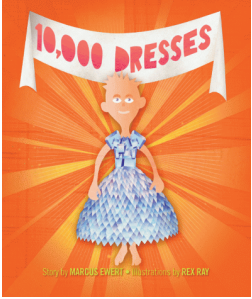
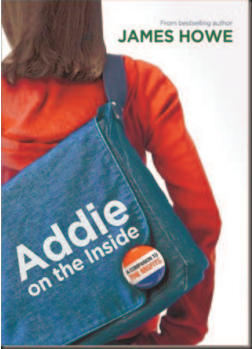
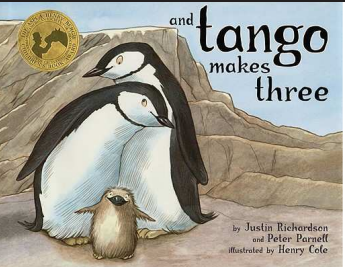
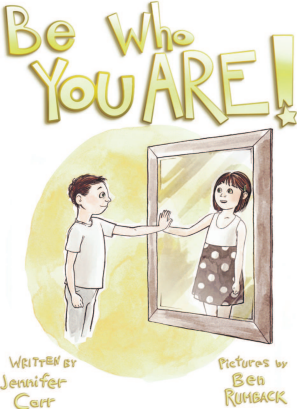
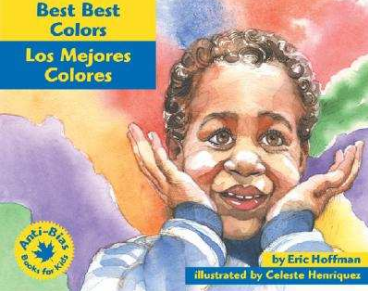

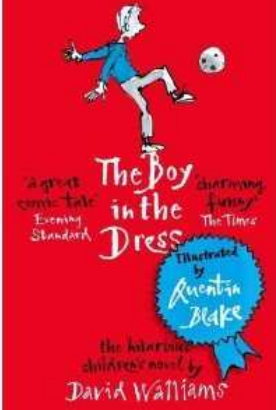
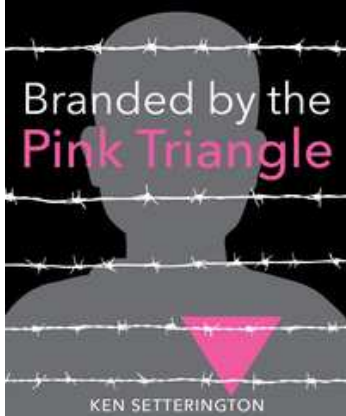
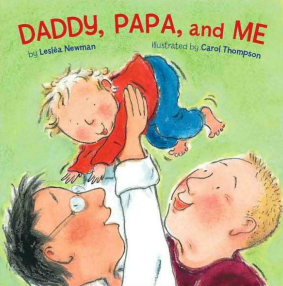
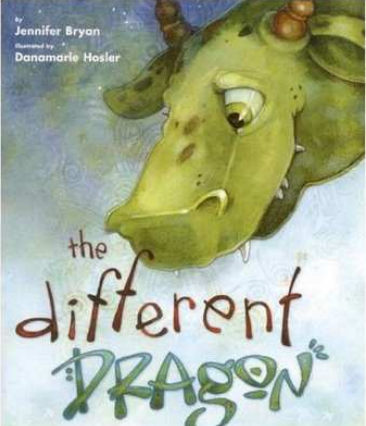
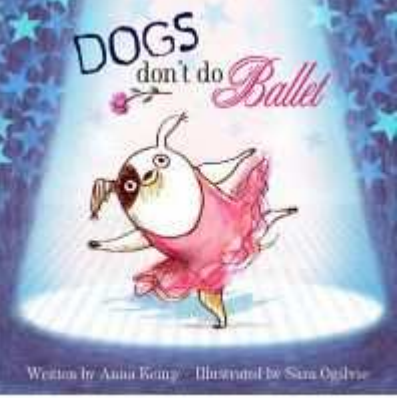
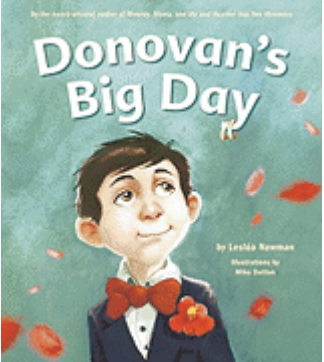
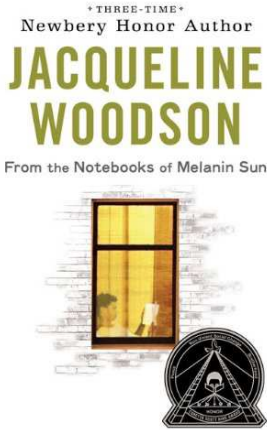
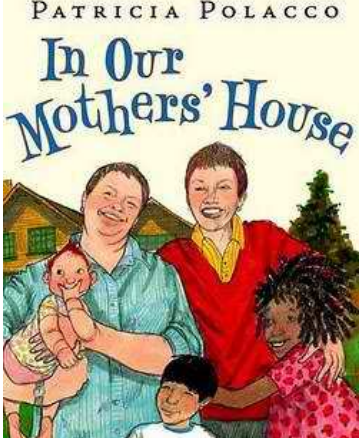




