

Great **LGBTQIA+** Books

A 2023-2024 Booktalk



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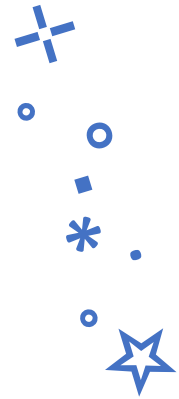
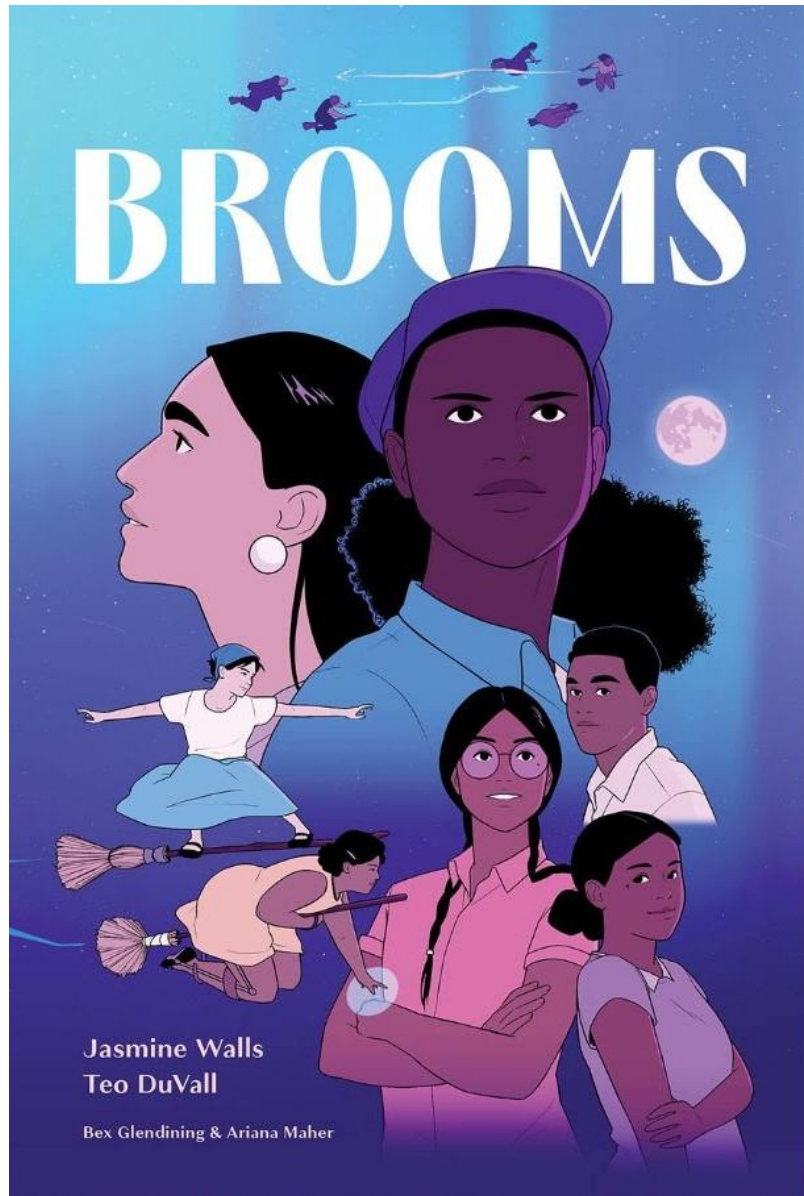


*Being Ace: An
Anthology of Queer,
Trans, Femme, and
Disabled Stories of
Asexual Love and
Connection* by

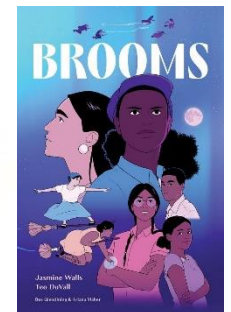
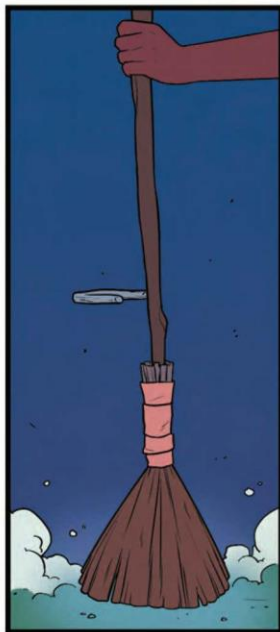
Madeline Dyer and
more

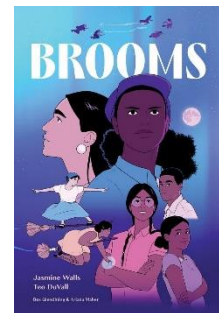
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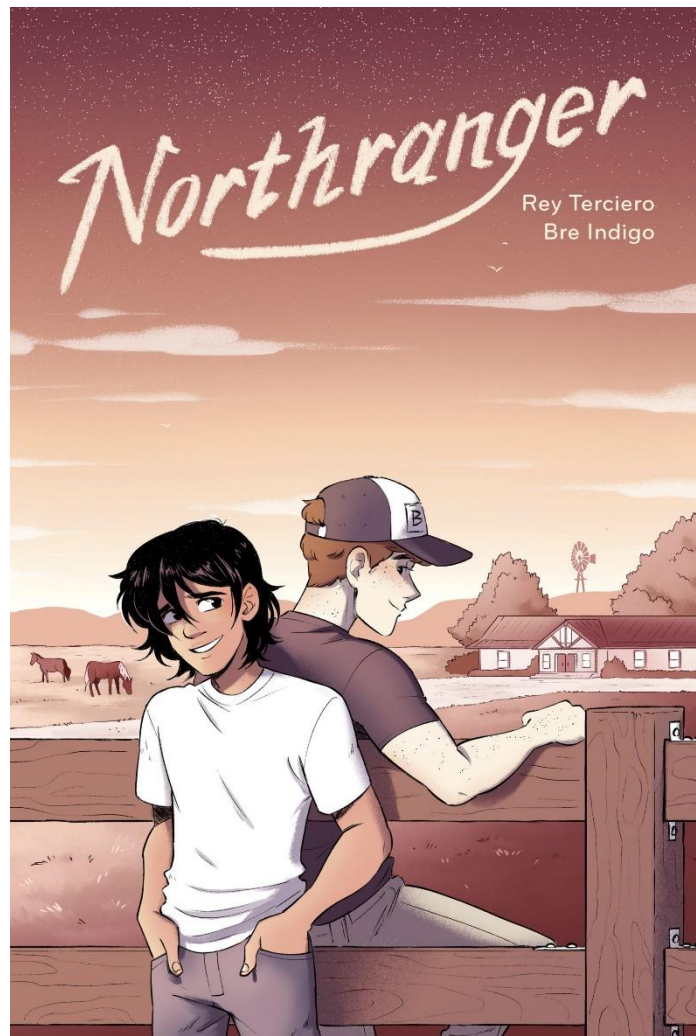




