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Pushing Back with Love & Joy: **Why Queer** **Representation Matters**

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Hello!

Dr. Julie Hoffman



I used to be a
Survivor.
Now, I want to be a
Thriver.
I am invested in
YOUR thriving, too!

Dr. Cindi Koudelka



Trying to follow Miss
Rumphius' advice
and make this world
a more beautiful
place.

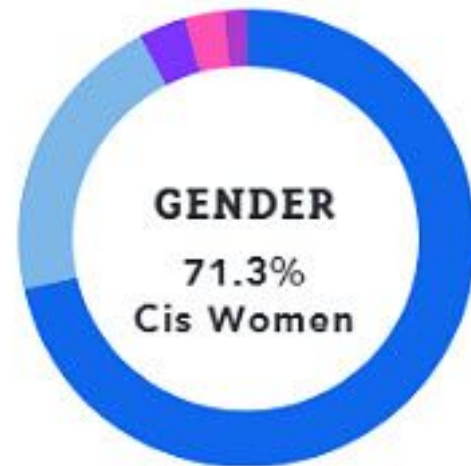
Melissa Wheeler



I want to be a person
who lives a life that
leaves a legacy of
love. I aim to include,
to be an ally, to stand
up for, and to
champion others.



- 68.7% Straight/Heterosexual
- 14% Bisexual/Pansexual
- 5.8% Choose not to disclose
- 4% Gay
- 3.8% Asexual/Demisexual
- 3% Lesbian



- 71.3% Cis woman
- 20.6% Cis man
- 3.4% Choose not to disclose
- 2.6% Nonbinary
- 1.6% Genderqueer/Gender expansive

Mirrors transform the human experience and reflect it back to the reader, and telescopes use multiple mirrors to **gather light from hazy futures and clouded otherworlds to make faraway, liberatory ideas clearer and brighter**. Windows offer views of real, imagined, strange, or familiar worlds, and **telescopes provide views of liberating futures and otherwise worlds**. Through telescopes, children—especially those whose access to futures and fantasies has been distorted by violence and oppression—will be able to see that those futuristic and fantastical landscapes are actually closer than they first appeared to be.”



Dr. Rudine Sims
Bishop



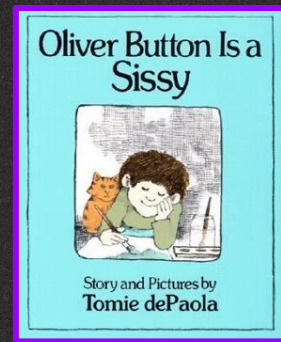
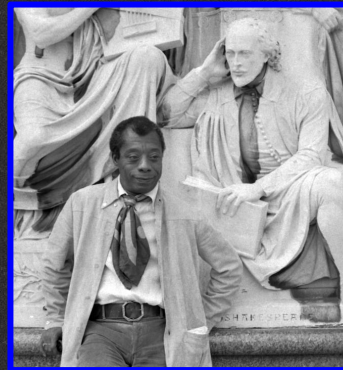
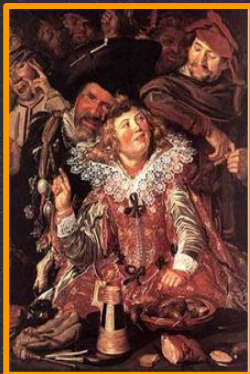
Stephanie R. Toliver

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—Toliver, S. (2021)



LGBTQIA+ Representation Across Time



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SOME LGBTQ+ STATS

7.2

Americans who self-identify as
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
or NOT Heterosexual

11.2

Millennials who self-identify as
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
or NOT Heterosexual

19.7

Gen Z-ers who self-identify as
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
or NOT Heterosexual

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The percentage of young members
of the LGBT community who
contemplated suicide in the past
year.

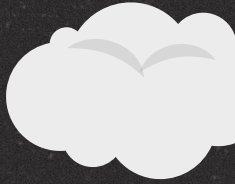
60% of LGBTQ youth who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

LGBTQ youth report significantly lower rates of suicide attempts when they . . .

- ★ live in an accepting community
- ★ feel high social support from their family
- ★ find their school to be LGBTQ-affirming

Fewer than 1 in 3 transgender and nonbinary youth are in gender-affirming homes.

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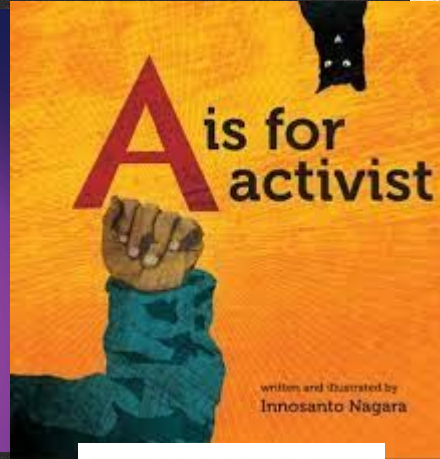
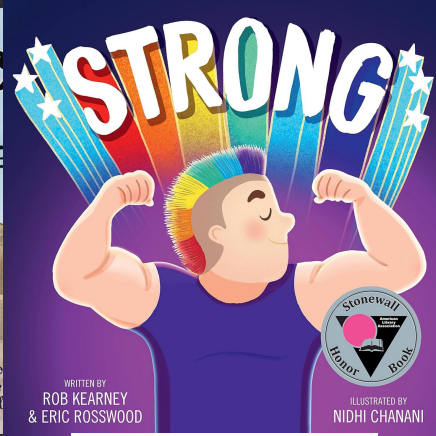
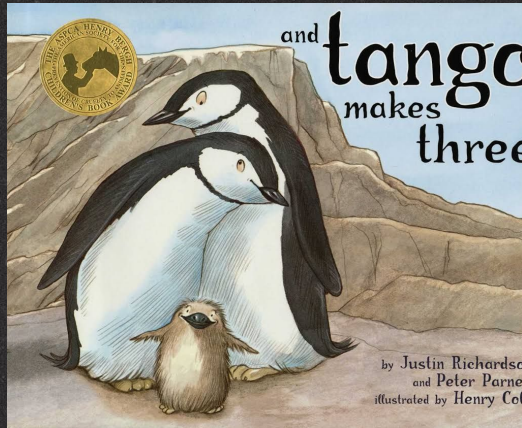
INTERSECTIONALITY

This intersection of identities may, in turn, present distinct stressors for some LGBTQ+ young people compared to others, and minority stress may be most persistent and problematic for youth who occupy multiple marginalized social positions (Cyrus, 2017).



