

# Yes, You Can! LGBTQ Literature in the Classroom and the Library

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- Haan, Linda de. *King & King*. Tricycle Press, 2002.
- Meyers, Susan. *Everywhere Babies*. Illus. Marla Frazee. Harcourt, 2001.
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- Oelschlager, Vanita. *A Tale of Two Daddies*. Illus. Kristin Blackwood and Mike Blanc. Vanita Books, 2010.
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- Richardson, Justin. *And Tango Makes Three*. Illus. Henry Cole. Simon & Schuster, 2005.
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- Crutcher, Chris. *Angry Management: Three Novellas*. Greenwillow, 2009.
- Hegamin, Tonya. *M + O 4evr*. Houghton Mifflin, 2008.
- Howe, James. *Totally Joe*. Atheneum, 2005.
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- McCaughrean, Geraldine. *The Death-Defying Pepper Roux*. Harper, 2010.
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- Bray, Libba. *Beauty Queen*. Scholastic, 2011.
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## Literary Factoids

 The first teen novel that featured gay characters: *I'll Get There. It Better Be Worth the Trip* by John Donovan, published in 1969.

 The only gay-themed book to appear on the New York Times Bestsellers List for Children's Chapter Books is *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* (2010)

 Stonewall Book Award started in 1971 with one award for general adult literature, recognized by the American Library Association in 1986. The award expanded to include nonfiction and children's books. <https://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/glbtrt/stonewall/index.cfm>

 Lambda Literary Foundation has given the Lambda Literary Award since 1989. In the early years the award was intended to recognize the best gay and lesbian works in their year of publication. <http://www.lambdaliterary.org/>

 Rainbow List created by the Rainbow Project, a joint project of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table and the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association. The Rainbow Project presents an annual bibliography of quality books with significant and authentic GLBTQ content, which are recommended for people from birth through eighteen years of age. <http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/>

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