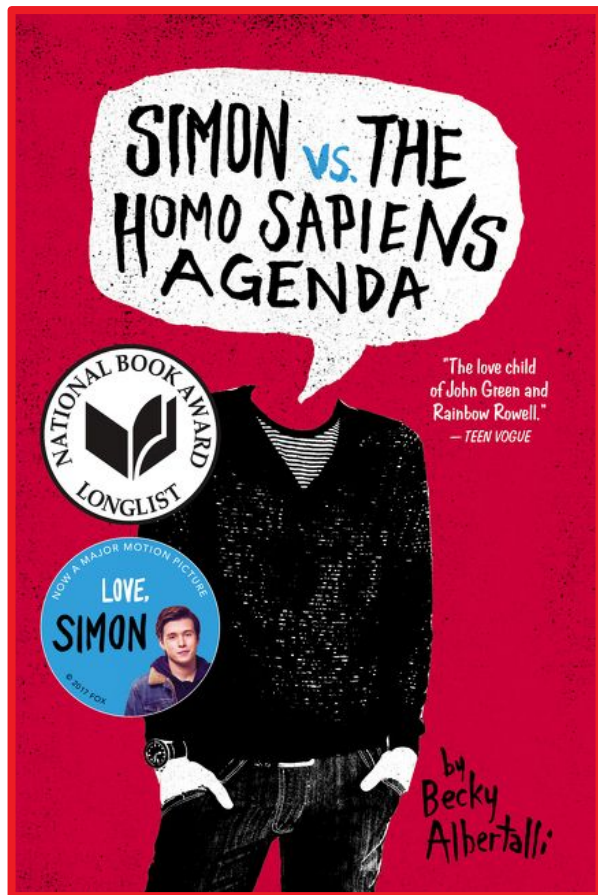
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Love Simon: Simon Vs The Homo Sapiens Agenda
Becky Albertalli

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: sexuality, identity, love, friendships

The book behind the film 'Love, Simon'. Simon Spier is sixteen and trying to work out who he is - and what he's looking for. But when one of his emails to the very distracting Blue falls into the wrong hands, things get all kinds of complicated.



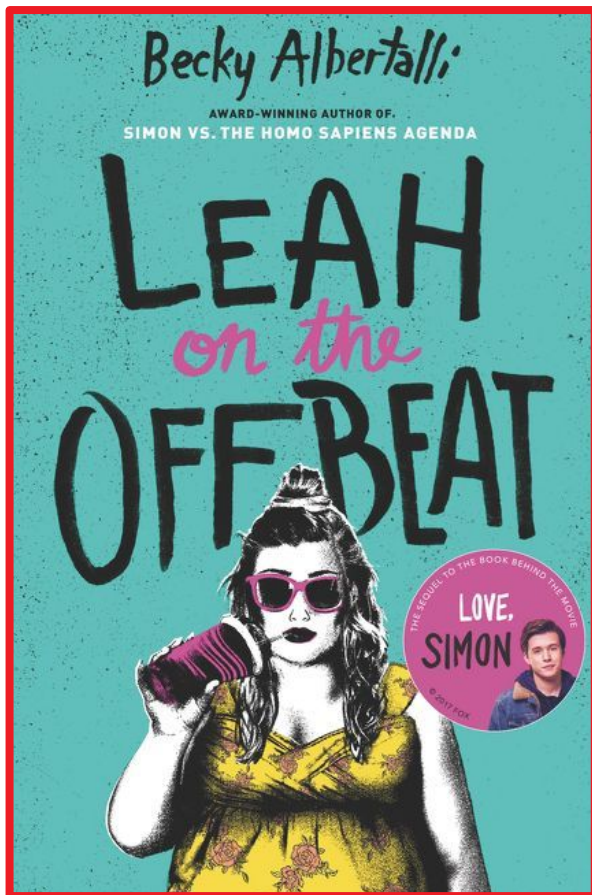
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Leah on the Offbeat
Becky Albertalli

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: sexuality, identity, love, friendships

The sequel to the acclaimed *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*, Simon's best friend Leah grapples with changing friendships, first love and coming out as bisexual.