Brooms by
Jasmine Walls and
Teo DuVall
she/her
he/they





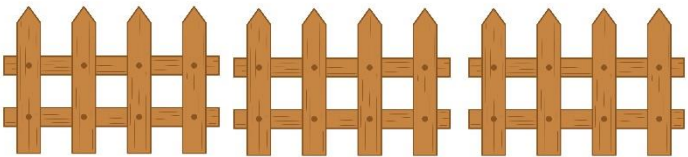


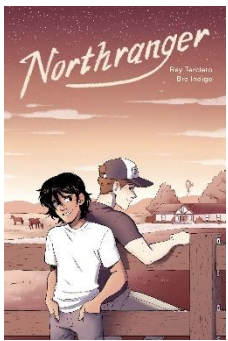
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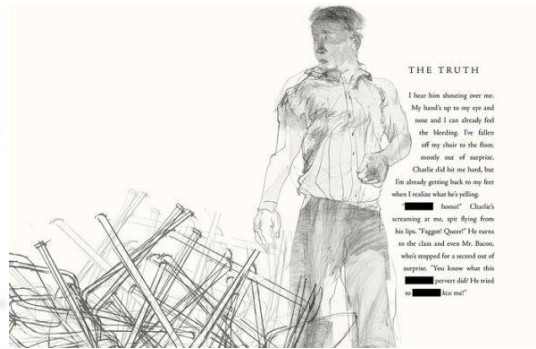
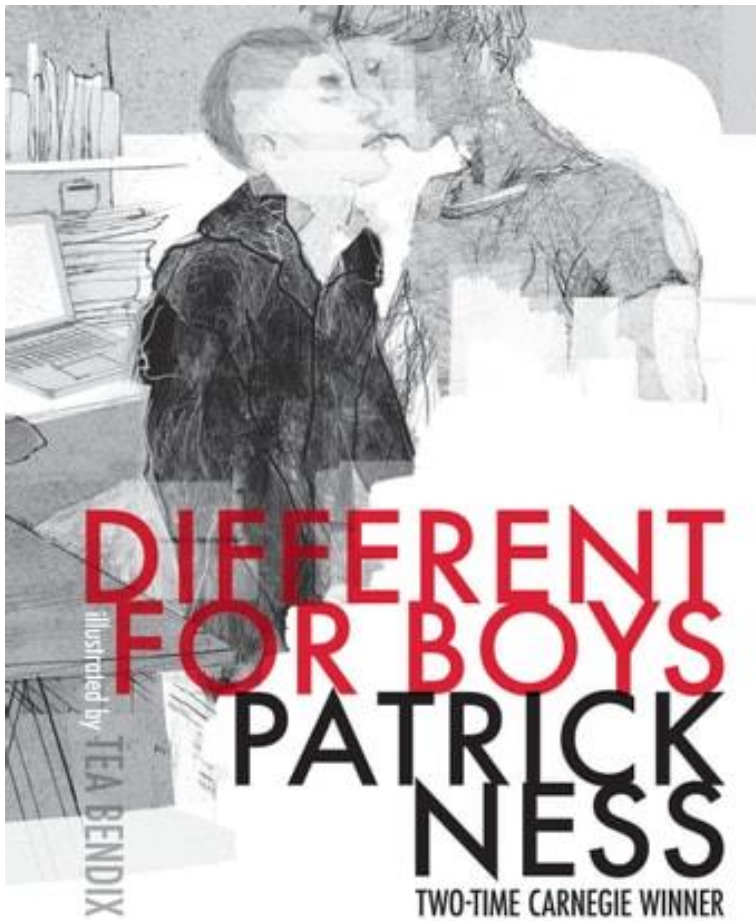
by Rey Terciero
and Bre Indigo

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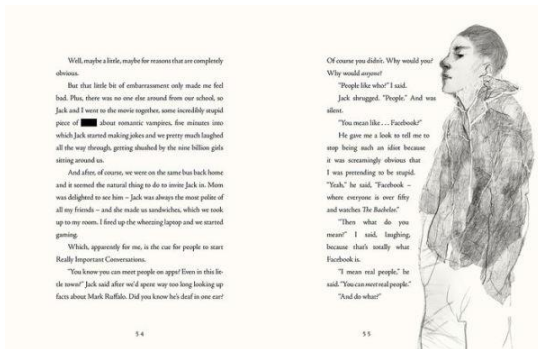
Different for Boys

by Patrick Ness and

he/him

Tea Bendix

she/her



WHERE IT STARTS

There are lots of places this story could start, but it might as well start on the first day of Year 11, when Charlie and me are sitting in geography, waiting for Mr Bacon to get his seating plan in order.

"Well, this is taking [REDACTED] for ever," Charlie says, then he blinks, surprised. "What the [REDACTED] just happened? What are these [REDACTED] black boxes?"

I shrug. "It's that kind of story. Certain words are necessary because this is real life, but you can't actually *show* 'em because we're too young to read about the stuff we actually do, yeah?"

"Teens swear in stories these days."

"Not anything like we do in reality," I say. "It's the difference between shooting a bullet and throwing it."

Charlie nods solemnly at the truth of this. Then he gets a smirk.

"[REDACTED]," he says. His

smile gets bigger. "[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]." He nods again. "Cool."

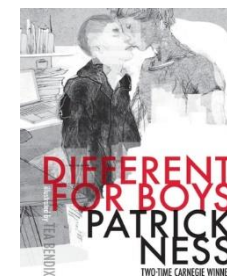
And just as he says, "Cool," that's when Freddie Smith walks in, which is where this all *really* starts.

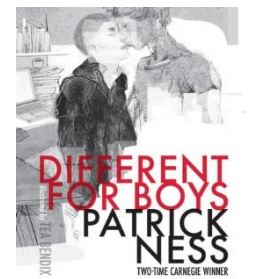
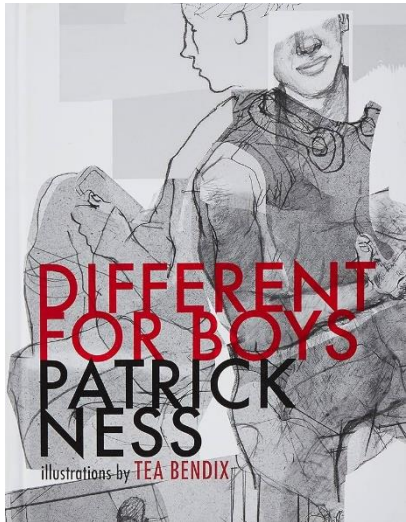
"No [REDACTED] way," Charlie says.

