

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **A Family Is a Family Is a Family**

Author: Sara O'Leary

Children's Books

2016

32

When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways — but the same in the one way that matters most of all.

One child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One is full of stepsiblings, and another has a new baby.

As one by one, her classmates describe who they live with and who loves them — family of every shape, size and every kind of relation — the child realizes that as long as her family is full of caring people, her family is special.

Material Title: **A Kid of Their Own**

Author: Megan Lambert Dowd

Children's Books

2020

32 pages

Rooster Clyde has just settled in and found his voice when everyone demands that he take his hard-earned crow down a notch so as to not disturb newcomer Rowdy. That doesn't sit well with Clyde. Neither does the fact that motherly goose Roberta seems to have taken the new animals' side. The farm community learning to deal with a young member of the group is the main story in text and is paired with a wordless story in illustrations that shows Farmer Jay and Farmer Kevin getting ready for their adopted child to arrive on the farm.

Material Title: **Adopting Our Two Dads: A story about the Leffew Family * (Children's Materials)**

Author: Luca Panzini

Children's Books

2014

33 pages

Based on the true story of the Leffew family, daddy Brian, daddy Jay, Daniel and Selena, we follow them through the story of their adoption and learn how this family was formed. An increasing number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) couples are having children through surrogacy, co-parenting, donor and adoption. Every child deserves a book that reflects their lives. This book also shows that families come in many different combinations, and helps children from all backgrounds understand more about families with same-gendered parents.

Material Title: **Adoption by Lesbians and Gay Men: A New Dimension in Family Diversity**

Author: David Brodzinsky and Adam Pertman

Books

2012

251 pages

Adoption by Lesbians and Gay Men explores the gamut of historical, legal, sociological, psychological, social casework, and personal issues related to adoption by sexual-minority individuals and couples. Leading experts in a variety of fields address-- and often shatter--the controversies, myths, and misconceptions hindering efforts by these individuals to adopt and raise children. What makes this book all the more valuable is that it provides insights and specific recommendations for establishing empirically validated best practices for working with an important sector of our society, for treating all prospective and current parents fairly and equally, and, perhaps most importantly, for increasing a still largely untapped resource for providing families for children who need them.

Material Title: **Antonio's Card * (Children's Material)**

Author: Rigoberto González

Children's Books

2005

31 pages

Antonio has two mother figures which makes it difficult to explain to his classmates. During Mother's Day card making time and after school, when his mom's partner picks him up, Antonio doesn't know how to deal with peer pressure. He is teased often and this confuses him because he loves his moms and his family. This book nicely portrays one boy's struggle to fit in without hurting anyone's feelings. The book is written in English and Spanish on each page. The love in the story overpowers the basic illustrations. A feel good read.

Material Title: **Best Best Colors - Los Mejores Colores* (Children's Material)**

Author: Eric Hoffman

Children's Books

1998

26 pages

Nate loves all of the wonderful colors he sees in his everyday life. When his Mamma Jean and Mamma Laura ask him about his favorite color, he wonders, "How can I choose just one?" This delightful picture book takes you on a journey with Nate as he figures out that he can like a lot of different colors and have a lot of different friends. This book is bilingual with words in English and Spanish.

Nate ama todos los maravillosos colores que ve en su vida cotidiana. Cuando su mamá Jean y su mamá Laura le preguntan acerca de su color favorito, se pregunta, "¿Cómo puedo elegir sólo uno?" Este maravilloso libro de imágenes le lleva a un viaje con Nate mientras él descubre que a él le pueden gustar un montón de diferentes colores y que puede tener un montón de diferentes amigos. Este libro es bilingüe, con palabras en Inglés y Español.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out**

Author: Susan Kuklin *Children's Books* 2014 176 pages

Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken. Each honest discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.

Material Title: **Daddy and Papa: A Story About Gay Fathers in America (DVD)**

Author: Johnny Symons *DVDs* 2003 57 minutes

Through the stories of four families, including the filmmaker's own, this film explores the growing phenomenon of gay fatherhood and its impact on American culture. It delves into the particular challenges facing gay men who decide to become dads, including surrogacy, interracial adoption, the complexities of gay divorce, and the battle for full legal status as parents.

Material Title: **Daddy, Papa, and Me* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Lesléa Newman *Children's Books* 2009 17 pages

This hard back book child sized book written for very young children presents a family with two fathers engaged in everyday parenting activities.