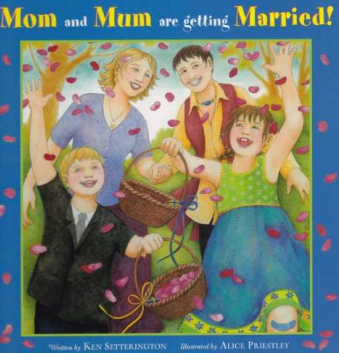
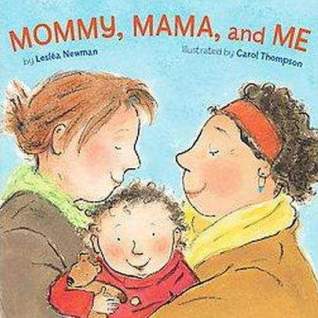
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|   | <p>Every night, Bailey dreams about magical dresses: dresses made of crystals and rainbows, dresses made of flowers, dresses made of windows. . . . Unfortunately, when Bailey's awake, no one wants to hear about these beautiful dreams. Quite the contrary. "You're a BOY!" Mother and Father tell Bailey. "You shouldn't be thinking about dresses at all." Then Bailey meets Laurel, an older girl who is touched and inspired by Bailey's imagination and courage. In friendship, the two of them begin making dresses together. And Bailey's dreams come true!</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Gender Fluidity, Transgender Identity</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Friendship, Courage, Perseverance</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p> |
|   | <p>The Gang of Five is back in this much-anticipated follow-up to <i>The Misfits</i> and <i>Totally Joe</i>. Addie Carle, the only girl in the group of friends, is outspoken, opinionated, and sometimes...just a bit obnoxious. But as seventh grade progresses, Addie's not so sure anymore about who she is. It seems her tough exterior is just a little too tough, and that doesn't help her deal with the turmoil she feels on the inside as she faces the pains of growing up.</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Growing up</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Loss, Friendship, Self-confidence, Inner Strength</p> <p><b>Junior/Intermediate</b></p>                   |
|  | <p>In the zoo there are all kinds of animal families. But Tango's family is not like any of the others. This illustrated children's book fictionalizes the true story of two male penguins who became partners and raised a penguin chick in the Central Park Zoo.</p>  | <p><b>Theme:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Gender Roles</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance, Responsibility</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>   |