We watch Freddie check in with Mr Bacon, who finds his name on the list and points him over to me and Charlie. Mr Bacon's great new idea for this year has us sitting in "quads" rather than just boring rows. Four desks pushed together in little islands around the room. Says it's meant to make learning "collaborative", but any fool could see he won't be able to control us like this.

The quads are alphabetical, so I – being Ant Stevenson – am sitting with Charlie Shepton, who I've sat by alphabetically since primary school. And now here's Freddie Smith, who Charlie and I were also alphabetical friends with from way back, too, before he left after Year 4 to move to Southampton with his dad.

"Charlie Shepton and Ant Stevenson," Freddie Smith says, coming over to us, grinning.





GWEN & ART ARE NOT IN LOVE

THE PATH
TO TRUE LOVE
NEVER DID RUN
STRAIGHT.

A
NOVEL

LEX
CROUCHER



Gwen & Art Are Not in Love

by Lex Croucher
they/them



"Gwen and Art may not
be in love, but I fell
for both of them."

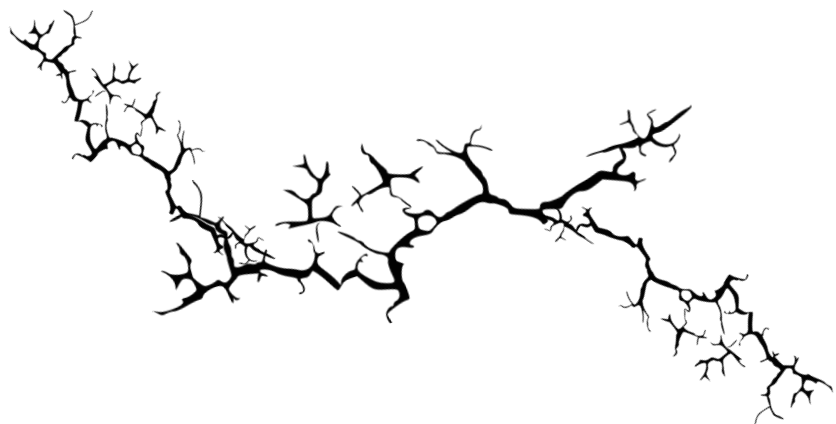
—RAINBOW ROWELL, #1 bestselling author
of the Simon Snow trilogy



Godly Heathens

by H.E. Edgmon

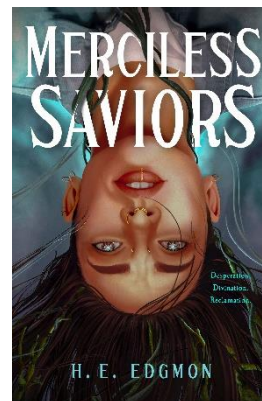
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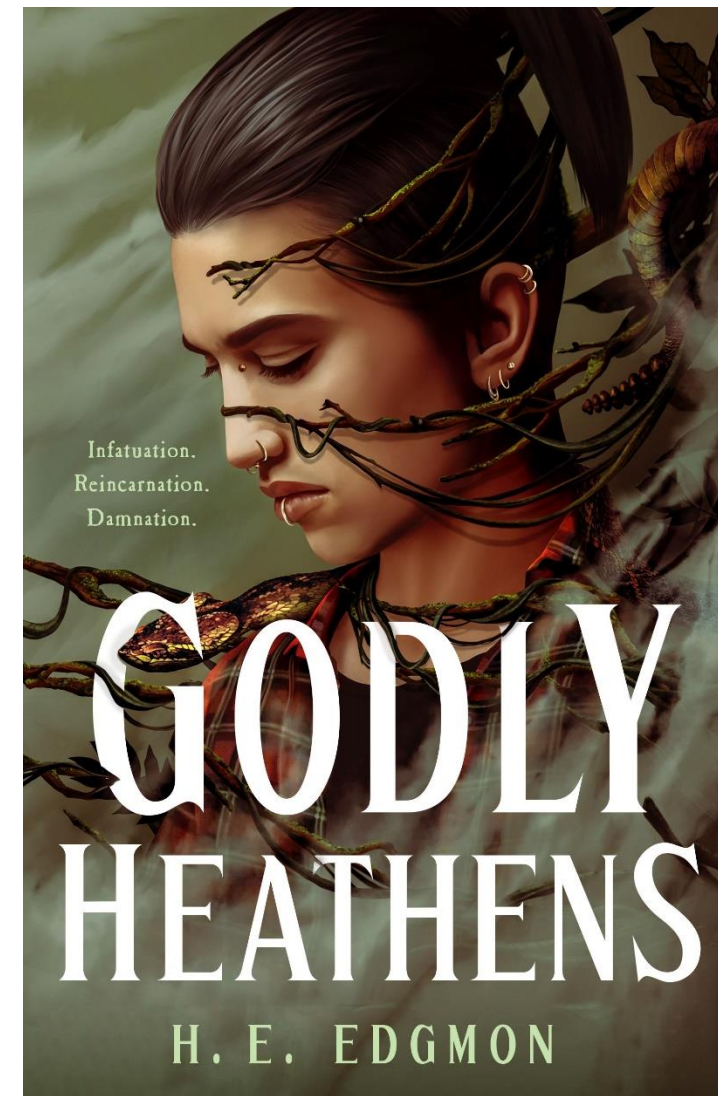
“The kind of book that
changes young lives.”

