

# — IN A — PERFECT WORLD

## Celebrating & Learning About Pride

Pride Month, honored throughout the month of June in the U.S., is both a joyful celebration and a serious political reminder that LGBTQ+ people are here and deserve the same rights as everyone else.

LGBTQ+ Pride isn't limited to just one day or one month, though. You can be proud to be LGBTQ+, or to support someone who is, all year round.

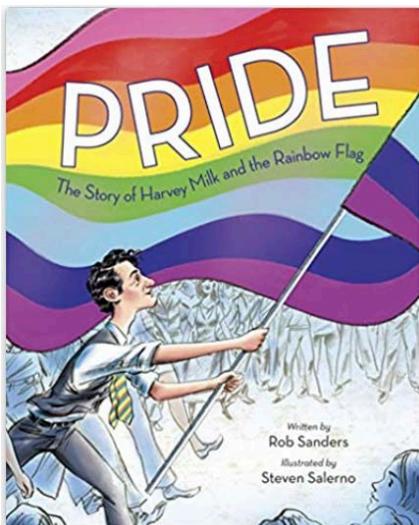
Here are some resources to share with your family and friends to understand, celebrate, and support LGBTQ+ Pride.



## Open your child's mind

### A book list for young kids

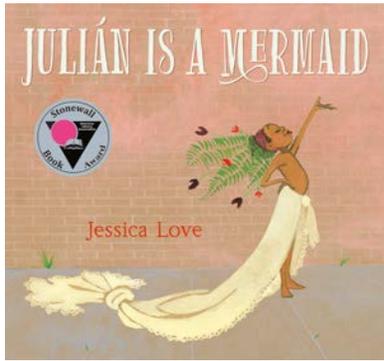
No matter what your family looks like, books about pride, diverse families, and gender identities can teach kids a positive message about embracing difference and overcoming adversity. It also gives queer and straight kids alike more choices that reflect their world and lived experiences.



### **Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk & the Rainbow Flag**

By Rob Sanders

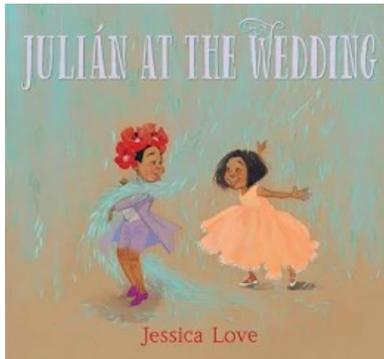
In this deeply moving and empowering true story, young readers will trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world. Award-winning author Rob Sanders's stirring text, and acclaimed illustrator Steven Salerno's evocative images, combine to tell this remarkable story. A story of love, hope, equality, and pride.



## Julián is a Mermaid

By Jessica Love

In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world.



## Julián at the Wedding

By Jessica Love

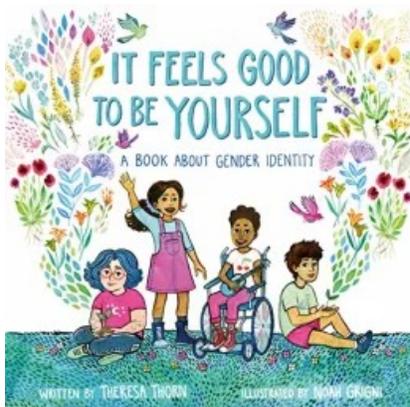
Julián and friend find fun, magic in sweet, affirming tale. This follow-up to the radiant Julián Is a Mermaid takes Julián and his abuela to a wedding with two brides and a baseball cap-wearing flower girl who likes to roll in the grass. It's a loving affirmation of all gender identities.



## Be Amazing

By Desmond is Amazing & Dylan Glynn

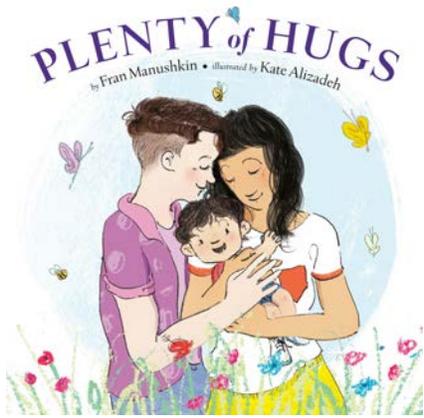
Written by a 12-year-old "drag kid," this book explores the history of the LGBTQ+ community from Stonewall to RuPaul while encouraging kids to be themselves and "pay the haters no mind."