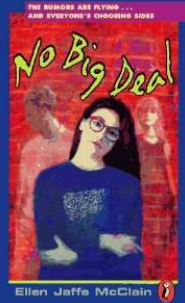
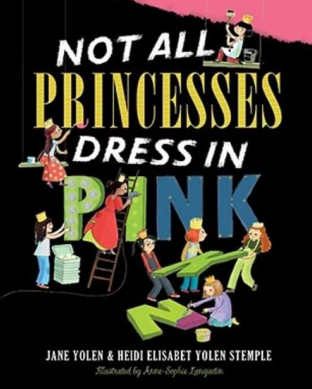
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|  <p>Written by Jennifer Carr<br/>Pictures by Ben RUMBACH</p>  | <p>Nick is a young child assigned a male gender at birth who sees himself as a girl. His parents tell him they love him anyway he feels. At school he wants to play with the girls, and creates a self-portrait that shows him as a girl. When he tells his parents that the teacher didn't understand, his parents made a point to go to his school and explain. They also work with a gender counselor to help their whole family deal with Nick's need to be a girl.</p>   | <p><b>Theme:</b><br/>Gender Identity, Transgender Identity, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Belonging, Courage, Importance of Family, Unconditional Love, Optimism, Perseverance</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior/(Intermediate)</b></p> |
|  <p>Best Best Colors<br/>Los Mejores Colores<br/>by Eric Hoffman<br/>illustrated by Celaste Henriquez</p> | <p>Best, Best Colors is a book that shares a realistic point of view about families. Not only is this a child of African American heritage, this child also has a same sex family. This is a great book for children being raised in same sex families. It is also a great book for children in conventional heterosexual families to help them see that gay and lesbian families are very much the same as their own.</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>  |
|  <p>BIG GUY<br/>ROBIN STEVENSON</p>   | <p>Derek is seventeen. He has dropped out of school and is working in a nursing home. He lives alone with his father who looks down on everything in Derek's life. Derek can't even imagine what his father would do if he knew that Derek is gay. Recently, Derek has been exchanging emails with Ethan. They have established a real friendship over the Internet. In fact, the friendship has blossomed into much more, at least for Derek. Ethan would like to meet in person but the problem is that Derek sent Ethan a picture that doesn't really resemble the Derek of today. Now Derek doesn't know how to tell Ethan the truth.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Gender Identity, Coming Out, Growing up</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Self-acceptance, Friendship, Honesty, Trust</p> <p><b>Intermediate</b></p>   |

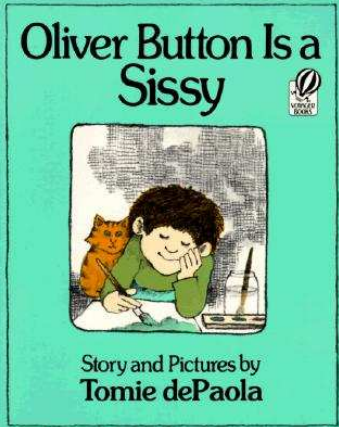
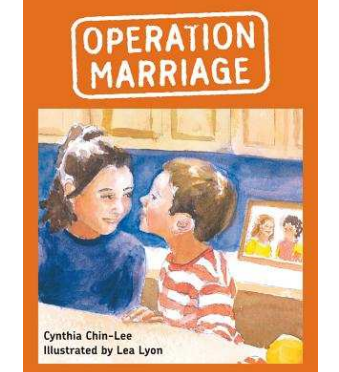
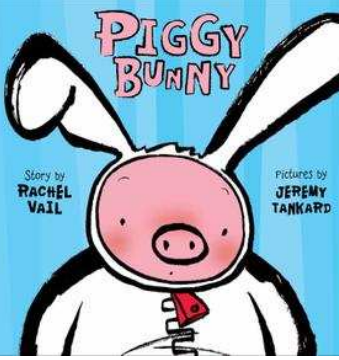
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|  | <p>John lives with his dad and older brother who both like to tease him. His mum left a few years earlier and he finds comfort in the memories of his mother's dresses. He also finds enjoyment looking at pretty dresses and models in magazines. All of which, he hides from his dad and brother. John becomes friends with Lisa who loves to make dresses. She convinces him to try on one of her dresses and heels, which he eventually enjoys. He ends up going to school dressed in one of the dresses to try and trick everyone. It goes horribly wrong, when he gets found out by the Head Master and the whole school find out. He gets expelled and his dad is very angry.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Gender Fluidity</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Loss, Kindness, Acceptance, Self-expression</p> <p><b>Junior/Intermediate</b></p>   |
|   | <p>Before the rise of the Nazi party, Germany, especially Berlin, was one of the most tolerant places for homosexuals in the world. But that all changed when the Nazis came to power; existence for gay people became fear-filled.</p> <p>The pink triangle sewn onto prison uniforms became the symbol of the persecution of homosexuals, a persecution that would continue for many years after the war.</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Human Rights, Prejudice, Persecution</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Courage, Inner Strength, Power of the Human Spirit, Perseverance</p> <p><b>Informational Resource Book<br/>Junior (Grade6)/Intermediate</b></p> |
|  | <p>Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Gender Roles</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance, Responsibility</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>  |