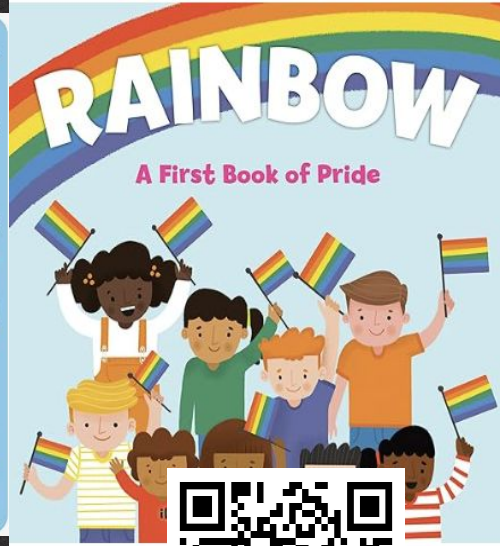
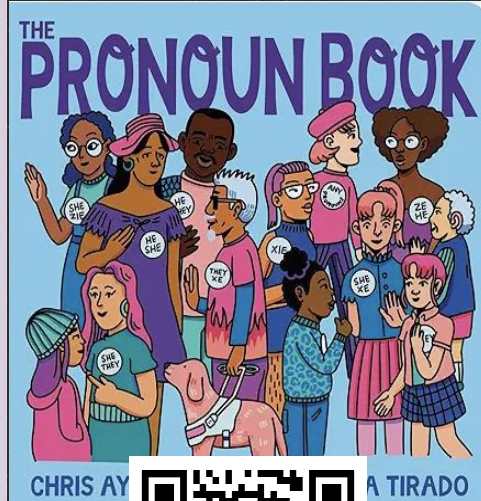
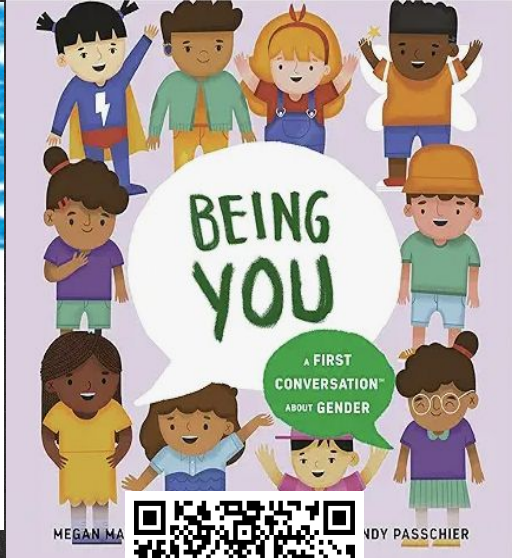
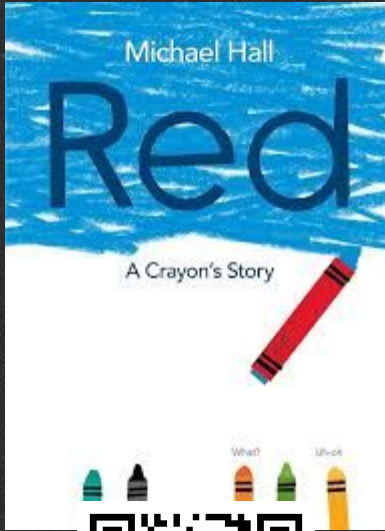
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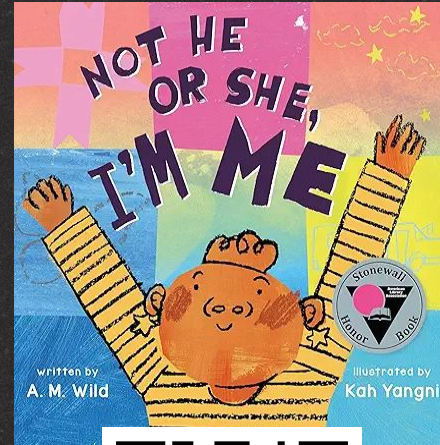
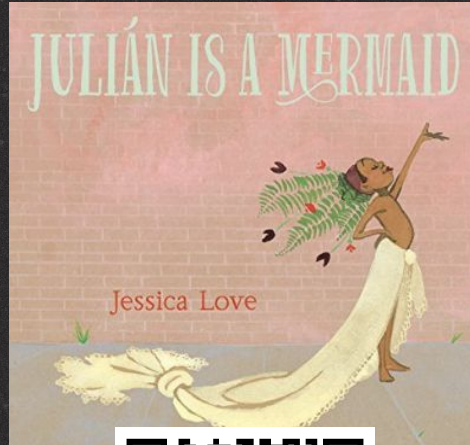
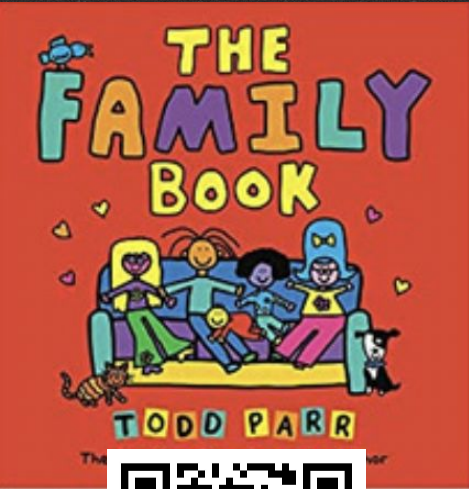
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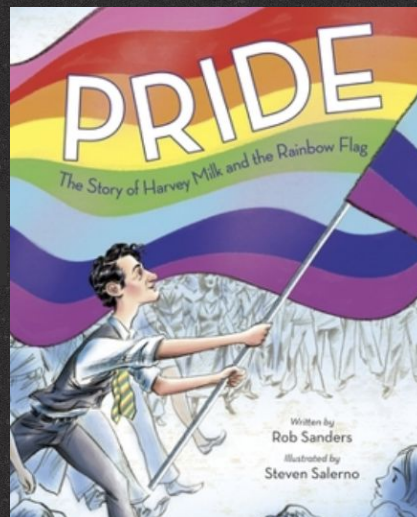
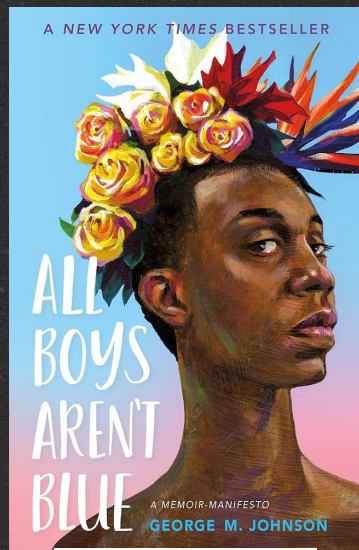