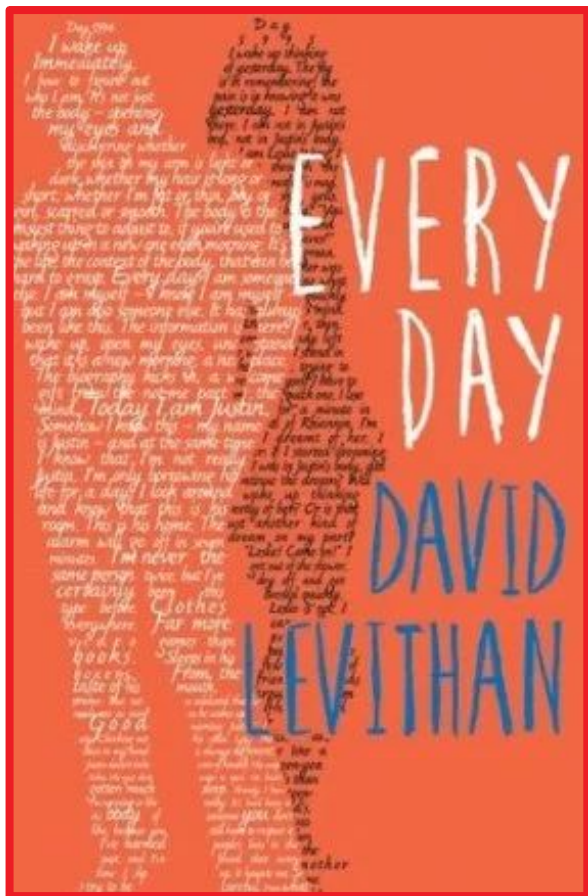
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Every Day *David Levithan*

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: genderfluidity, love, honesty

Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that. A can live by their own rules. And that works fine, until A finds someone they want to be with – every day . . .



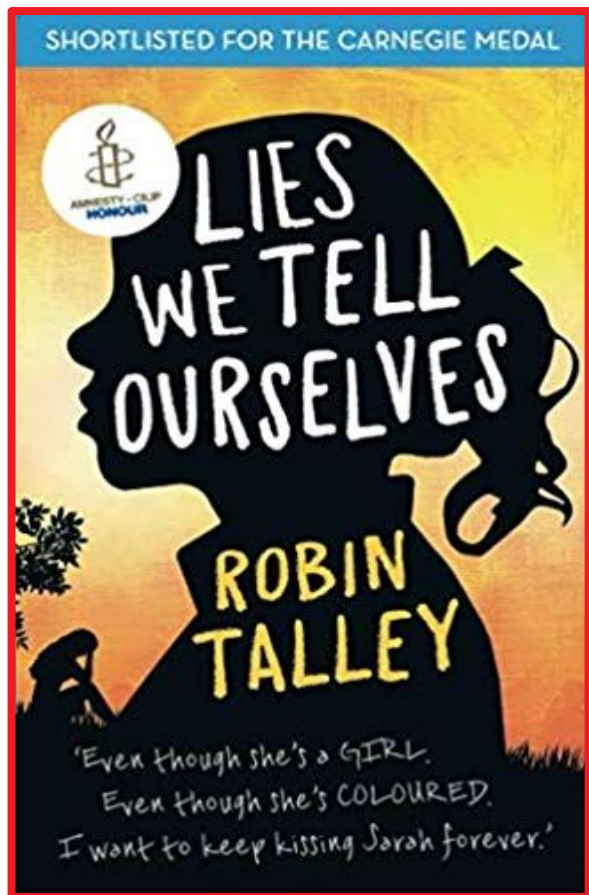
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Lies We Tell Ourselves *Robin Talley*

Suitable for: mature KS3, KS4

Themes: racism, power, inequality, love

In 1959 Virginia, the lives of two girls will be changed forever. Sarah is one of the first black students to attend Jefferson High School. Linda is the daughter of one of the town's most vocal opponents of integration. They must confront harsh truths about how they really feel...