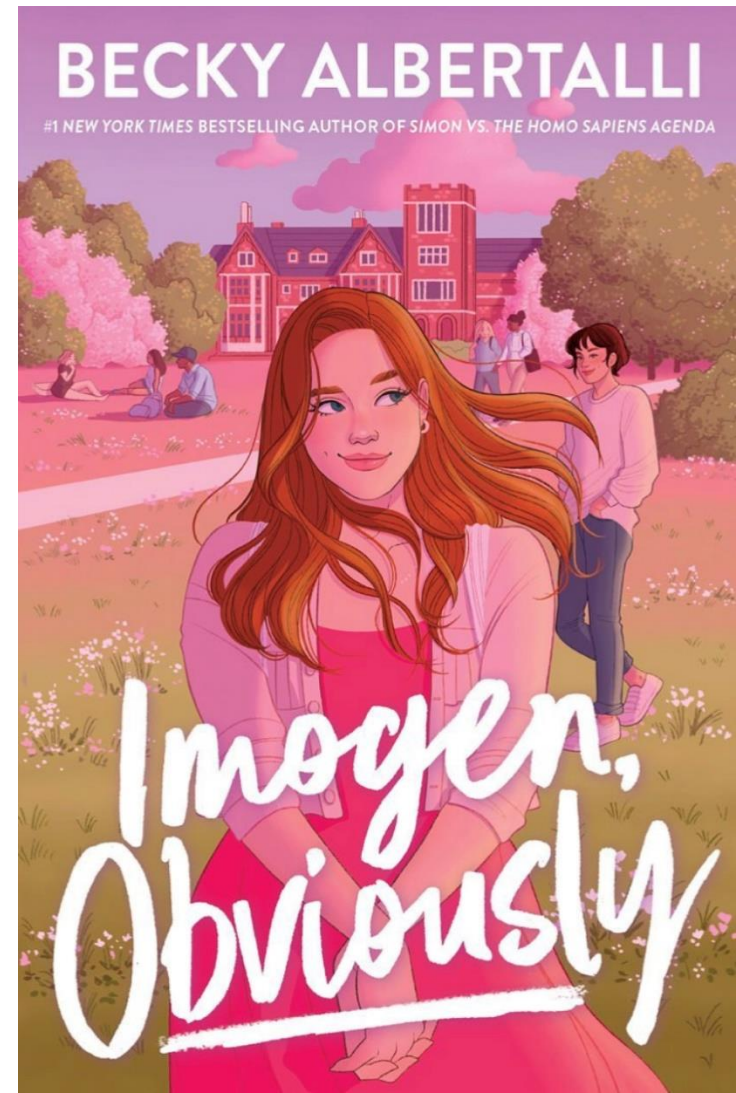
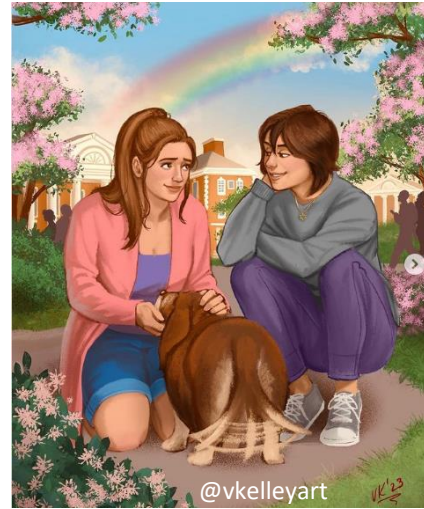
—Rebecca Roanhorse, bestselling author

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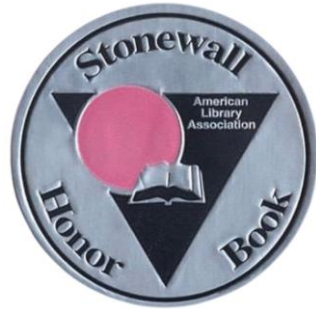


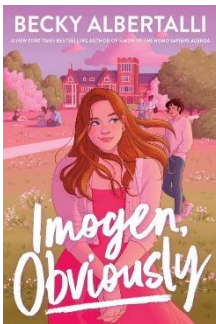
Book 2:
Coming April 16, 2024

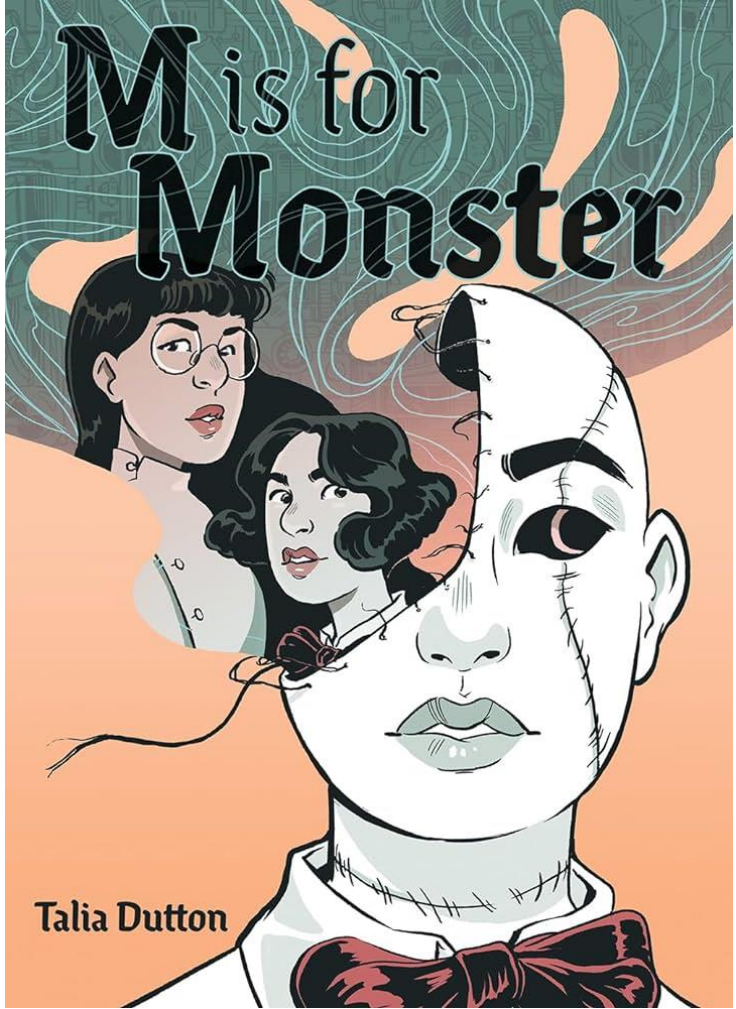
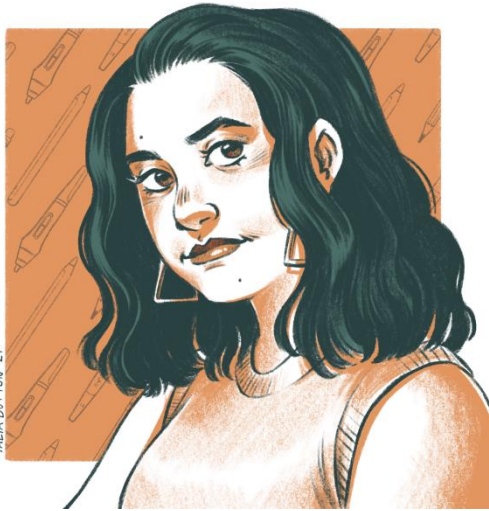