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|   | <p>This bedtime story about bedtime stories shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from one of his moms, can lead to magical and unexpected places. Join Noah and his cat, Diva, on this nighttime adventure and you too will leave with an unforgettable new dragon friend!</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Breaking Stereotypes</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Being Yourself, Acceptance</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>                                      |
|   | <p>Biff is not like ordinary dogs. He doesn't do dog stuff like peeing on lampposts, scratching his fleas or drinking out of toilets. If you throw him a stick, he'll just look at you like you're crazy. No, Biff is no ordinary dog. Biff likes moonlight and music and walking on his tiptoes. You see, Biff doesn't think he's a dog, Biff thinks he's a ballerina, which is all very well ...But dogs don't do ballet - do they?</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Breaking Stereotypes, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Perseverance, Self-confidence, Following your Dreams</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>                   |
|  | <p>Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ring-bearer, he has a very important job to do. What is not to appreciate about this picture book about love, family, and marriage? The story captures the joy and excitement of a wedding day while the illustrations show the happy occasion from a child's point of view</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance, Responsibility, Fairness, Respect</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p> |

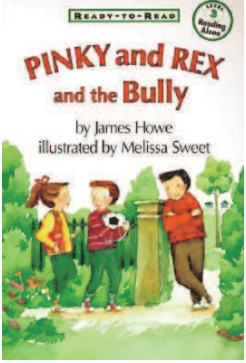
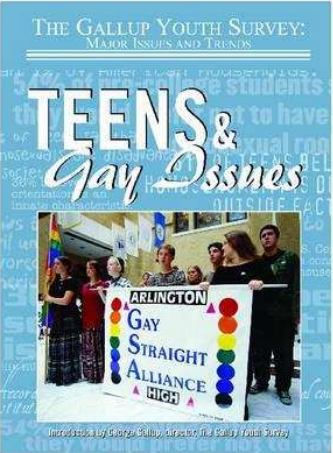
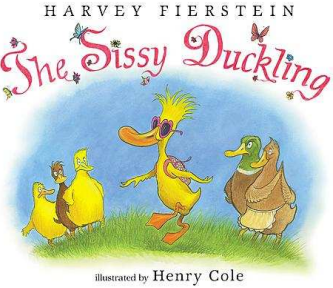
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|   | <p>Melanin Sun's mother has some big news: she's in love with a woman. Now he has many decisions to make: Should he stand by his mother even though it could mean losing his friends? Should he abandon the only family he's ever known? Either way, Melanin Sun is about to learn the true meaning of sacrifice, prejudice, and love</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Growing up, Prejudice, Racism</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Importance of Family, Belonging, Dealing with Conflict</p> <p><b>Junior/Intermediate</b></p> |
|   | <p>Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? But Marmee and Meme's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Prejudice</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>  |
|  | <p>This book gives the reader an opportunity to see the classic Cinderella story in another light. Too many people focus on the sexuality of relationships rather than considering the emotions involved. Luckily, de Haan gives the reader the opportunity to experience the coming together of two people in a loving and natural fashion.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Identity, Gender Stereotypes, Diversity</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Perspective, Choice, Fairness</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>                                |

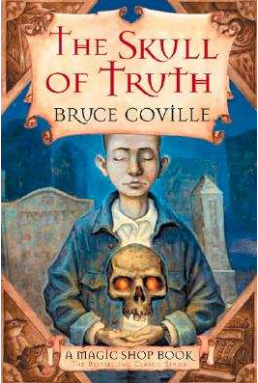
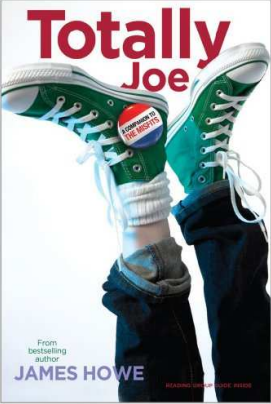
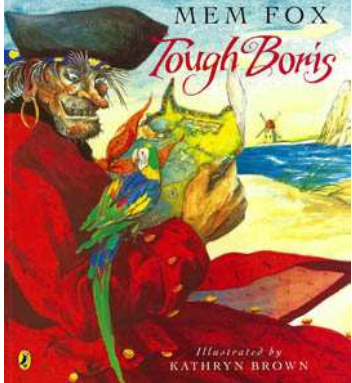
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|   | <p>Misfits is about a group of middle school students who are best friends who have been teased by many people over the years. The main characters in this story are Addie, Bobby, Joe, and Skeezy. Bobby used to be picked on because he is over weight Addie was teased because of her height and because she was very shy. Skeezy was teased because he dresses differently then most other people do. Joe was always teased because he is gay.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Prejudice, Stereotyping, Bullying, Growing up</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Friendship, Self-confidence, Respect</p> <p><b>Junior/Intermediate</b></p> |
|   | <p>When Rosie comes home to find her mom dancing alone in the living room-on a school day-she knows something wonderful is about to happen. So when one of her two mothers announces, "Your Mum and I are getting married!" they can't wait to start planning the big day. At this party, family, friends and fun come together for a joyous celebration of love in a changing world.</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance, Fairness, Respect</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>                     |
|  | <p>Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its mommies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Gender Roles</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance, Responsibility</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>                            |