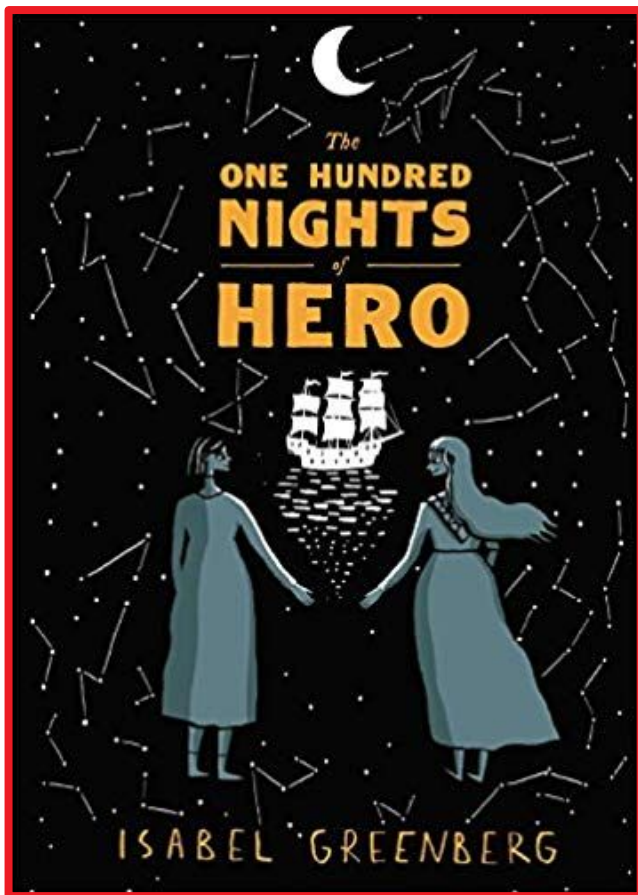
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The One Hundred Nights of Hero *Isabel Greenberg*

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: storytelling, mythology, women

In the tradition of The Arabian Nights, a beautifully illustrated tapestry of folk tales and myths about the secret legacy of female storytellers in an imagined medieval world.



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More Than This *Patrick Ness*

Suitable for: mature KS3, KS4

Themes: trauma, identity, empathy, the past

A boy drowns, desperate and alone in his final moments. He dies. Then he wakes, naked and bruised and thirsty, but alive. What is this strange deserted place? He dares to hope. Might this not be the end? Might there be more to this life, or perhaps this afterlife?