Material Title: **Embracing the Journey: A Christian Parents' Blueprint to Loving Your LGBTQ Child**

Author: Greg McDonald & Lynn McDonald *Books* 2019 256

A sympathetic, compassionate, and inspiring guide for parents, from the founders of one of the first Christian ministries for parents of LGBTQ children.

Greg and Lynn McDonald had never interacted with members of the LGBTQ community until they discovered that their son was gay—and without resources or support, they had no idea how to handle this discovery. At first they tried to “fix” him, to no avail. But even in the earliest days of their journey, the McDonalds clung to two absolutes: they would love God, and they would love their son.

This book follows the McDonald family's journey over the next twenty years, from a place of grief to a place of gratitude and acceptance that led the McDonalds' to start one of the first Christian ministries for parents of LGBTQ children. Based on their experience from counseling and coaching hundreds of struggling Christian parents, they offer tools for understanding your own emotional patterns and spiritual challenges. They also help you experience a deeper relationship with God while handling difficult or unexpected situations that are out of your control. You will discover tested principles, patterns, and spiritual lessons that can change the way we all see our families, and help Christians at large think though Christ-like ways to respond to the LGBTQ community.

Written in an unvarnished, honest, reassuring, and relatable voice, this is a practical guide for parents and a roadmap to learning to love God, the people He created, and the church, even when they seem to be at odds.

Material Title: **Family Influences on Childhood Behavior and Development: Evidence-Based Prevention and Treatment Approaches**

Author: Thomas Gullotta and Gary M. Blau *Books* 2008 327 pages

This collection of 13 essays intended for clinicians examines factors associated with families in distress and factors that promote healthy coping skills and resilience. The first 5 chapters explore what family means today, circumstances that can make family life challenging or painful, and how prevention and treatment approaches can help. The next 8 chapters focus on potentially distressing events, including adoption, divorce, stepfamilies, lesbian and gay families, foster care, parents with mental illnesses, physical abuse, and sexual abuse.

Material Title: **Family Therapy Magazine: May/June 2004**

Author: Periodical *Periodicals* *ay/June 2004* 8 articles

This issue of Family Therapy Magazine, a journal of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, is dedicated to “Adoption Trends and the Role of Family Therapy.” It contains eight articles on adoption. The magazine can be checked out of the ORPARC library just as books or tapes can. Contact us by phone or email if you would like to borrow a copy of this unique issue.

Material Title: **Gay Men Choosing Parenthood**

Author: Gerald P. Mallon *Books* 2004 147 pages

This book uses case studies, interviews and research to present an affirming look at gay parenthood. It presents the journey of gay males who have become parents through foster care, adoption and other kinship relationships. Social climate, support service issues, and comparison to heterosexual parenting are explored.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Gender Book, The**
Author: Mel & Jay Reiff Hill & Mays *Books* 2014 90

the GENDER book A gender 101 for everyone Follow the adventures of Boston's personal gender exploration in the GENDER book, a colorful, all-ages visual primer on the world of gender. You'll meet along the way new friends: drag queens and kings, intersex folks, genderqueer individuals, and others under the transgender umbrella. They'll introduce you to new and familiar topics in a way that is accessible, nonjudgmental, and fun! Enjoy the 90-page fully illustrated book in one sitting, or come back to it again and again. You'll appreciate the countless hours of research, more than 200 questionnaires, and dozens of one-on-one interviews with members of the communities depicted. The result represents an agreement of many diverse community voices and a huge step forward in the world of gender

Material Title: **Growing Up Trans: Inside the Struggles and Choices Facing Transgender Kids and Their Families (DVD)**
Author: PBS *DVDs* 2015 *our 30 mins*

Go on an intimate and eye-opening journey inside a new frontier. Told from the perspective of parents, doctors, and, most revealing of all, eight transgender kids themselves, ranging in ages from 9 to 19, FRONTLINE takes a powerful look at this new generation, exploring the medical possibilities, struggles, and choices transgender kids and their families face today.

Material Title: **Handful of Buttons, A**
Author: Carmen Parets Luque *Children's Books* 2018 28

Not all families are the same. Each family is different, unique and special. This is the beginning of a children's book about family diversity. What types of families are there? And what special thing makes them a family? These are some of the answers we want to offer to encourage tolerance towards others.