## It Feels Good to Be Yourself

By Theresa Thorn and Noah Grigni

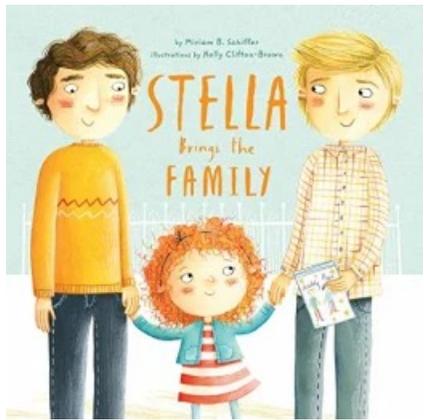
This primer on gender identity introduces terms like transgender, cisgender and nonbinary with a note about pronouns.



## Plenty of Hugs

By Fran Manushkin

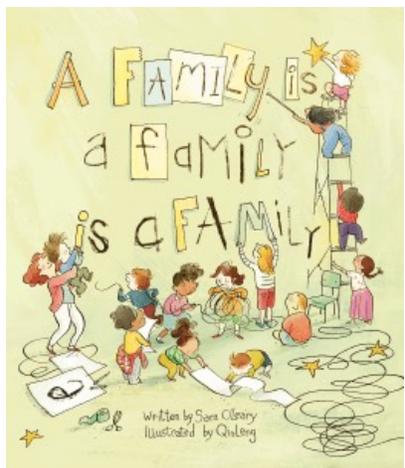
This sweet, lyrical story looks out at the world and finds plenty of everything, including hugs, to go around. The child at its center has lesbian moms.



## Stella Brings the Family

By Miriam B. Schiffer

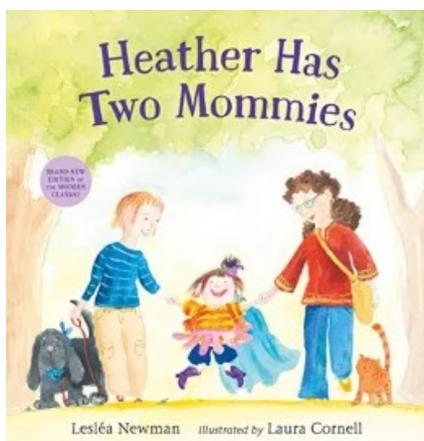
Stella's class is having a Mother's Day party, but with two dads, Stella has no one to bring. Her sweet solution celebrates the whole family.



## A Family is a Family is a Family

By Sara O'Leary

When a teacher asks what makes her students' families special, each child has something different to celebrate.



## Heather Has Two Mommies

By Lesléa Newman and Laura Cornell

When Heather starts school, she wonders if she's the only one with two mommies. She discovers that everybody's family is special.

# Print your Pride

While most people are familiar with the rainbow Pride flag, there are multiple flags that represent the LGBTQ+ community... and every flag holds a different meaning.

## [Watch Drag Queen Nina explain what the pride flag means](#)

Learn more about the different kinds of flags and print out your own flag

## [A Guide to the Different LGBTQ+ Flags and Coloring Pages for Kids](#)

# Bring Pride Home

## **Hey teens, throw your own Pride Parade at home!**

Pride is a celebration filled with costumes, music and positive energy. Pride parades are meant to tell stories, dance, sing and have fun! Here are some LGBTQ+ song suggestions to put on and have your own Pride Parade at home.

### **Lady Gaga- Born This Way**

"Born This Way" is about self-liberation, and loving every part of yourself, no matter your race, gender, or sexuality; the song was released as the lead single from the album of the same name in February 2011.

### **Wrabel - The Village**

Written in February 2017, "The Village" is an ode to the LGBTQ+ community. The song deals with the feelings of isolation that can come with exploration of one's sexuality and identity, and reminds the listener that there is nothing wrong with them, instead the problem persists with the ones that treat them differently. It was written as a tribute to the trans community following the withdrawal of federal protections for trans-identifying students in public schools.

### **Lil Nas X - THAT'S WHAT I WANT (Official Clean Version)**

On "THATS WHAT I WANT," Lil Nas sings about his desire for love, which is often a struggle to find as a gay black man.

### **girl in red - girls**

In "girls", Norwegian musician girl in red expresses her sexuality and the conflicts that come from loving girls.