*Imogen,
Obviously* by
Becky Albertalli
she/her

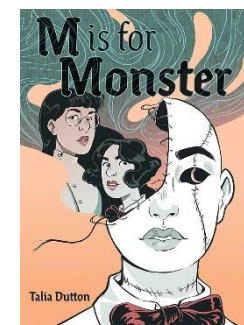


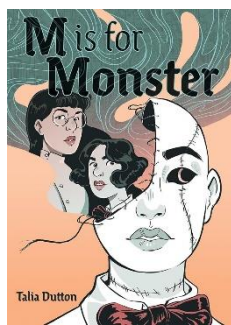




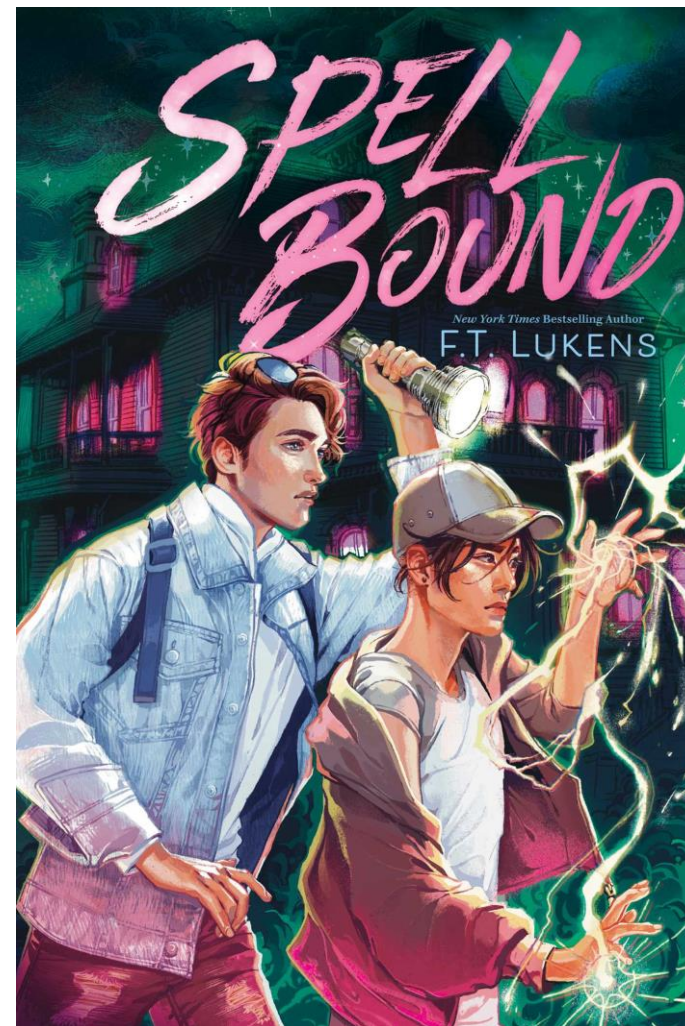
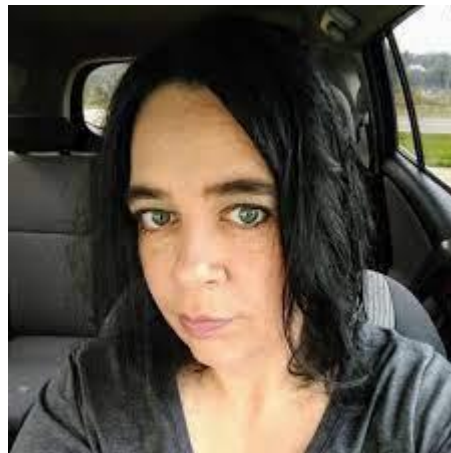
*M is for
Monster* by
Talia Dutton
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Spell Bound