Material Title: **Heather Has Two Mommies* (Children's Material)**
Author: Lesléa Newman *Children's Books* 2009 25 pages

This is a "special twentieth anniversary edition of the classic children's book with the enduring message that will appeal to readers of all ages and backgrounds: the most important thing about any family is that all of the people in it love each other". This edition includes a retrospective by the author.

Material Title: **Helping Your Transgender Teen; A Guide for Parents (Second Edition)**
Author: Irwin Krieger *Books*

Going through puberty and adolescence presents unwelcome changes for many transgender youth, and this book provides advice to parents of transgender teens to help them understand what their child is experiencing and feeling during this challenging time.

Addressing common fears and concerns that parents of transgender teens share, the book guides them through steps they can take with their child, including advice on hormones and surgery and how to transition socially. It addresses the recent increase in teens presenting with non-binary identities, and reflects major legal, social and medical developments regarding transgender issues. The author's insights are gained from his professional experience of providing psychotherapy regarding gender identity. He provides resources and further reading to help parents expand their knowledge.

Although aimed predominantly at parents, this book is useful for anyone working with teenagers and young adults as it provides many answers to common questions about adolescent gender identity.

Material Title: **Home at Last**
Author: Vera B Williams *Children's Books* 2016 40

After Lester is adopted by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he develops a big problem—he can't fall asleep. Night after night he creeps into his parents' room and attempts to crawl in between his two daddies, confident that if he's with them and their dog, Wincka, nothing bad will happen to him ever again. But every night, Lester's new dads walk him back to his own room, hoping that eventually Lester will get used to the new house and his new family and feel as though he belongs. They buy him a bike and take him for ice cream. They make cocoa and introduce him to his cousins. But no matter how happy Lester seems during the day, he still gets scared and worried at night! It's the sweet dog Wincka who finally solves the problem when she climbs into Lester's bed and promptly falls asleep, serving as both his pillow and his protector. Lester feels home at last.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **House for Everyone, A; A Story to Help Children Learn about Gender Identity and Gender Expression**

Author: Jo Hirst *Children's Books* 05/21/2018 32

At lunchtime, all of Tom's friends gather at school to work together building their house. Each one of them has a special job to do, and each one of them has a different way of expressing their gender identity.

Jackson is a boy who likes to wear dresses. Ivy is a girl who likes her hair cut really short. Alex doesn't feel like 'just' a boy, or 'just' a girl. They are all the same, they are all different - but they are all friends.

A very simple story that challenges gender stereotypes and shows 4 to 8 year olds that it is OK to be yourself. An engaging story that is more than just an educational tool; this book will assist parents and teachers in giving children the space to explore the full spectrum of gender diversity and will show children the many ways they can express their gender in a truly positive light.

Material Title: **How My Family Came to Be - Daddy, Papa and Me* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Andrew R. Aldrich and Mike Motz *Children's Books* 2003 22 pages

"The day I was born was a happy day."

Told with simple words and playful illustrations, this book clearly addresses for a young audience the changing makeup of families. The story grew out of the author's need to explain to his son how their family came to be and what "family" means. Narrated from the perspective of a school-aged child, the book shows how his family was created and that families are made up of people who love each other.

Material Title: **In Our Mother's House**

Author: Patricia Polacco *Books* 2009 48 pages

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 Meema'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.

Here is a true Polacco story of a family, living by their own rules, and the strength they gain by the love they feel.

Material Title: **In the System and In the Life: A Guide for Teens and Staff to the Gay Experience in Foster Care**

Author: Youth Communication *Children's Books* 2003

The special challenges of coming out while in care are explored through stories by gay and straight teens and staff. Activities for every story make this book ideal for staff training or classes.

Material Title: **King & King & Family* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Linda de Hann and Stern Nijland *Children's Books* 2004 28 pages

It's time for King Lee and King Bertie's royal honey-moon. Hippos, crocodiles, and snakes - oh my! Little do the regal travelers know that the jungle holds much more - perhaps even the secret to fulfilling their hearts's fondest wish for a family of their own.

Originally published in the Netherlands, King & King presents same-sex marriage as a viable, acceptable way of life within an immediately recognizable narrative form, the fairy tale.

Material Title: **Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples, A (Eleventh Edition)**

Author: Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford & Frederick Hertz *Books* 2002 173 pages

Laws designed to protect married heterosexual couples don't apply to lesbian and gay couples - you need to take specific legal steps to define and protect your relationships in the eyes of the law. This practical, plain-English guide shows lesbian and gay couples how to: make practical decisions about living together; obtain domestic partner benefits; make medical decisions for each other in times of illness or incapacity; take care of a partner's finances in times of absence or incapacity; leave property to each other; understand the practical and legal aspects of having and raising children through adoption, donor insemination, surrogacy or foster parenting.

Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Families: Redefining Parenting in America**

Author: Jill S. Pollack *Books* 1995 106 pages

This book introduces the reader to seven gay or lesbian families. Their firsthand testimony becomes a vehicle for exploring the many roads to parenthood including adoption, alternative insemination, and previous heterosexual relationships. Pollack establishes that love, not heterosexuality, makes a family.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents**
Author: Gerald M. Mallon *Books* 2006 96 pages

This book explores myths and prejudices that influence attitudes towards lesbians and gay men as parents, examines how the development of legislation over the years has influenced perceptions of lesbians and gay men as parents, and explores ways for social workers to more effectively support lesbian and gay adopters and foster parents once they have been matched with a child or youth.

Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Foster Care and Adoption (Second Edition)**
Author: Stephen & Janet Hicks & McDermott *Books* 7/19/2018 269

The authors outline how the experience of adopting and fostering has changed for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people over the years, major changes in policy, and what the research can tell us about LGBT parenting. They interview families involved at different stages of the fostering and adoption process, from those undergoing assessments through to the experienced foster carers and adopters who were interviewed for the first edition of this book 20 years previously. While the number of LGBT people adopting or fostering has increased since then, some of the very real challenges still endure - including social stigma, homophobia and discriminatory policies - and families share some of the strategies they have used to help to address them.

Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Fostering and Adoption**
Author: Stephen Hicks *Books* 1999 199 pages

This book presents a collection of personal accounts given by singles and couples in Great Britain who have fostered or adopted children. It also includes an editorial essay which examines the many issues involved when lesbians or gay men choose this method of building a family

Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Youth Issues: A Practical Guide for Youth Workers**
Author: Gerald P. Mallon *Books* 2001 121

This book is designed to help youth care providers increase their knowledge and skills in working with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning (GLBTQ) youth and their families in a variety of settings. It provides basic information about working with this often invisible population and focuses on important issues surrounding the "coming out" process; family relations; discrimination and antigay violence; creating healthy social environments for GLBTQ youth; relationships and dating; and an array of specific, unique issues.

Material Title: **Lesbians and Gay Men as Foster Parents**
Author: Wendell Ricketts *Books* 1991 166 pages

Through facts, arguments and personal stories, Mr. Ricketts diffuses stereotypes and clearly shows both the need for and the goodness of lesbian and gay foster parents. This book will be of immense value to agency administrators, policy makers, social workers, and all members of the helping professions.

Material Title: **Let's Get This Straight: The Ultimate Handbook for Youth with LGBTQ Parents**
Author: Tina Fakhrid-Deen *Children's Books* 2010 176 pages

In Let's Get This Straight, Tina Fakhrid-Deen and COLAGE, a national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent/s, are on a mission to provide kids of LGBTQ parents with the tools they need to: become more self-aware and affirming; maintain healthy relationships with their parents; address discrimination and heterosexism and combat homophobia; discuss important questions about what it means to be part of an LGBTQ family; build strong self-esteem and sense of belonging; respond effectively when challenged about being in a sexual minority family; reduce the isolation, fear, shame, and confusion that can be associated with having gay parents.

Material Title: **Love Makes a Family**
Author: Sophie Beer *Books* 2018 24 pages

This fun, inclusive board book celebrates the one thing that makes every family a family . . . and that's LOVE. Love is baking a special cake. Love is lending a helping hand. Love is reading one more book. In this exuberant board book, many different families are shown in happy activity, from an early-morning wake-up to a kiss before bed. Whether a child has two moms, two dads, one parent, or one of each, this simple preschool read-aloud demonstrates that what's most important in each family's life is the love the family members share.

Material Title: **Love Makes a Family: Gay Parents in the 90's (VHS)**
Author: Remco Kobus *Videotapes* 1991 16 minutes

By Remco Kobus, Marla Leech, and Daniel Veltri. In this video, we meet a lesbian single mother who shares parenting with the gay father of her son; a lesbian couple who care for one's children by a previous marriage; and a gay male couple with two adopted sons. Also interviewed are a clinical psychologist and a therapist who work with gay families. These appealing case studies provide an affirmation of gay parenting rather than a how-to manual.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Mom and Mum are Getting Married!* (Children's Material)**
Author: Ken Setterington *Children's Books* 2004 24 pages

"When Rosie finds out that her two mothers are planning to get married, she has only one worry...will she get to be a flower girl?" This children's book features "a joyful celebration of love and family in a changing world". This is a book for early elementary age children.