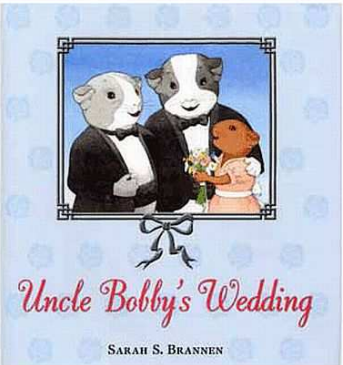
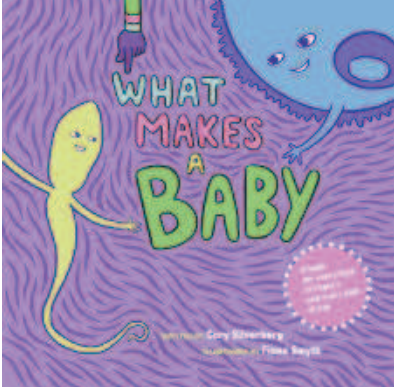
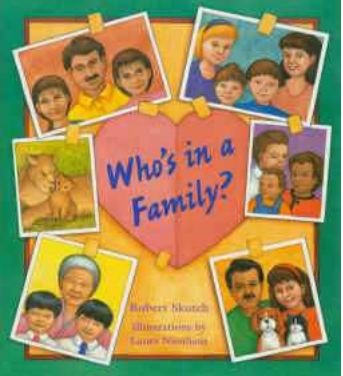
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|   | <p>Dyson loves pink, sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses. Sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees. He's a Princess Boy. Inspired by the author's son, and by her own initial struggles to understand, this is a heart-warming book about unconditional love and one remarkable family. It is also a call for tolerance and an end to bullying and judgments. The world is a brighter place when we accept everyone for who they are.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Gender Fluidity, Transgender Identity</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Kindness, Acceptance, Self-expression, Unconditional Love</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p> |
|  | <p>No Big Deal is about a girl named Janice Green who started hearing rumors about her favorite teacher Mr. being gay and how all of the sudden someone spray painted the word "faggot" on Mr.P's car. Janice knew who the person was. This book is about how Janice knew she had to stand up for what's right and do the right thing.</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Prejudice, Bullying, Growing up</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Respect, Integrity, Loyalty</p> <p><b>Intermediate</b></p>   |
|  | <p>Not all princesses dress in pink. Some play in bright red socks that stink, blue team jerseys that don't quite fit, accessorized with a baseball mitt, and a sparkly crown!<br/>Princesses come in all kinds. Not every girl has a passion for pink, but all young ladies will love this empowering affirmation of their importance and unlimited potential.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Gender Equity</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Respect, Self-confidence</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>  |

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|   | <p>Summary: This book is about a young boy named Oliver Button, who likes to dress up, dance, draw and sing. Oliver's father does not like that he is not out playing football or baseball with the other boys. Oliver knew what he liked to do and what he didn't like to do. Oliver's mother agreed with his father about one thing, Oliver needed to exercise, so she enrolled him in dance school. Oliver signed up for the talent show to display his talents in front of the whole school. After the talent show, his classmates called him a star rather than a sissy.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Gender Equity, Bullying</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Unconditional Love, Self-confidence, Perseverance, Following your Dreams</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p> |
|   | <p>When Alex loses her best friend in an argument over her family not being “traditional”, she and her younger brother set out to convince their two mothers to have a real wedding. Though their parents are content with the commitment ceremony they had years earlier, their children’s determination prevails and the couple decides to become legally married. Their neighbors eventually begin to see past their prejudice and accept them for who they have always been: a normal, affectionate family. Based on a true story, this is a touching tale about those who face real challenges in their struggle for equality.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Prejudice, Equity, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Importance of Family, Acceptance, Responsibility, Fairness, Respect</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>                                |
|  | <p>Most piglets want to be pigs when they grow up. Not Liam. He wants to be a bunny. Even if it takes a lot of practice to learn how to hop...and to eat salad. Even if no one believes that a piggy can be a bunny. With a lot of determination, and a little help from his grandma, Liam is determined to make his dream come true.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Breaking Stereotypes, Identity, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Determination, Importance of Family, Unconditional Love, Follow your Dreams</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>                 |