by F.T. Lukens

they/them



@pinkartwitch



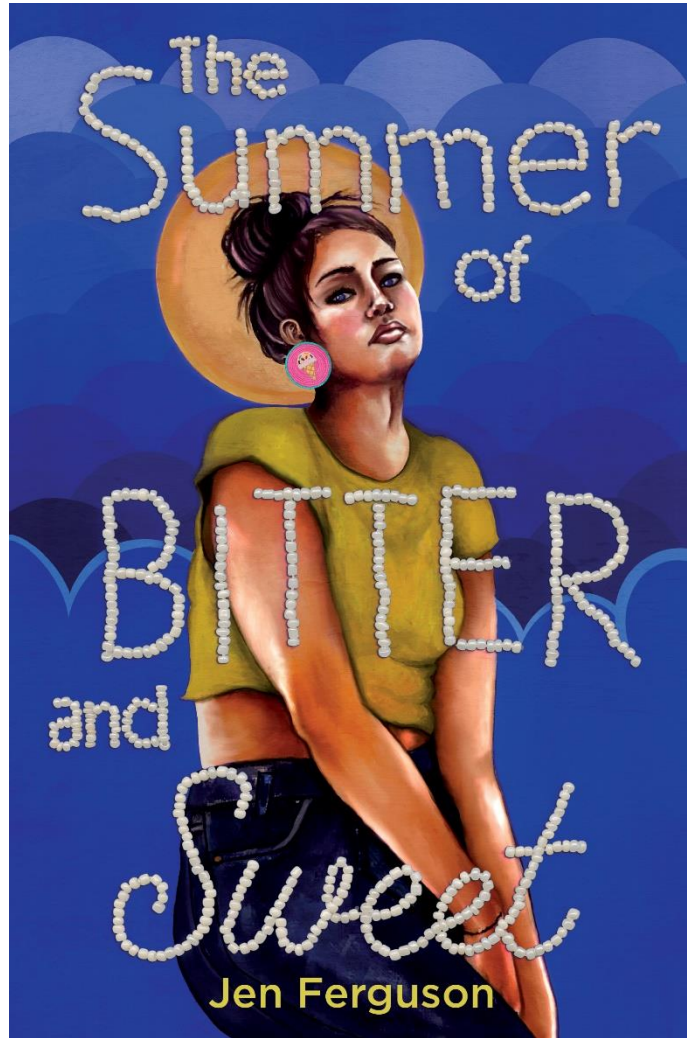


@mmarsloud



Lesbiana's
Guide to
Catholic School
by Sonora Reyes
they/them

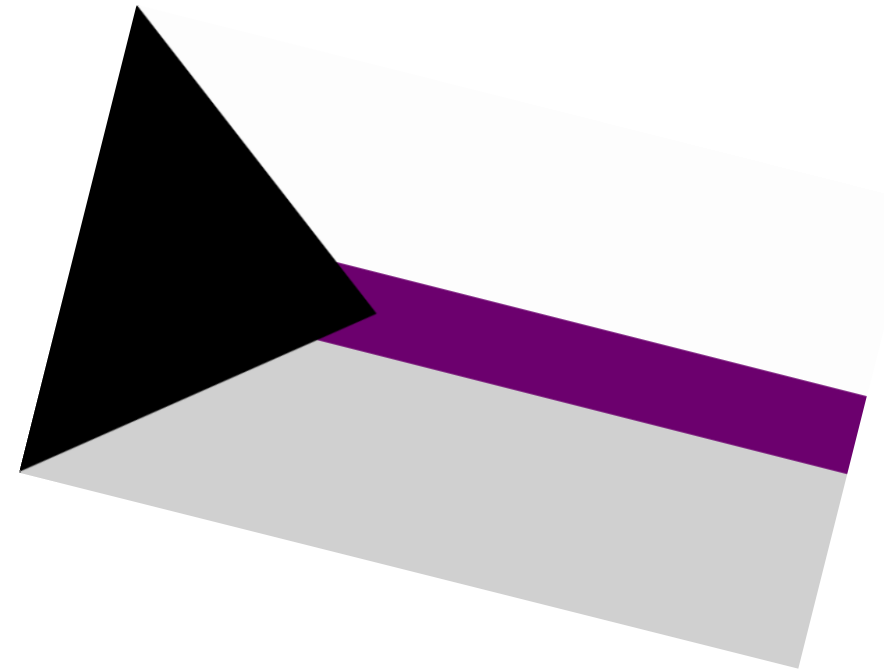
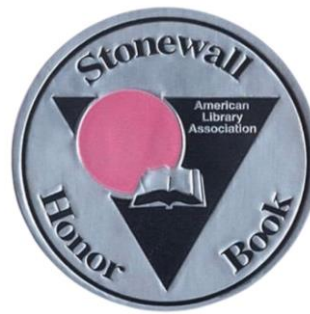
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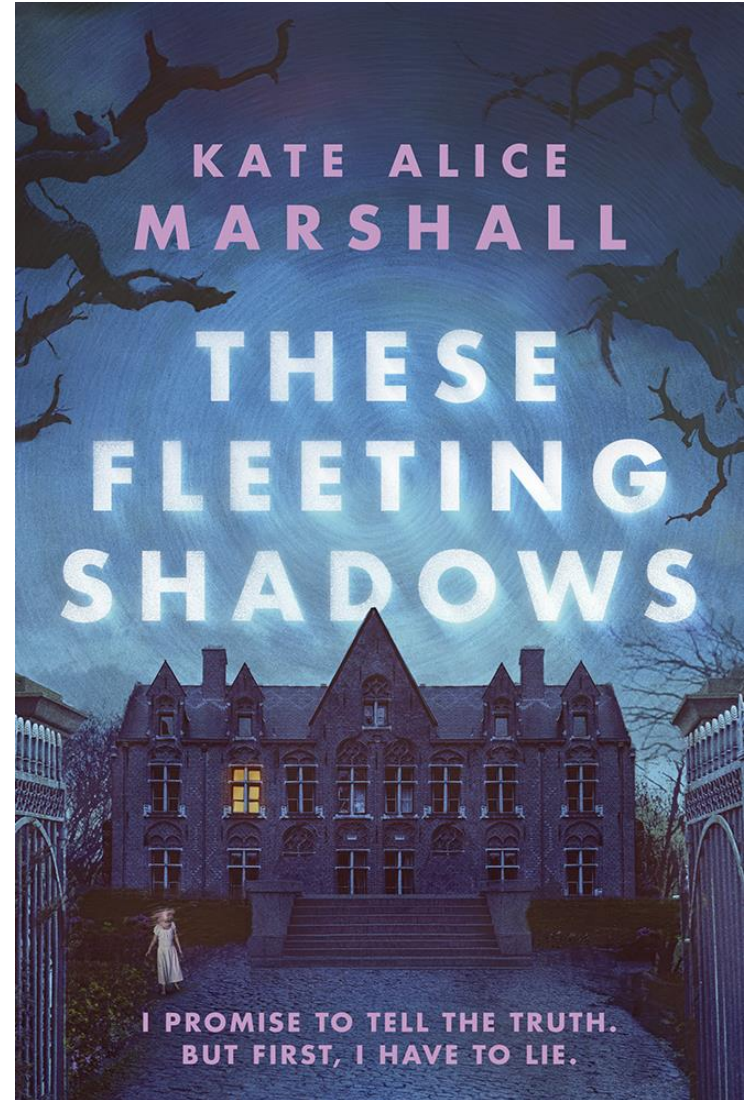


Summer of Bitter and Sweet

by Jen Ferguson

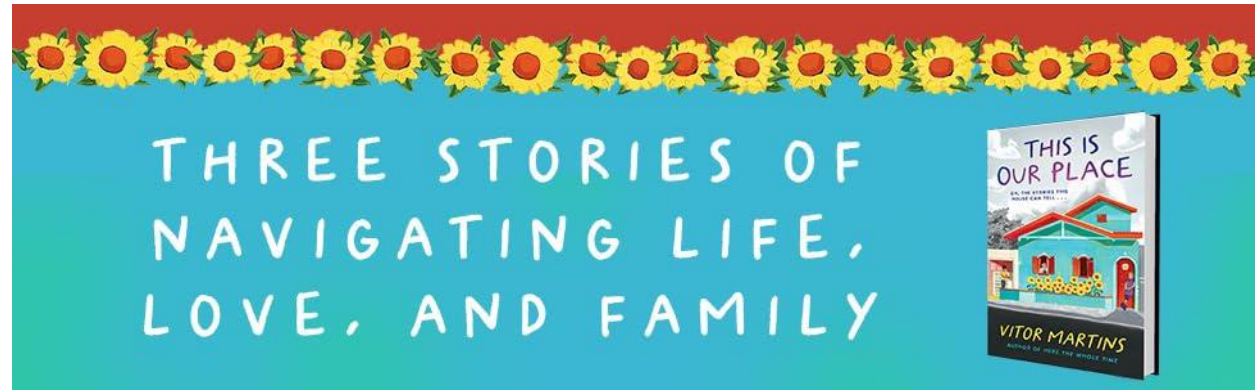
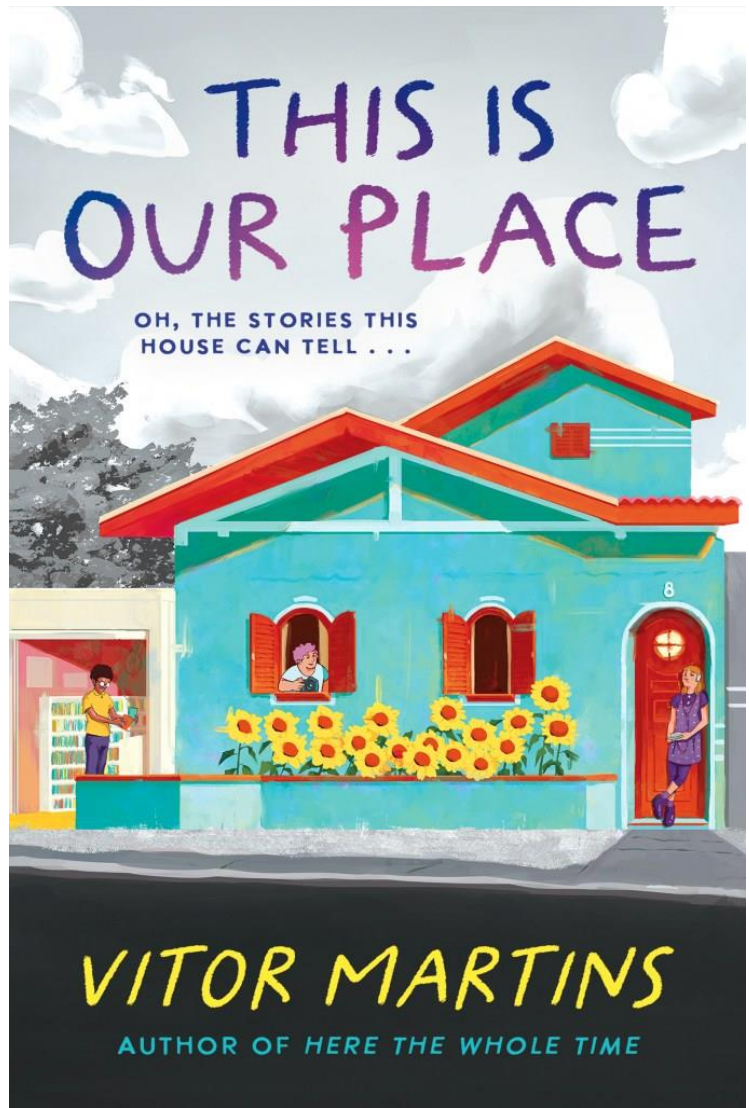
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These Fleeting Shadows by Kate Alice Marshall she/her



