## Welcoming Schools

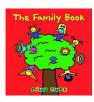
## **Top LGBTQ Inclusive Elementary and Middle Grade Books**



And Tango Makes Three. Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. (Pre-K - 2) Penguins Roy and Silo at New York's Central Park Zoo keep putting a rock in their nest to try to hatch it. The zookeeper gives them a real egg that needs care. The penguins take turns sitting on it until it hatches, and Tango is born.



**The Bravest Knight Who Ever Lived.** Daniel Errico, (Pre-K - 1) Follow Cedric on his journey from a humble pumpkin farmer to a full-fledged knight. In the end, will he follow his heart, and prove that sometimes the bravest thing you can do is choose for yourself how your fairy tale ends? Also see the TV series on Hulu based on this book.



**The Family Book.** Todd Parr. (Pre-K – K) All kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, single-parent families, two-mom and two-dad families and families with a mom and a dad.



Harriet Gets Carried Away. Jessie Sima. (Toddler – K) Harriet, an African American girl with two dads, loves costumes and can get a little carried away! A fun story about remembering where you belong, no matter how far you roam or what you're wearing when you get there.



**I am Jazz.** Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. (K - 5) From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew she was a girl, even though others saw her as a boy. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. Based on the real-life experiences of Jazz Jennings.



**Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World.** Ashley Herring Blake. (5 - 7) In the wake of a destructive tornado, one girl develops feelings for another in this stunning, tender novel about emerging identity.



**The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.** Dana Alison Levy. (3 - 5) From new schools to old friends, from imaginary cheetahs to very real skunks, the Fletchers' school year is anything but boring—four boys, two dads and one new neighbor who just might ruin everything.



**The Parker Inheritance.** Varian Johnson. (3 - 6) Candice discovers a mysterious old letter about an injustice from decades ago. With the help of Brandon, she begins to decipher the clues to a story that leads them deep into their South Carolina town's history—a history full of ugly deeds and forgotten heroes. Good historical detail and LGBTQ characters included.



**Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag.** Rob Sanders. (1 - 3) 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. A Junior Library Guild Selection.



Queer Heroes: Meet 53 LGBTQ Heroes From Past and Present! Arabelle Sicardi. (4 - 6) Discover the inspiring stories of a diverse selection of LGBTQ artists, writers, innovators, athletes and activists who have made great contributions to culture, from ancient times to present day. Full-color portraits accompanied by short biographies.



**Riding Freedom.** Pam Muñoz Ryan. (4 – 6) A fictionalized account of the true story of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, lived as a boy, moved to California, drove stagecoaches and continued to live as a man. Spanish edition: **Un caballo Ilamado Libertad.** 



**The Stars Beneath Our Feet.** David Barclay Moore. (5 - 9) A boy tries to steer a safe path through the projects in Harlem in the wake of his brother's death. Then Lolly's mother's girlfriend brings him a gift that will change everything: two enormous bags filled with Legos.



**Zenobia July.** Lisa Bunker. (5 - 9) Zenobia is starting a new life in Maine with her aunts. People used to tell her she was a boy; now she's able to live openly as the girl she always knew she was. When someone anonymously posts hateful memes on her school's website, Zenobia knows she's the one with the hacking skills to solve the mystery.