



# Children's Booklist 2023: LGBTQ+ Stories PreK- Grade 2



#### What Riley Wore

by Elana K. Arnold Gender-creative Riley knows just what to wear for every occasion during a busy week with family and friends.



# Worm Loves Worm

by J. J Austrian A simply told celebration of love in all its splendid forms finds the insect community preparing to attend the wedding of two apparently identical worms and wondering

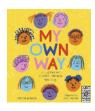
which will wear the tux and which the gown.



## Love Makes a Family

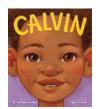
by Sophie Beer

Whether you have one parent, two moms, two dads, a mom and a dad, or another wonderful caregiver, there's one thing that makes a family a family ... and that's love.



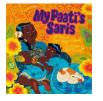
# My Own Way

by Joana Estrela My Own Way is a poem and a picture book that introduces very young children to the wonder of gender diversity. Why feel limited to his or hers, blue or pink, football or ballet?



#### Calvin by Ronald Martin Ford

Calvin is nervous to show his teachers and friends his new haircut, which helps him look and feel like the boy he' has always known himself to be,



# My Paati's Saris

by Jyoti Rajan Gopal While preparing for a party with Paati, his grandmother, a Tamil boy finds comfort in Paati's colorful saris, each of which hold a story that allows him just to be.

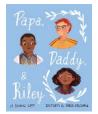


## Maiden & Princess

by Daniel Haack

Published in partnership with GLAAD, a modern fairytale finds a strong, heroic maiden feeling less than enthusiastic about

attending a bride-seeking prince's royal ball, before finding unexpected true love elsewhere.



## Papa, Daddy, & Riley

by Seamus Kirst

A little girl who loves both of her fathers wonders why she has to choose when a classmate asks her which of her dads is the real one.



# Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle

by Nina Lacour

When her mother goes on a business trip, a little girl misses her until Mommy finally comes home, filling the void with love.

#### Pink, Blue, and You!: Questions for Kids About Gender Stereotypes by Elise Gravel

An easy-to-grasp picture book, exploring questions relating to gender identity, sexual orientation, and sexism.



# What Are Your Words? : a book about pronouns

by Katherine Locke An accessible and heartwarming introduction to gender-diverse pronouns

follows the experiences of a gender-fluid child who learns how their neighbors identify themselves.



#### When Aidan became a brother by Kyle Lukoff

Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.



# Bathe the Cat

by Alice McGinty

To avoid getting a bath, the family cat keeps scrambling the list of chores with hilarious results, in this purr-fectly entertaining readaloud story.



# My Rainbow

by Trinity Neal

An exuberant picture book based on the life of mother-daughter advocate duo Trinity and DeShanna Neal describes a family trip to the beauty supply store.



# The Fairest in the Land

by Leslâea Newman When Annabelle and Benjamin play dress-up they both want to be the bride, the ballerina, and the princess which causes a problem Will the two friends learn to play together?



# Pride Puppy!

by Robin Stevenson A rhyming alphabet book featuring a family who have lost their dog at a Pride parade.



# Julián is a Mermaid

by Jessica Love Julián makes a fancy mermaid costume and headdress for himself and wonders what his abuela will think, and more importantly, how his costume will reflect how he sees himself.



# **Pride Colors**

by Robin Stevenson

Introduces young readers to the Pride flag's colors and shares the message that whoever they grow up to be, they will be loved unconditionally.



## It Feels Good to be Yourself: a Book About Gender Identity

by Theresa Thorn

A warmhearted, straightforward exploration of gender identity offers children a fuller

understanding of themselves and others, in a compassionate story written by the mother of a transgender child and illustrated by a non-binary transgender artist.



# Peanut Goes for the Gold

by Jonathan Van Ness

Peanut, a guinea pig, has their own way of doing things, so when they decide to become a rhythmic gymnast, their teacher comes up with a routine that suits them

perfectly, in a text that is gender neutral.



# Love, Violet

by Charlotte Sullivan Wild Of all the kids in Violet's class, only one leaves her speechless: Mira, the girl with the cheery laugh who races like the wind, and as Valentine's Day approaches, shy Violet

musters the courage to tell Mira just how special she is.



## The Good Hair Day

by Christian Trimmer

Dreaming of having long, luxurious locks but afraid to ask, since he's heard people say mean things about men with long hair, Noah is delighted when his parents have an idea

that will show him it's ok to be his gorgeous self.



# **Grandad's Pride**

by Harry Woodgate

After Milly discovers a pride flag in Grandad's attic, they decide to start a pride parade in their small town. Activism and celebration go hand in hand as the town gathers to help build

a world where everyone is proud to be themselves.



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