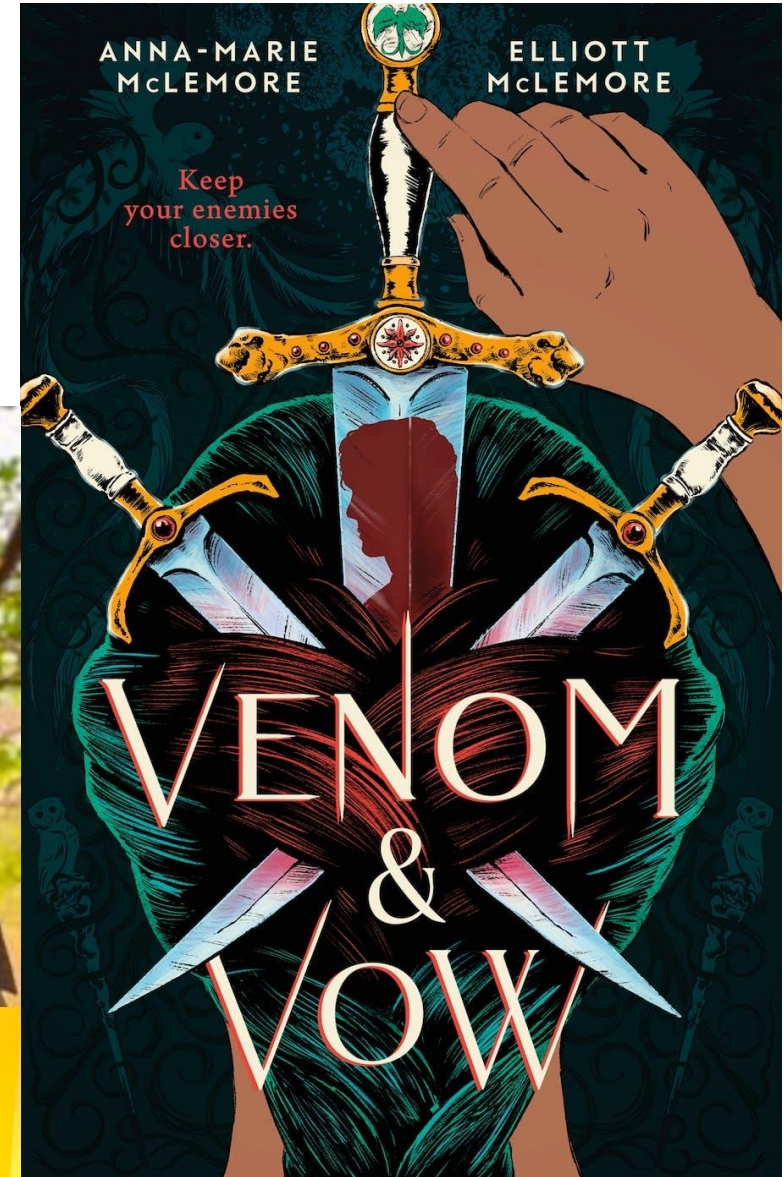


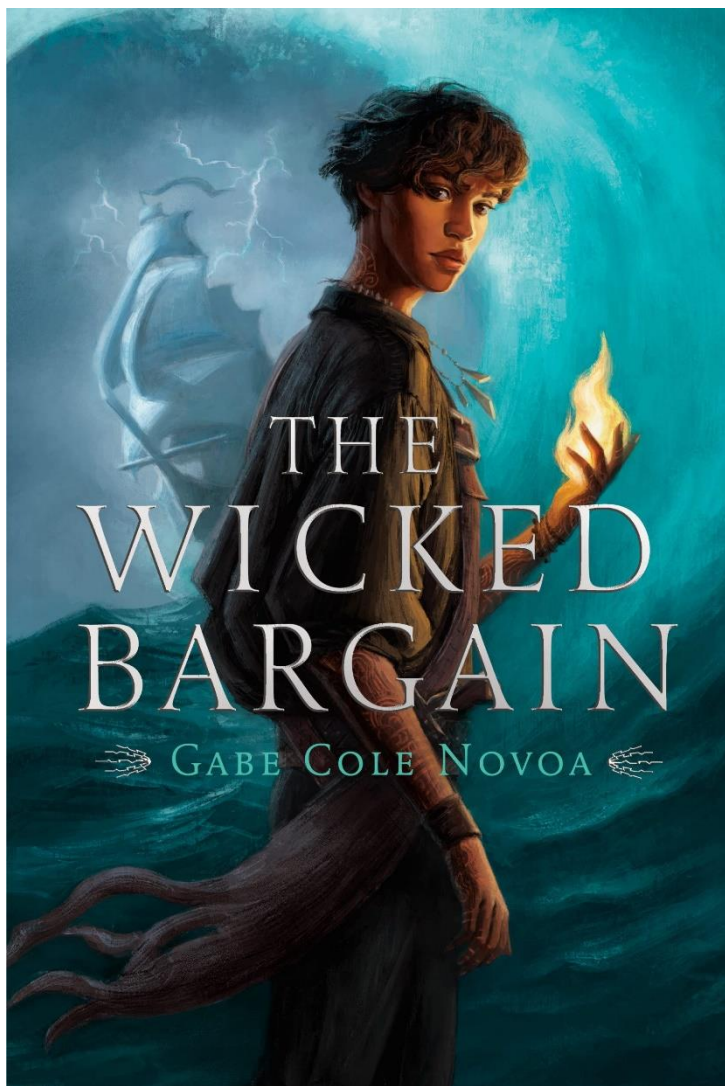
This is Our Place by
Vitor Martins
he/him