Material Title: **Mommy, Mama, and Me* (Children's Material)**
Author: Lesléa Newman *Children's Books* 2009 17 pages

This hard back child sized book written for very young children presents a family with two mothers engaged in everyday parenting activities.

Material Title: **My Two Moms and Me**
Author: Michael Joosten *Children's Books* 2019 22 pages

Families with same-sex parents are celebrated in this board book that follows busy moms and their kids throughout their day—eating breakfast, going on a playdate, heading to the pool for a swim, and settling back in at night with a bedtime story and a good-night lullaby. LGBTQ+ parents and their friends and families will welcome this inclusive and cheerful book that reflects their own lives and family makeup.

Material Title: **One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dads* (Children's Material)**
Author: Johnny Valentine *Children's Books* 1994 27 pages

This humorous book for elementary age children uses the concept of blue dads to introduce the idea of how there are similarities among all dads even if they are a different color. It allows a child to examine differences in light of how people still share common traits.

Material Title: **Our Daughters and Sons: Questions and Answers for Parents of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual People**
Author: PFLAG *Books* 1995 23 pages

This booklet, from Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), addresses questions commonly asked by parents of children who are gay. It covers such topics as the definition of homosexuality, religion, STD's, and how parents can be supportive of their children during the "coming out" process. In addition, this booklet contains a list of many other helpful resources for both gay people and their parents.

Material Title: **Out With It: Gay and Straight Teens Write About Homosexuality* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Youth Communication *Children's Books* 1996 113 pages

Young people today are aware of gays and lesbians in almost every area of their lives, yet they rarely get a chance to talk openly about it. Here, young people speak in their own voices about the myriad ways they encounter - and deal with - homosexuality. Their brave and honest work provides a point of departure for teen readers trying to make sense of some very complicated issues.

Material Title: **Phoenix Goes to School; A Story to Support Transgender and Gender Diverse Children**
Author: Michelle Finch *Children's Books* 07/19/2018 40

Phoenix wants to wear her favourite purple dress to express her gender, but she is scared of being bullied on her first day of school. Follow Phoenix's journey as she arrives at school, makes some friends, stands up for herself, and helps us learn to be true to who we really are.

Material Title: **Queer: The Ultimate LGBTQ Guide for Teens**
Author: Kathy Belge *Children's Books* 2019 208

Teen life is hard enough, but for teens who are LGBTQ, it can be even harder. When do you decide to come out? Will your friends accept you? And how do you meet people to date? Queer is a humorous, engaging, and honest guide that helps LGBTQ teens come out to friends and family, navigate their social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and challenge bigotry and homophobia. Personal stories from the authors and sidebars on queer history provide relatable context. This completely revised and updated edition is a must-read for any teen who thinks they might be queer or knows someone who is.

Material Title: **Real Sisters Pretend**
Author: Megan Lambert Dowd *Books* 2016 32 pages

Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," stepsisters Mia and Tayja improvise an imaginary adventure with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Sex is a Funny Word: A Book About Bodies, Feelings, and You**
Author: Cory Silverberg *Children's Books* 2015 160

A comic book for kids that includes children and families of all makeups, orientations, and gender identities, Sex Is a Funny Word is an essential resource about bodies, gender, and sexuality for children ages 8 to 10 as well as their parents and caregivers. Much more than the "facts of life" or "the birds and the bees," Sex Is a Funny Word opens up conversations between young people and their caregivers in a way that allows adults to convey their values and beliefs while providing information about boundaries, safety, and joy.