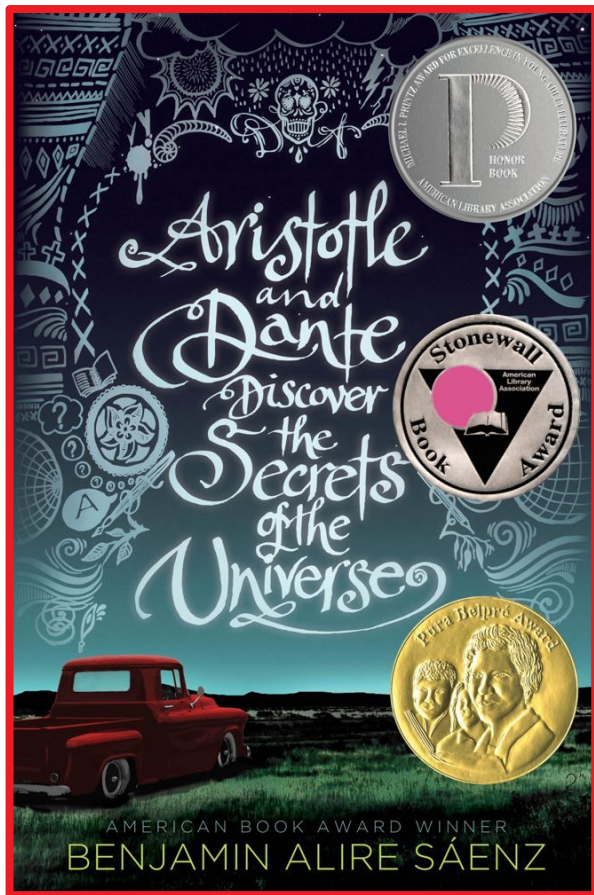
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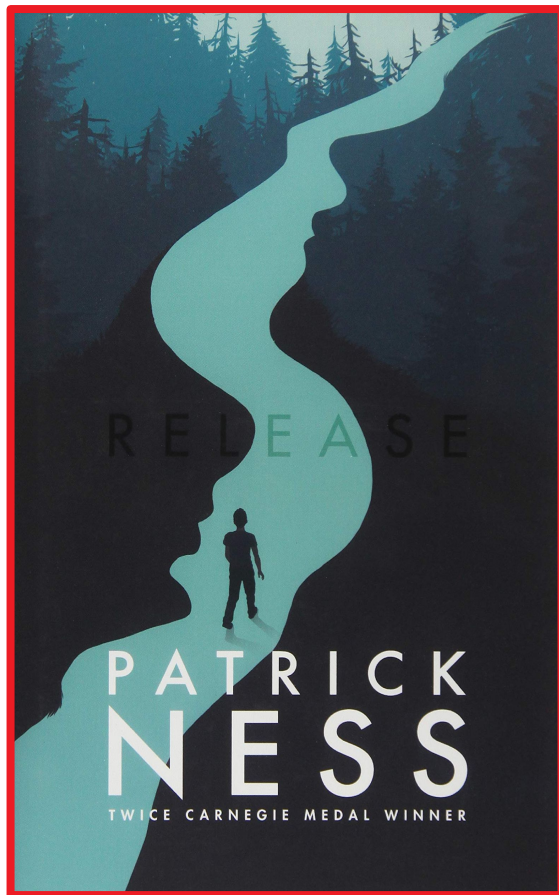
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe
Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Suitable for: mature KS3, KS4

Themes: sexuality, discrimination, family

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. They seem to have nothing in common. But as they spend time together, they discover a friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.





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Release
Patrick Ness

Suitable for: mature KS3, KS4

Themes: coming of age, the supernatural, love

Adam Thorn is having the most unsettling day of his life, with relationships fracturing, a harrowing incident at work, and a showdown between this gay teen and his preacher father that changes everything. It's a day of confrontation, running, love, heartbreak, and maybe, just maybe, hope.