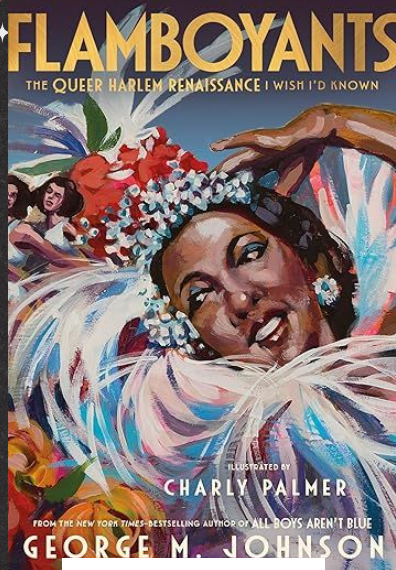
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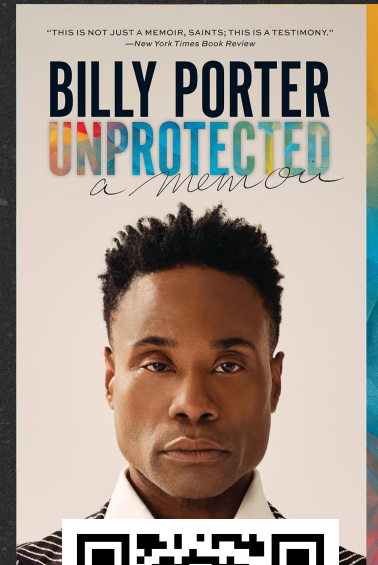
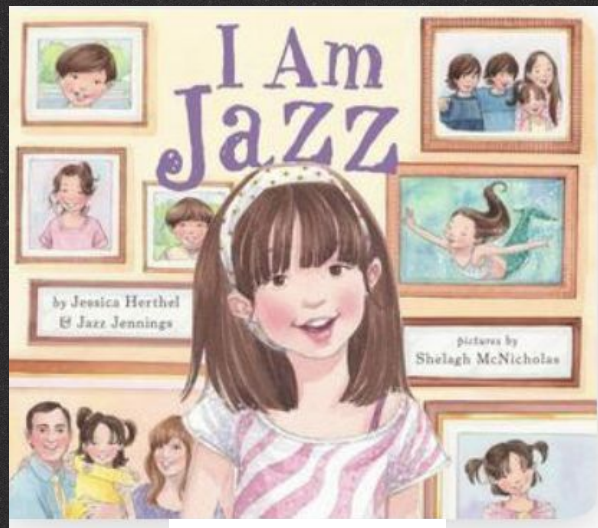
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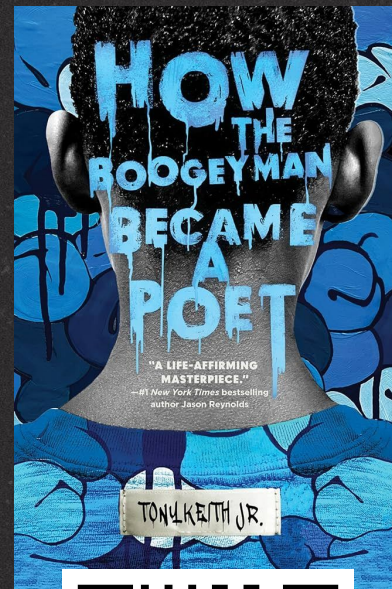
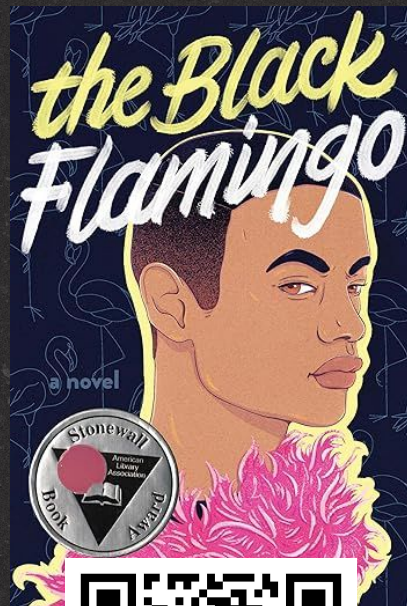
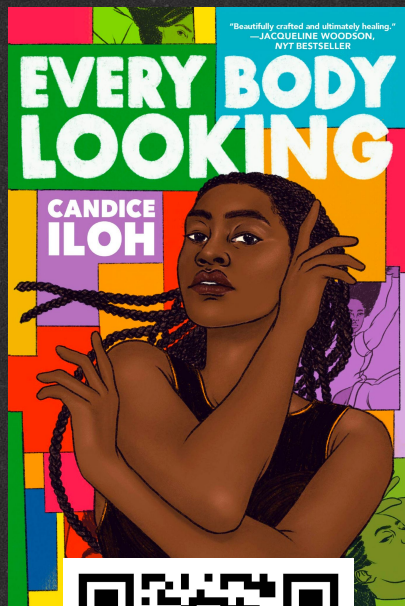
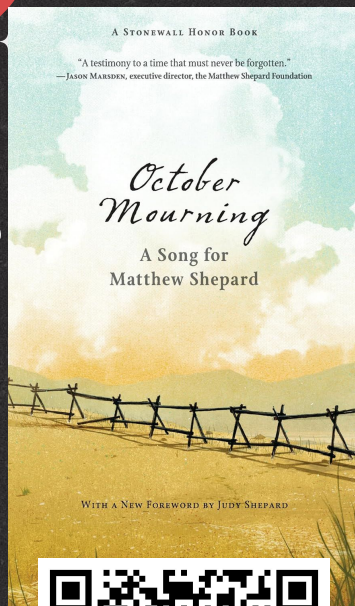
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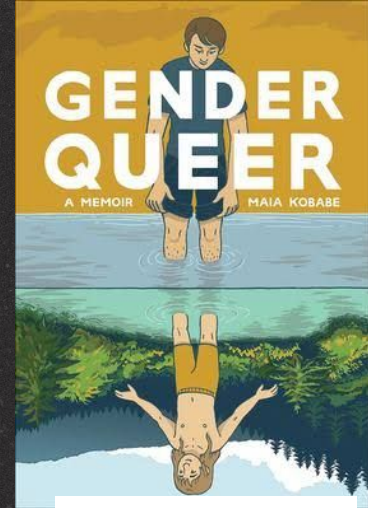