Material Title: **Sex, Teens, and Everything in Between: The New and Necessary Conversations Today's Teenagers Need to Have about Consent, Sexual Harassment, Healthy Relationships, Love, and More**
Author: Shafia Zaloom *Books* 2019 352

Many American teens are steeped in a culture that sends unsettling messages about sex, through everything from politics to music to the normalization of porn. In today's environment, it's crucial that teens be able to ask hard questions about how to take care of themselves, make decisions that reflect their values, and stay safe. In Sex, Teens, and Everything in Between, veteran teen sex educator and mother of three Shafia Zaloom helps you discuss a wide variety of sex-related topics with your teens, including:

How to get and give consent

What it means to have "good" sex

How to help prevent sexual harassment and assault

How to stay safe in difficult situations

The legal consequences of sexual harassment and assault, and what to do if a teen experiences assault or is accused of it

Stories from survivors of sexual assault

Approachable, engaging, and with real-life scenarios and discussion questions in every chapter, Sex, Teens, and Everything in Between is a must-have resource that gives parents and educators the tools they need to have meaningful conversations with teens about what sex can and should be.

Material Title: **Sissy Duckling, The* (Children's Material)**
Author: Harvey Fierstein *Children's Books* 2002 37 pages

In this story for young children, the main character, a juvenile duck named Elmer, enjoys such non-traditional activities as baking and puppet shows and as a result he becomes the object of bullying and ridicule, even by his father, until an event occurs that changes the way the rest of the duck population views Elmer. The reviews of this children's book describe this as "an incredibly empowering book for boys who've felt different or picked on" and "a parable in which individuals succeed when they stay true to themselves."

Material Title: **Song for Lost Angels, A: How Daddy & Pappa Fought to Save Their Family**
Author: Kevin Fisher-Paulson *Books* 227 pages

This book tells the intimate history of a family of two men plus triplets that came together suddenly one day, and thrived for a year before being torn apart by groundless prejudice. San Francisco author Kevin Fisher-Paulson tells this riveting story with grace, dignity, and a surprisingly generous dose of humor. A Song for Lost Angels takes the discussion of gay marriage to the next level, where the rights and struggles of gay parents and their kids can be openly recognized. This family history will make you laugh, cry, and sometimes sputter with outrage, even as it redefines what Americans call "family values." Originally published by Fearless Books, this Second Edition has been updated with a new selection of photos. A German edition is published by Edition Spuren. Finalist, LGBT Category, 2015 Benjamin Franklin Awards, Independent Book Publishers Association Finalist, GBLT Category and Finalist, Memoirs Category, 2015 Next Generation Indie Book Awards

Material Title: **Stella Brings the Family**
Author: Miriam B. Schiffer *Children's Books* 2015 36

Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Tale of Two Daddies, A**
Author: Vanita Oelschlager *Children's Books* 2010 42

A Tale of Two Daddies is a playground conversation between two children. The boy says he heard that the girl has two dads. The girl says that is right. She has Daddy and Poppa. True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. "Which dad helps when your team needs a coach? / Which dad cooks you eggs and toast?" To which she answers: "Daddy is my soccer coach. / Poppa cooks me eggs and toast."

A Tale of Two Daddies is intended for 4-8 year olds. It becomes clear that the family bond is unburdened by any cultural discomforts. This book introduces a type of family increasingly visible in our society. Neither favoring nor condemning, this book reflects a child's practical and innocent look at the adults who nurture and love her.

Material Title: **Tale of Two Mommies, A**
Author: Vanita Oelschlager *Children's Books* 2011 40

A Tale of Two Mommies is a beach conversation among three children. One boy asks another boy about having two mommies. A young girl listening in asks some questions too. True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. "Which mom is there when you want to go fishing? / Which mom helps out when Kitty goes missing?" To which he answers: "Mommy helps when I want to go fishing. / Both Mommies help when Kitty goes missing."

A Tale of Two Mommies is intended for 4-8 year olds.

This book lets us look inside one non-traditional family, a same sex couple and their son. As the children talk, it's clear this boy lives in a nurturing environment where the biggest issues are the everyday challenges of growing up.

Material Title: **Tango Makes Three, And* (Children's Material)**
Author: Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell *Children's Books* 2005 28 pages

This young children's story is based upon true events that occurred at the Central Park Zoo. Two male penguins, Roy and Silo, who became a couple, successfully adopt, incubate, hatch and nurture a fertile egg from another penguin couple. Her name is Tango. She is often seen in the company of her two proud fathers proving once again "that all kinds of love can create a family."

Material Title: **The Adoption Reader: Birth Mothers, Adoptive Mothers, and Adopted Daughters Tell Their Stories**
Author: Susan Wadai-Ells *Books* 1995 272 pages

With eloquence and conviction, more than thirty birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters explore what is a deeply emotional, sometimes controversial and always compelling experience that affects millions of families and individuals. These personal essays and stories are informed by the contemporary adoption movement and raise timely issues that illustrate its complexity, among them: open and closed adoption, cross-cultural adoption, the birth record debate, the experience of biracial adoptees, adoption by lesbian couples, and the search for identity.