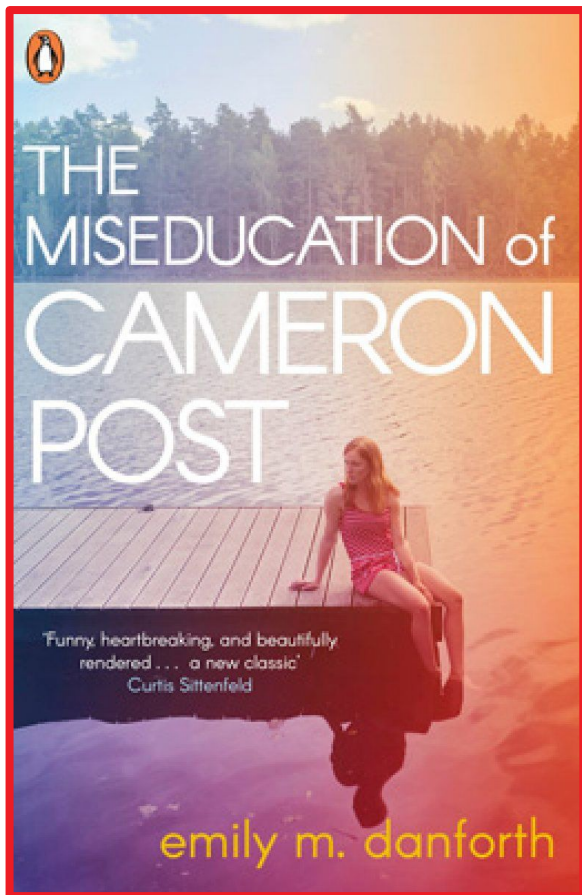
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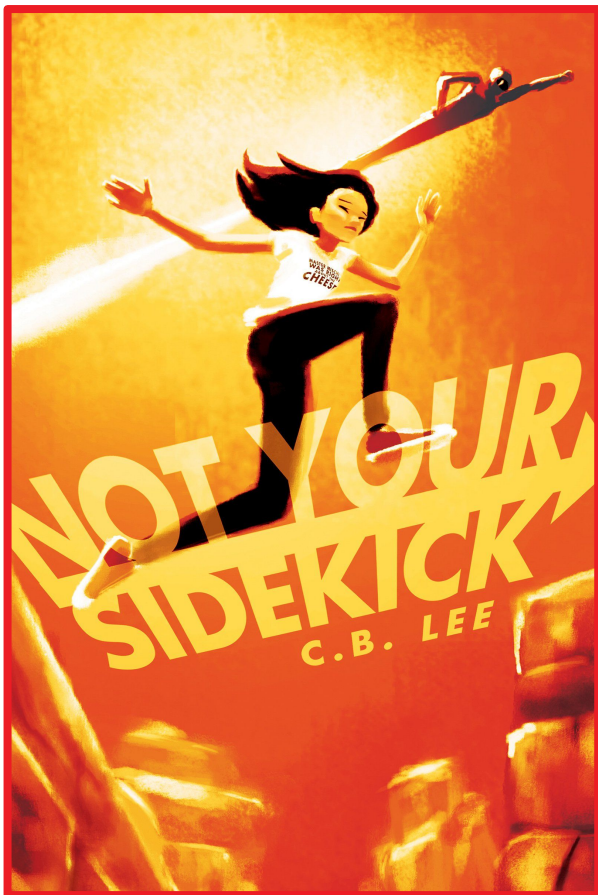
The Miseducation of Cameron Post *Emily Danforth*

Suitable for: mature KS3, KS4

Themes: identity, conversion therapy, family

Cameron is forced to undergo conversion therapy, to 'cure' her of being gay. The Miseducation of Cameron Post is a stunning and unforgettable literary debut about discovering who you are and finding the courage to live life according to your own rules.





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Not Your Sidekick
C. B. Lee

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: identity, resilience, friendship

Welcome to Andover: where superpowers are common, but internships are not. Ask Jessica Tran. Jess is resigned to a life without powers when she stumbles upon the perfect internship ... for a supervillain. At least she gets to work with her longtime secret crush, Abby.