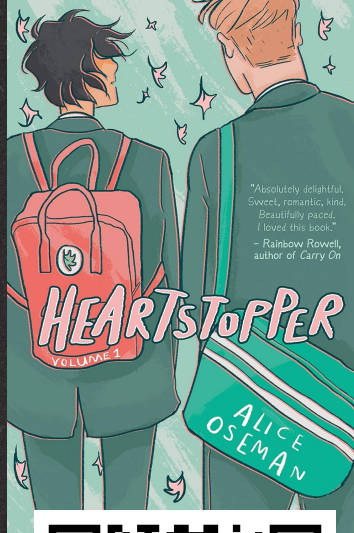
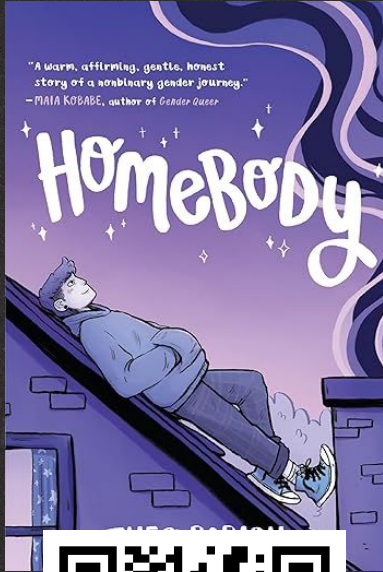
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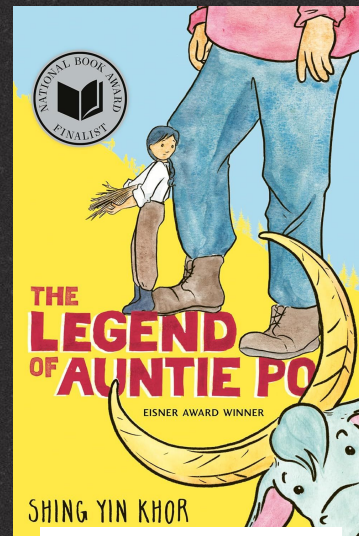
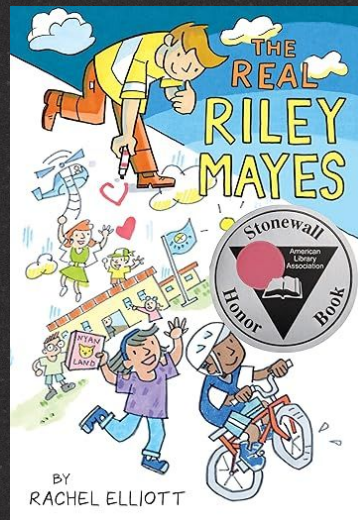
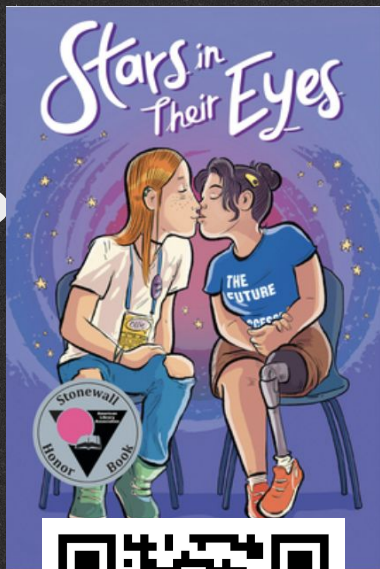
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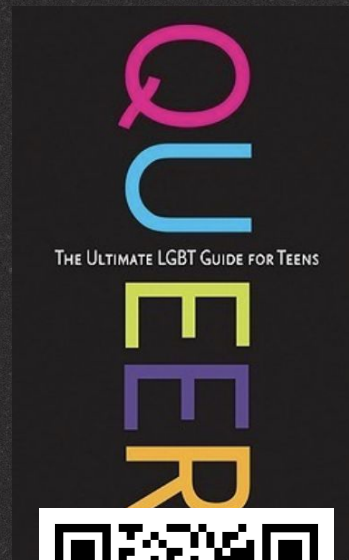
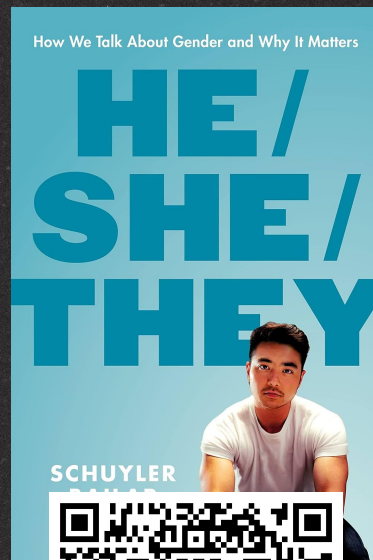