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|  | <p>Pinky's favorite color is pink, and his best friend, Rex, is a girl. Kevin, the third-grade bully, says that makes Pinky a sissy. Deep down, Pinky thinks Kevin is wrong, but he's still worried. Does Pinky have to give up his favorite things, and worse, does he have to give up his best friend?</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Gender Equity, Bullying</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Self-confidence, Being Yourself, Courage</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p> |
|   | <p>The most important issues affecting teenagers are comprehensively studied in the series The Gallup Youth Survey: Major Issues and Trends. Each volume is filled with relevant statistical information and fascinating stories and reports, most collected by the Gallup Youth Survey, an arm of the famed Gallup Organization, over the past four decades.</p>                                       | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>General Information about gay youth, and issues/struggles they face</p> <p><b>Informational Resource Book</b><br/><b>Intermediate</b></p>  |
|  | <p>Elmer is not like the other boy ducks. He likes to bake, paint, cook, and be creative. He does not like sports, and one day skips away from a baseball game. The other ducks call him a sissy, which infuriates his father who says some hateful things that cause Elmer to run away. However, when hunters shoot his father, Elmer is able to save his life thanks to his own unique interests.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity, Bullying</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Acceptance, Courage, Inner Strength, Forgiveness</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior</b></p>                    |

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|  | <p>Charlie Eggleston is the biggest liar in town. When he finds himself at Mr. Elives' magic shop, his eyes light upon the skull. He steals it, and it puts him under some sort of spell: Soon he can <i>only</i> tell the truth--but now no one believes him!</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Identity, Diverse Families, Growing up</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Telling the Truth, Importance of Family</p> <p><b>Junior/(Intermediate)</b></p>             |
|  | <p>"Everybody says you and Colin were kissing."<br/>         "What? That's ridiculous!"<br/>         "For heaven's sake, Joe, if you and Colin want to kiss, you have every right to."<br/>         "We did not kiss," I told her.<br/>         Addie shrugged. "Whatever."<br/>         What was it with my friends?</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Identity, Coming Out, Growing up, Prejudice</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Friendship, Acceptance, Self-confidence, Respect</p> <p><b>Junior/Intermediate</b></p> |
|  | <p>Boris von der Borch is a mean, greedy old pirate--tough as nails, through and through, like <i>all</i> pirates. Or is he? When a young boy sneaks onto Boris's ship, he discovers that Boris and his mates aren't quite what he expected.</p>  | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Gender Stereotypes</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Loss, Appreciation</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>   |

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|   | <p>The story is straightforward, about a little girl guinea pig (Chloe) and her worries that she will lose her Uncle Bobby's affection when he gets married. Uncle Bobby reassures her that she need not worry about this, and when Chloe meets Uncle Bobby's partner, Jamie, she realizes that she is not losing an uncle, she is gaining one! One of the great things about this story is the way the marriage is presented, as the loving event that it is, such a natural thing that the fact that it is between guinea pigs of the same sex doesn't even need a discussion.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Appreciation, Importance of Family</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>   |
|   | <p>What Makes a Baby is a picture book about where babies come from that is written and geared to readers from pre-school to about 8 years old. However, it could also serve as a starting point for discussions for older children. It teaches curious kids about conception, gestation, and birth in a way that works regardless of whether or not the kid in question was adopted, conceived using reproductive technologies at home or in a clinic, or any other way, and regardless of how many people were involved, their orientation, gender and other identity, or family composition.</p> <p>Just as important, the story doesn't gender people or body parts which leaves room for children to recognize their own story without having to erase any parts of their own experience.</p> | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families, Gender Identity, Inclusion</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Appreciation, Acceptance, Respect, Importance of Family</p> <p><b>Primary/Junior/(Intermediate)</b></p> |
|  | <p>Family is important, but who's in a family? Why, the people who love you the most! This equal opportunity, open-minded picture book has no preconceptions about what makes a family a family. There's even equal time given to some of children's favorite animal families.</p>   | <p><b>Themes:</b><br/>Diverse Families</p> <p><b>Possible Big Ideas:</b><br/>Appreciation, Importance of Family</p> <p><b>Primary</b></p>  |