Material Title: **This Is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids: A Question & Answer Guide to Everyday Life**
Author: Dannielle Owens-Reid & Kristin Russo *Books* 2014 240

Written in an accessible Q&A format, here, finally, is the go-to resource for parents hoping to understand and communicate with their gay child. Through their LGBTQ-oriented site, the authors are uniquely experienced to answer parents' many questions and share insight and guidance on both emotional and practical topics. Filled with real-life experiences from gay kids and parents, this is the book gay kids want their parents to read.

Material Title: **Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals, The**
Author: Stephanie A. Brill *Books* 2008 252 pages

This comprehensive first of its kind guidebook explores the unique challenges that thousands of families face every day raising their children in every city and state. Through extensive research and interviews, as well as years of experience working in the field, the authors cover gender variance from birth through college. How can I best raise my gender variant or transgender child with love and compassion, even when I barely understand the issues ahead of us? And what is gender, anyway? These questions and more are answered in this book offering a deeper understanding of gender variant and transgender children and teens.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Transgender Children and Youth: Cultivating Pride and Joy with Families in Transition**
Author: Elijah C. Nealy *Books* 2017 448

A comprehensive guide to the medical, emotional, and social issues of trans kids.

These days, it is practically impossible not to hear about some aspect of transgender life. Whether it is the bathroom issue in North Carolina, trans people in the military, or on television, trans life has become front and center after years of marginalization.

And kids are coming out as trans at younger and younger ages, which is a good thing for them.

But what written resources are available to parents, teachers, and mental health professionals who need to support these children?

Elijah C. Nealy, a therapist and former deputy executive director of New York City's LGBT Community Center, and himself a trans man, has written the first-ever comprehensive guide to understanding, supporting, and welcoming trans kids.

Covering everything from family life to school and mental health issues, as well as the physical, social, and emotional aspects of transition, this book is full of best practices to support trans kids.

Material Title: **Transgender Teen: A Handbook for Parents and Professionals Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary, The**
Author: Stephanie A. Brill *Books* 2016 338 pages

There is a generational divide in our understandings of gender. This comprehensive guidebook helps to bridge that divide by exploring the unique challenges that thousands of families face every day raising a teenager who may be transgender, non-binary, gender-fluid or otherwise gender-expansive. Combining years of experience working in the field with extensive research and personal interviews, the authors cover pressing concerns relating to physical and emotional development, social and school pressures, medical considerations, and family communications. Learn how parents can more deeply understand their children, and raise their non-binary or transgender adolescent with love and compassion.

Material Title: **Two Dads: A Book about Adoption**
Author: Carolyn Robertson *Children's Books* 2014 26 pages

Having Two Dads is double the fun! Many families are different, this family has Two Dads. A beautifully illustrated, affirming story of life with Two Dads, written from the perspective of their adopted child.

Material Title: **Ultimate Guide for Gay Dads, The: Everything You Need to Know About LGBTQ Parenting But Are (Mostly) Afraid to Ask**
Author: Eric Rosswood *Books* 2017 248

How Is This Parenting Guide Different From Others? Unlike other parenting books that have whole chapters focusing on things specifically related to mothers (such as how to get the perfect latch when breastfeeding), this parenting book replaces those sections with things relevant to gay dads. It covers topics like how to find LGBT friendly pediatricians, how to find LGBT friendly schools, how to childproof your home with style, how to answer awkward and prying questions about your family from strangers, examples for what two-dad families can do on Mother's Day, and much more. The book also includes parenting tips and advice from pediatricians, school educators, lawyers, and other same-sex parents.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Unconditional: A Guide to Loving and Supporting Your LGBTQ Child**

Author: Telaina Eriksen

Books

2017

244

"Unconditional: A Guide to Loving and Supporting Your LGBTQ Child" provides parents of a LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning) child with a framework for helping their LGBTQ child navigate through a world that isn't always welcoming. Author Telaina Eriksen, a professor at Michigan State University and the mother of a gay daughter, explains what she and her husband have learned through experience, including how to:

Deal with gay children coming out

Confront bullying of gay children

Become an advocate for gay children

Build a support system in a gay family

Gender and sexuality: Eriksen also covers the science on gender and sexuality and how to help a transgender child through the various stages of development. Throughout the book parents and kids who have been there, share their stories. She also directs gay family parents to various resources online to help them.