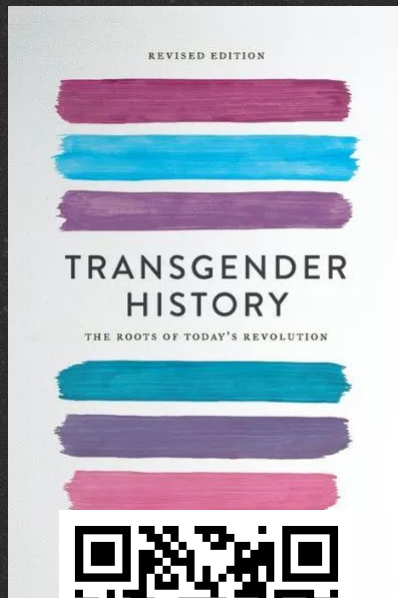
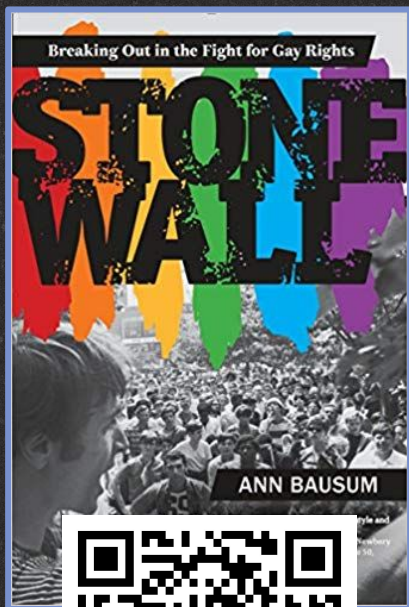
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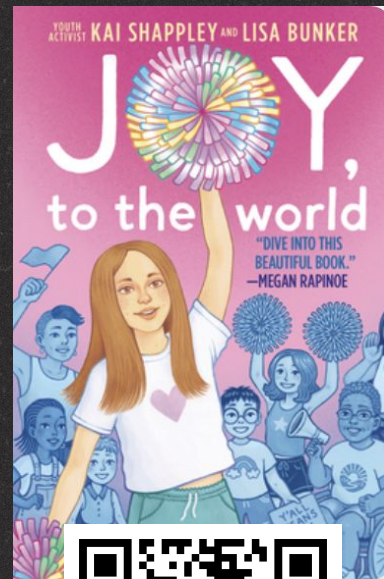
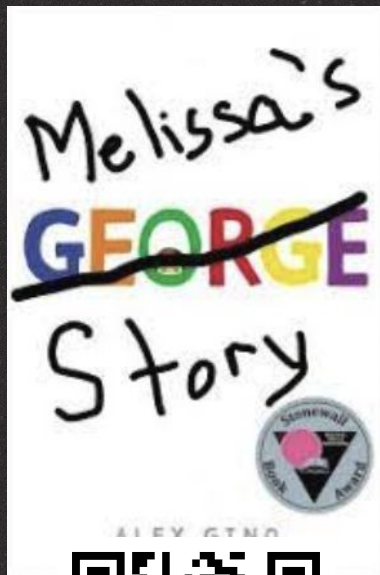
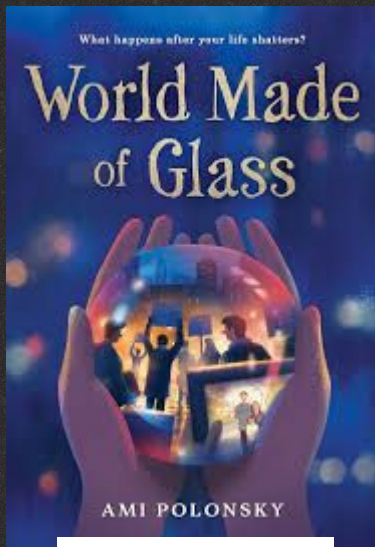
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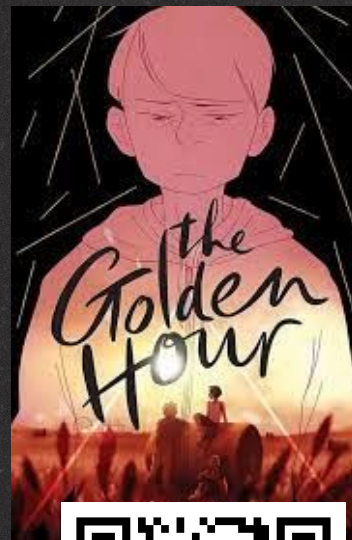
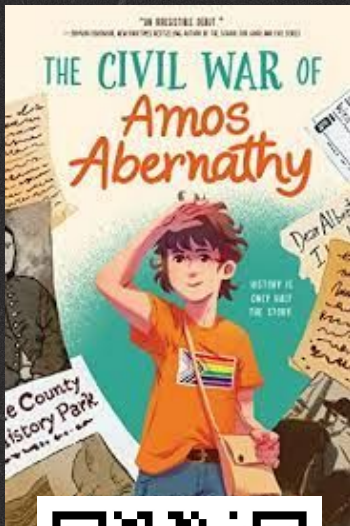
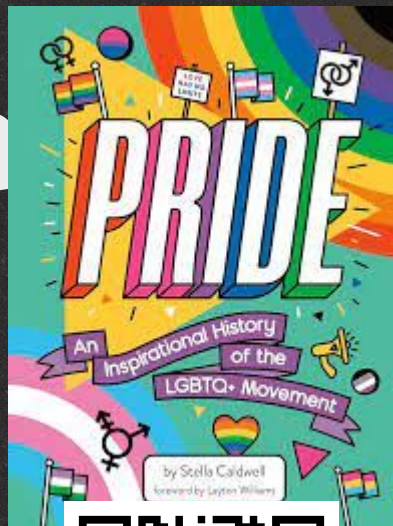