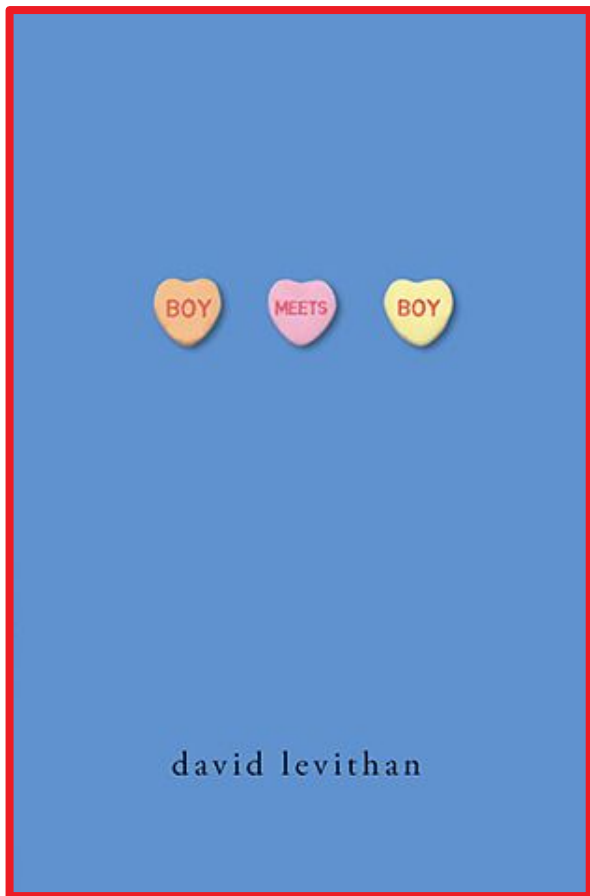
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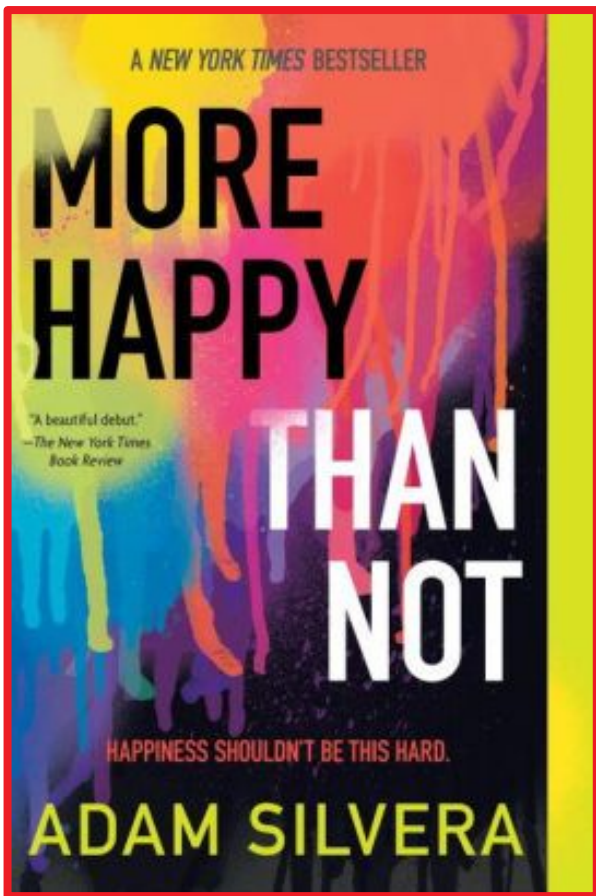
Boy Meets Boy
David Levithan

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: love, sexuality, gender, friendship

This is the story of Paul, a first year at a high school like no other: the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance.





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More Happy Than Not *Adam Silvera*

Suitable for: mature KS3, KS4

Themes: identity, sexuality, memory, society

As Aaron and his friend Thomas get closer, Aaron discovers things about himself that threaten to shatter his newfound contentment. A revolutionary memory-alteration procedure, might be the way to straighten himself out. But what if it means forgetting who he truly is?



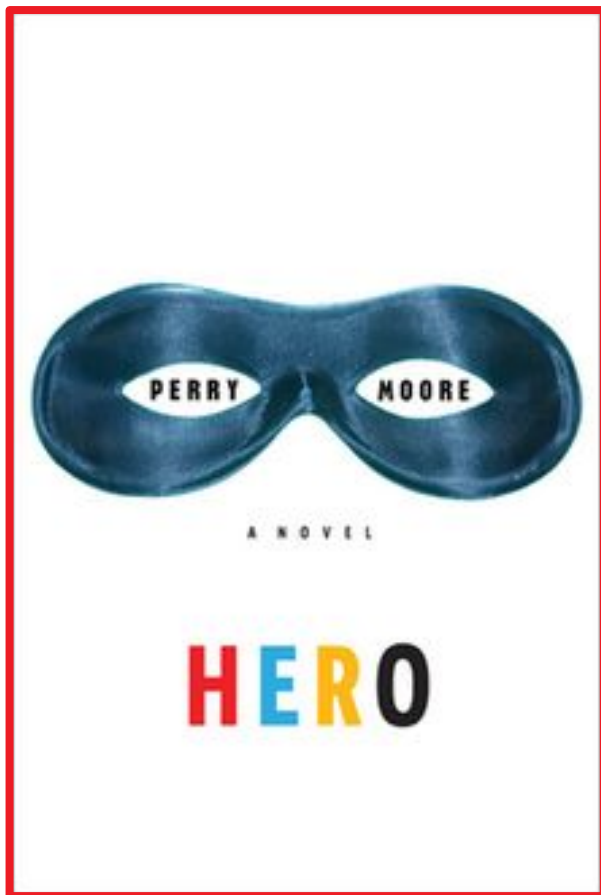
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Hero
Perry Moore