LGBTQ parents will learn...

How to help their child navigate locker rooms, sleepovers, proms, etc.

When to involve the police or school administration when it comes to bullying

How to advocate for local, state and national policies that protect your child

Ways to educate well-meaning, but misguided extended family members

How to help start a Gay-Straight Alliance at your child's school

Strategies for keeping your child talking after he or she comes out

Signs of unhealthy relationships

When to consider therapy for your child and/or your family

How to find an LGBTQ-friendly community (including inclusive churches)

Material Title: **Velveteen Father, The**

Author: Jesse Green

Books

1999

240 pages

Being a parent was not a high priority for acclaimed journalist and novelist Jesse Green, but when, at the age of 37, he fell in love with a man who had recently adopted a baby boy, fatherhood suddenly fell into his lap. In this warm, humorous, deeply personal book, Green recounts the unexpected journey he and his partner traveled together on the road to parenthood.

Material Title: **Vincent the Vixen: A Story to Help Children Learn about Gender Identity**

Author: Alice Reeves

Children's Books

Vincent is a fox who loves to play dress-up with their brothers and sisters, but when they always choose to dress up as female characters, Vincent's siblings begin to wonder why. Vincent knows they are actually a girl more than anything else, and with the support of friends and family they transition to living as their true self. This is the fun and sensitive story of one fox's journey to realise their gender identity and the importance of being who you are.

Part of the Truth & Tails series, which aims to eliminate prejudices and encourage acceptance in young children aged 4-8, this story of growing up transgender is accompanied by hand-drawn, watercolour illustrations.

Material Title: **We Are... GLBTQ (DVD)**

Author: DVD

DVDs

2007

40 minutes

This DVD features the voices of youth and their caregivers and also a professional from Lifespan who provided definitions, cautions, facts vs. myths that would be very helpful to any family who is parenting a GLBTQ youth. Some of the youths' stories speak about the risks of coming out, such as the rejection and ostracization that they experience. Both youths in foster care and adoption were featured.

Material Title: **What if Someone I Know Is Gay? Answers to Questions About Gay and Lesbian People**

Author: Eric Marcus

Children's Books

2007

138 pages

Aimed at teenagers, this book breaks down the stereotypes surrounding homosexuality. Written in question-and-answer form, the author answers real questions from real teenagers about everything from sex to religion. He pushes aside all of the myths and misinformation to help kids understand what being gay is really all about.

LGBTQ Issues

Material Title: **Which One of You is the Mother?: The Absolutely Positively True Adoption Story of Two Gay Guys**
Author: Sean Michael O'Donnell *Books* 2015 128

After fifteen years of up-all-night gay disco dance parties, Sean O'Donnell and his longtime partner Todd decided to trade in their leather chaps for mom jeans and start a family. In August 2012 the not-so ambiguously gay duo walked into a Pittsburgh-based adoption agency and said, "We'd like a child, please." For the next several months they attended parenting classes, subjected themselves to probing FBI background checks, and completed enough paperwork to reforest the whole of the Amazon River basin. Despite lacking a magical baby-making vagina the pair successfully made omelets without eggs when in July 2013 they flew to Oregon to meet their seven-year-old son for the first time. No longer Sean and Todd they would now be forever known as Dad and Papa to the observant boy ("So that's how you sleep.") with a million questions ("Do you have a girlfriend?", "Where do babies come from?", "What's gay?") No sooner had they settled into their new roles when the stork returned the following year, delivering another boy who quickly proved that five-year-olds were basically talking babies who could use the toilet. Which One of You is the Mother? is the story of how two gay guys finally met the two kids who were always meant to be their sons. This is a book that celebrates a different kind of family who just happens to be like every other family on the block. Only gayer. And funnier.

Material Title: **Who's in My Family?* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Robie Harris H. *Children's Books* 2012 40 pages

Join Nellie and Gus and their family — plus all manner of other families — for a day at the zoo, where they see animal families galore! To top off their day, Nellie and Gus invite friends and relatives for a fun dinner at home. Accessible, humorous, and full of charming illustrations depicting families of many configurations, this engaging story interweaves conversations between the siblings and a matter-of-fact text, making it clear to every child that whoever makes up your family, it is perfectly normal — and totally wonderful.