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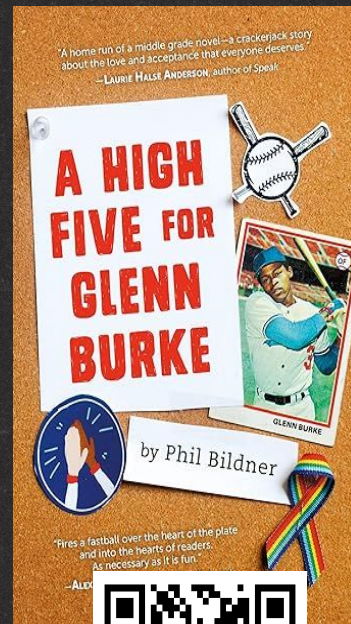
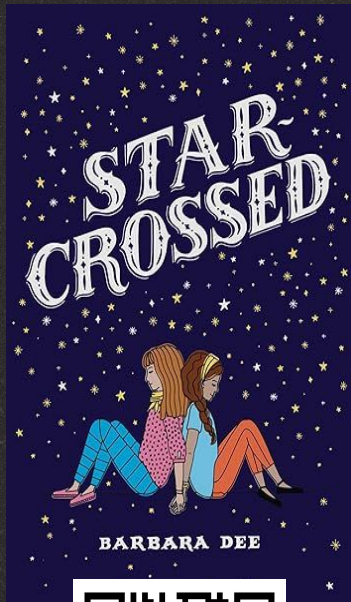
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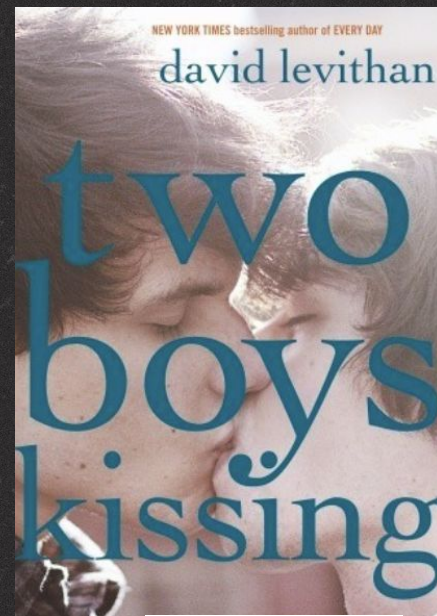
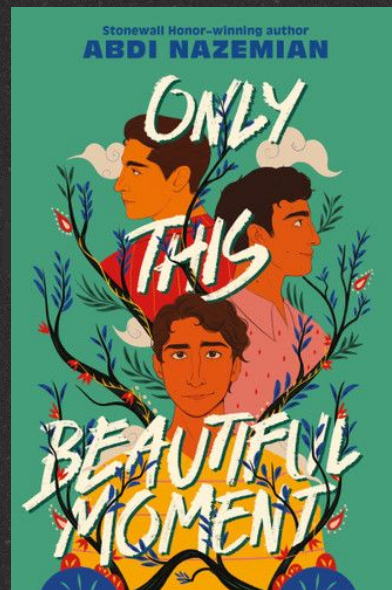
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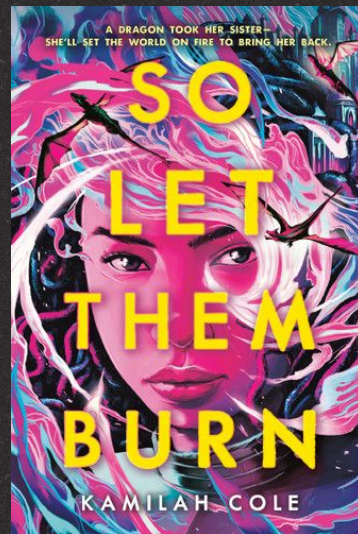
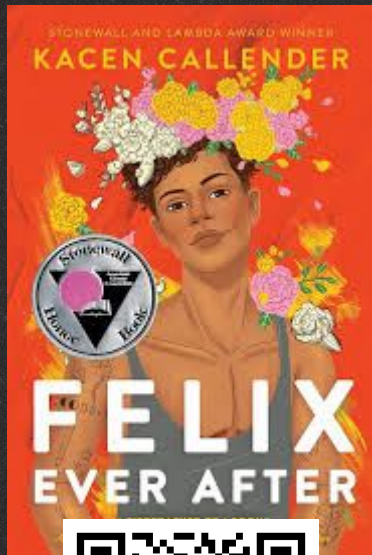
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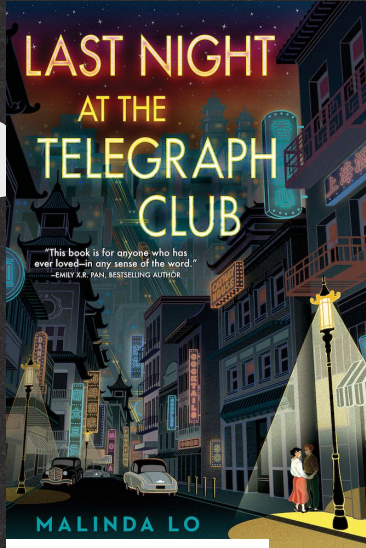