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: identity, sexuality, family, secrecy

The last thing in the world Thom Creed wants is to add to his father's pain, so he keeps secrets. Like that he has special powers. And that he's been asked to join the League. But the most painful secret of all is one Thom can barely face himself: he's gay.





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'Hour'
Carol Ann Duffy

Suitable for: KS3, KS4

Themes: romantic love, gender, time

Carol Ann Duffy's narrator speaks to their partner about the preciousness of a moment with someone you love. Neither the gender of the narrator or the partner is specified.





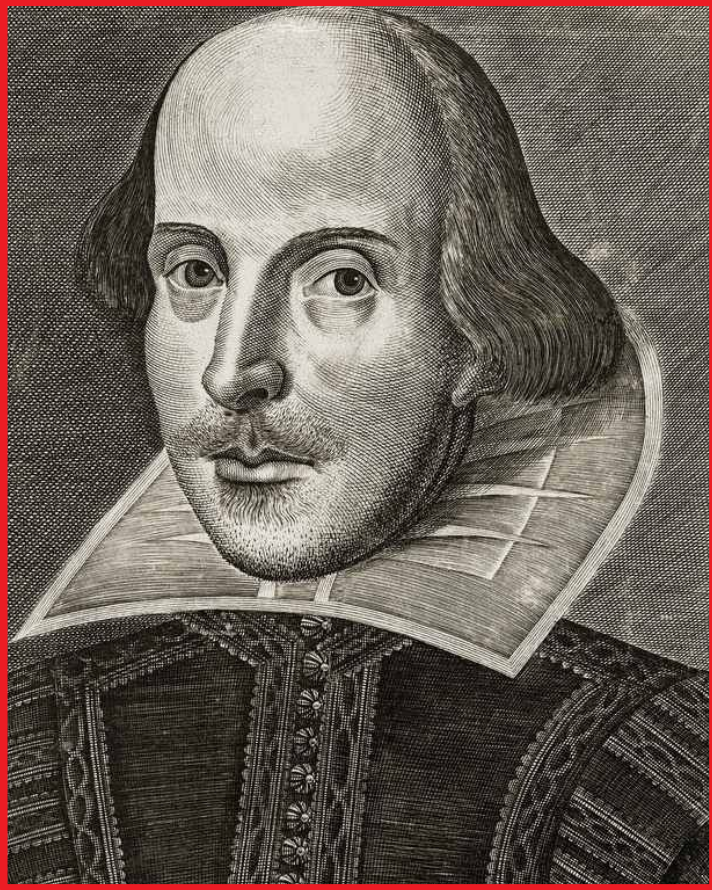
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‘Goblin Market’ *Christina Rossetti*

Suitable for: KS4, KS5

Themes: female friendship, loyalty, sexuality

Although on the face of it a poem about ‘sisterly love’, readers have continued to find LGBT+ readings through its description of female sexuality and it remains a hugely iconic poem.



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‘Sonnet 20’

William Shakespeare

Suitable for: KS4, KS5

Themes: gender, adoration, beauty

‘Sonnet 20’ calls out for analysis and interpretation, but ultimately some aspects of it will always elude any attempts to offer up a clear and straightforward reading. However, its message is plain: Shakespeare is clearly besotted with the Fair Youth.