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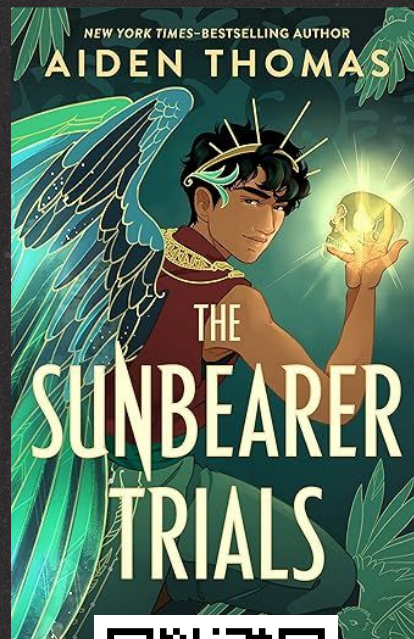


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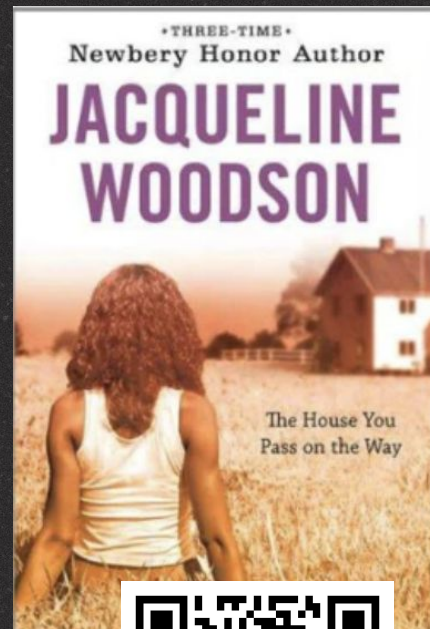
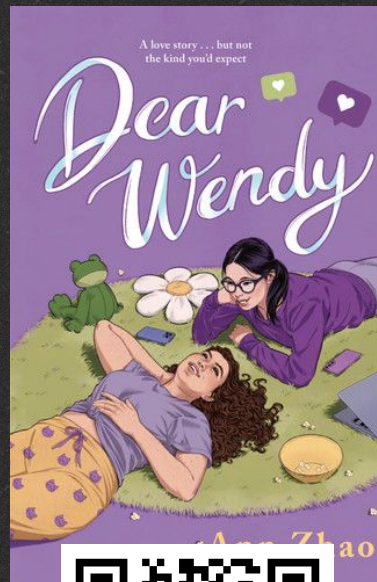
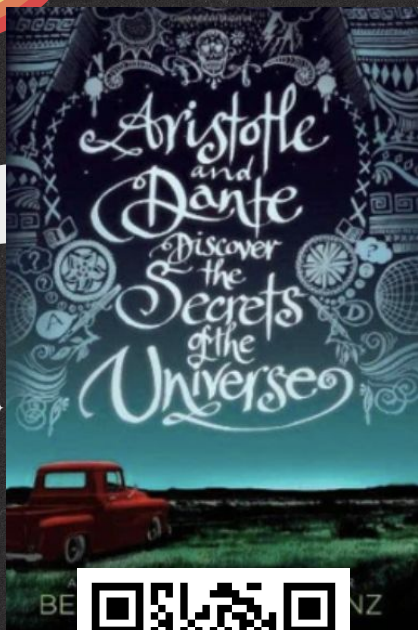
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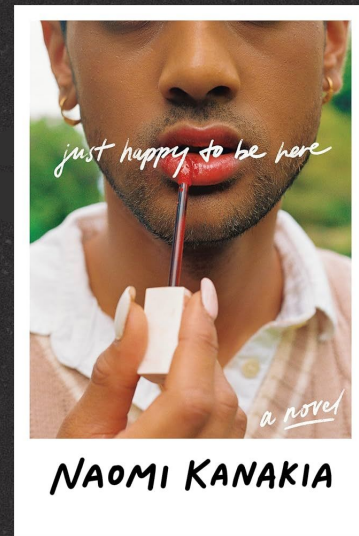
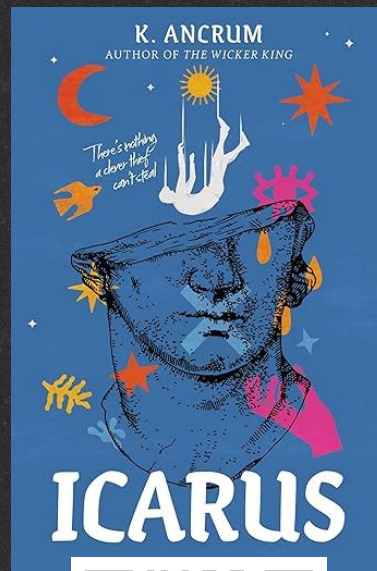
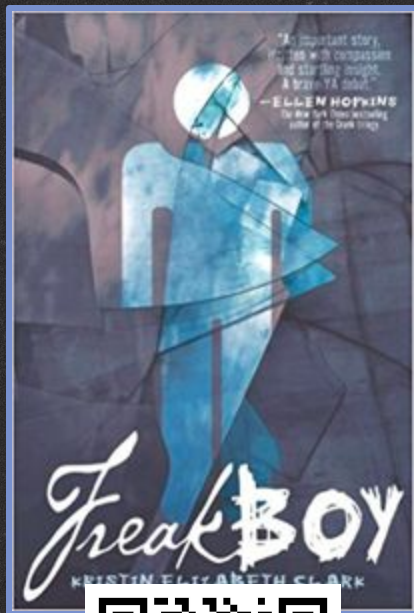
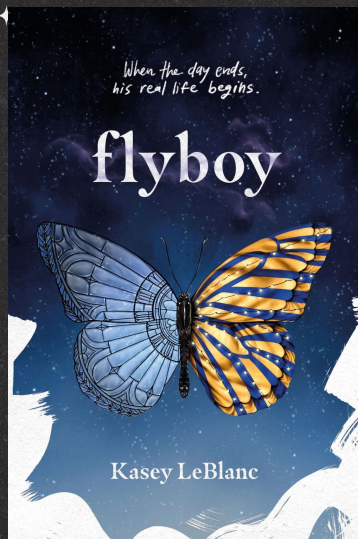
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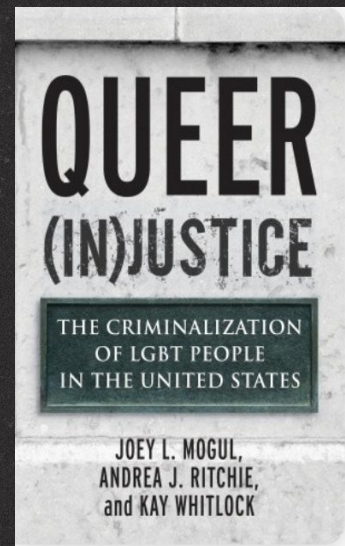
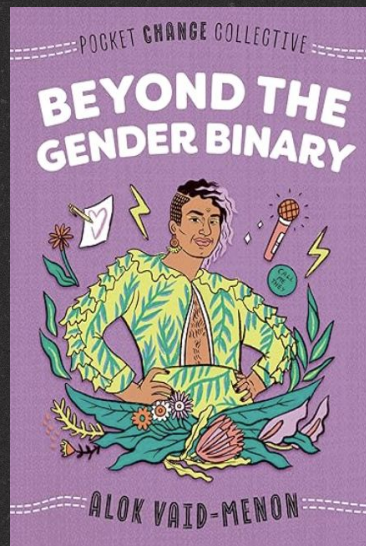
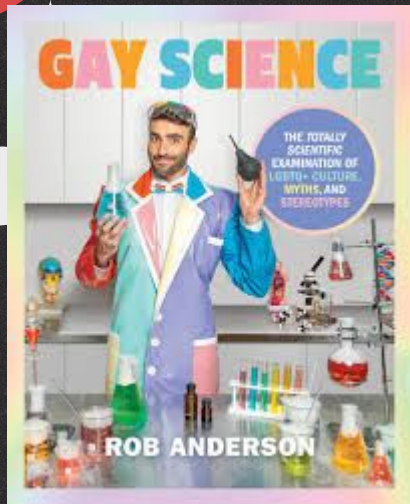
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YA NOVELS - Trans Protagonists



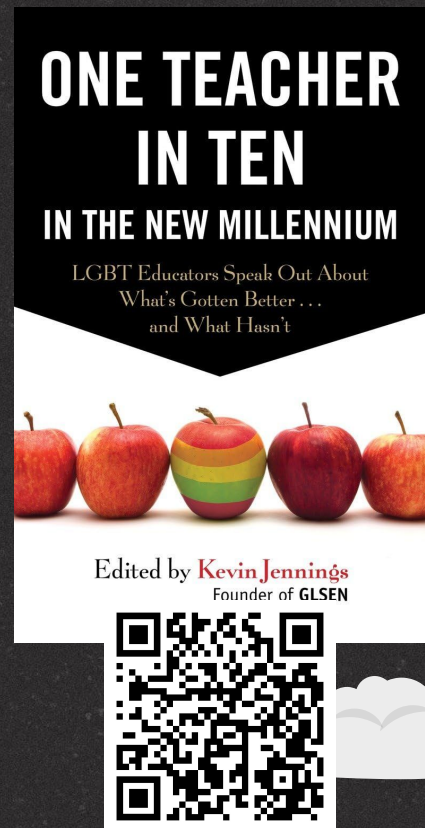
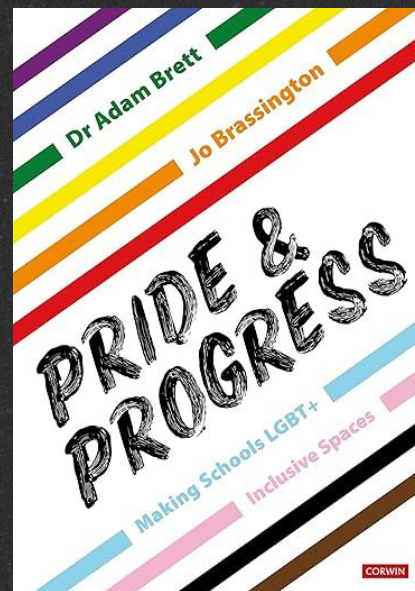
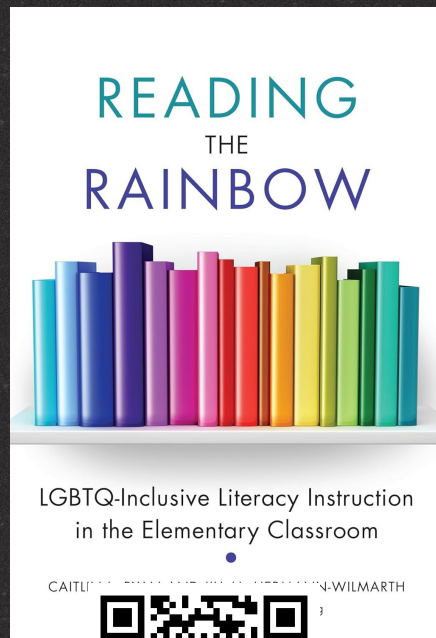
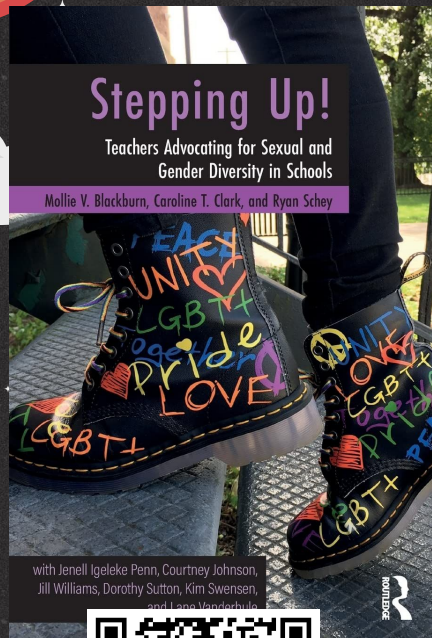
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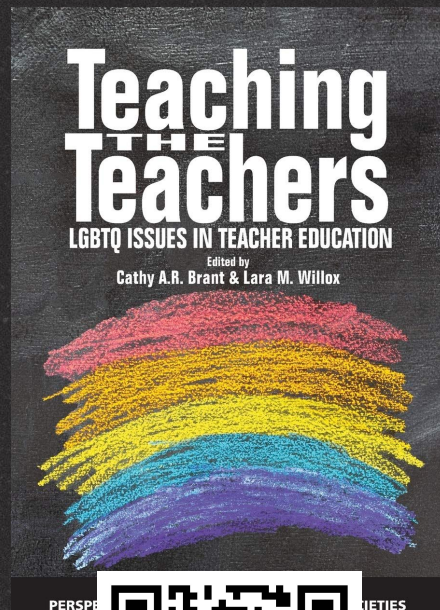
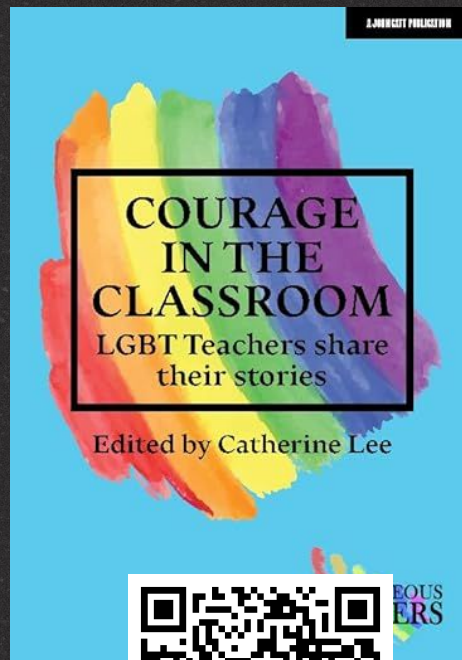
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Resources



Rainbow Round Table (RRT)

GLSEN



Intersectionality Matters!

Phoenix Center Springfield

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Stonewall Book Award

★ **988: Suicide & Crisis Hotline**

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A large triangle composed of seven vertical stripes of different colors: purple, red, yellow, green, blue, and two shades of purple. The word "THANKS!" is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the triangle.

THANKS!

You matter!

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