Venom & Vow by

Anna-Marie McLemore
they/them
and Elliott McLemore
he/they





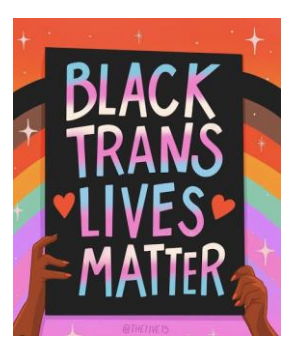
The Wicked Bargain by Gabe Cole Novoa

he/him



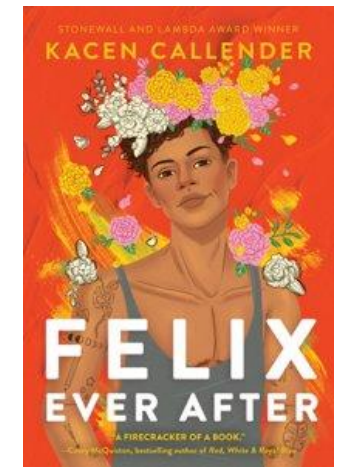
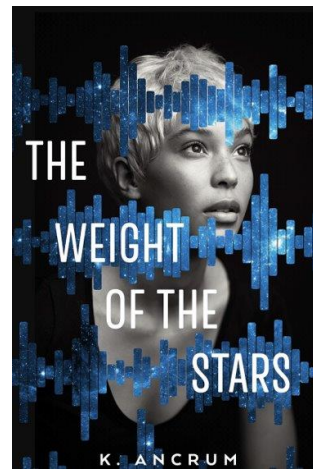
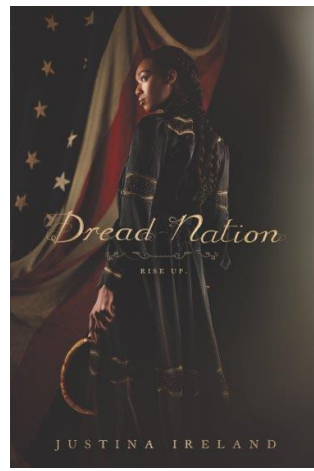
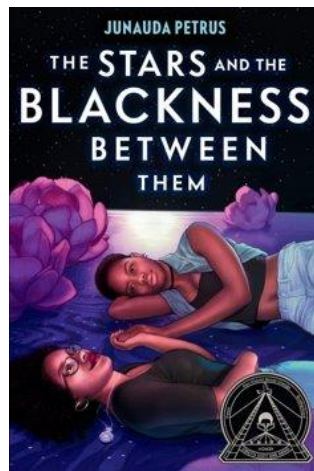
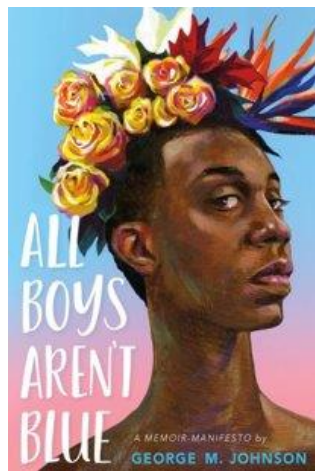
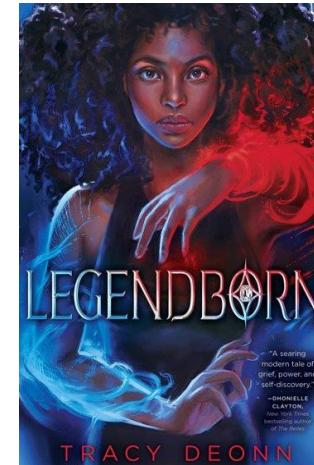
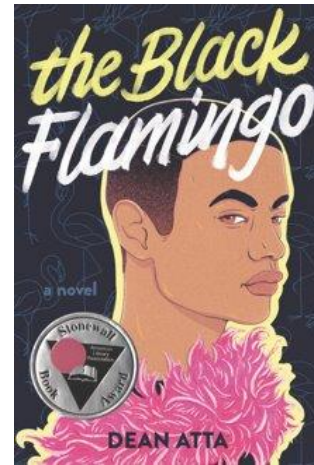
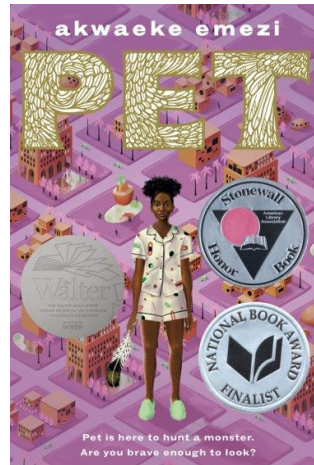
"It's only recently that trans readers have started being able to see themselves as the heroes in media that has nothing to do with being trans—and I want to add to that cannon as much as I can."
Gabe Cole Novoa





Additional Black Queer titles

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**American Library Association's
Stonewall Book Awards 2024 - YA**

Winner:

Only This Beautiful Moment by Abdi Nazemian

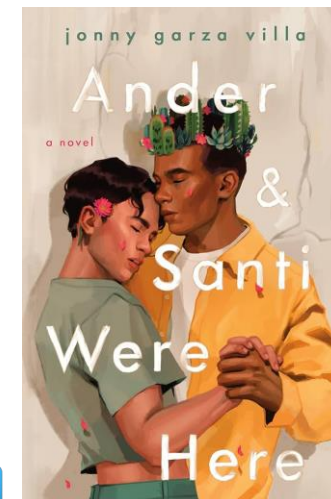
Honors:

Ander & Santi Were Here by Jonny Garza Villa

Imogen, Obviously by Becky Albertalli

The Long Run by James Acker

The Spirit Bares Its Teeth by Andrew Joseph White



Finding other great Young Adult LGBTQ+ Books:

Queer Books for Teens

<https://queerbooksforteens.com/>

QUEER BOOKS *for* TEENS

ALA's Rainbow Book List

<http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/>



LGBTQ Reads

<http://www.lgbtqreads.com>



Lambda Literary

<http://www.lambdaliterary.org>



YTA Fridays

YTA Fridays are especially for gay, lesbian, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, nonbinary, transgender youth and their allies. All youth attending school - including college - are welcome at their designated YTA Fridays. YTA Fridays are every month at the Unity Center. Meet and make new friends who support you and appreciate you just the way you are.

1st Friday - High School (Grades 9-12)

2nd Friday - Post High School

3rd Friday - Middle School (Grades 6-9)

4th Friday - Gaming Night

The Unity Center (bottom floor of St. Paul's UCC church building)

17 Bond Street, Westminster, MD

6:30 pm - 10:00pm

Bring donation for pizza if you are able. Music, games, popcorn, snacks... Fun as usual!

If you have Questions..... text or call 410-599-4610
email pflagwcc@gmail.com



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You are invited to attend PFLAG meetings!

When: Regular monthly Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month September – May. Pride events during the summer!

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Unity Center, 17 Bond St, Westminster, MD 21157

Support

Advocate

Educate

Annual PFLAG picnic

LGBTQIA+ Prom

Pride Parades & Festivals

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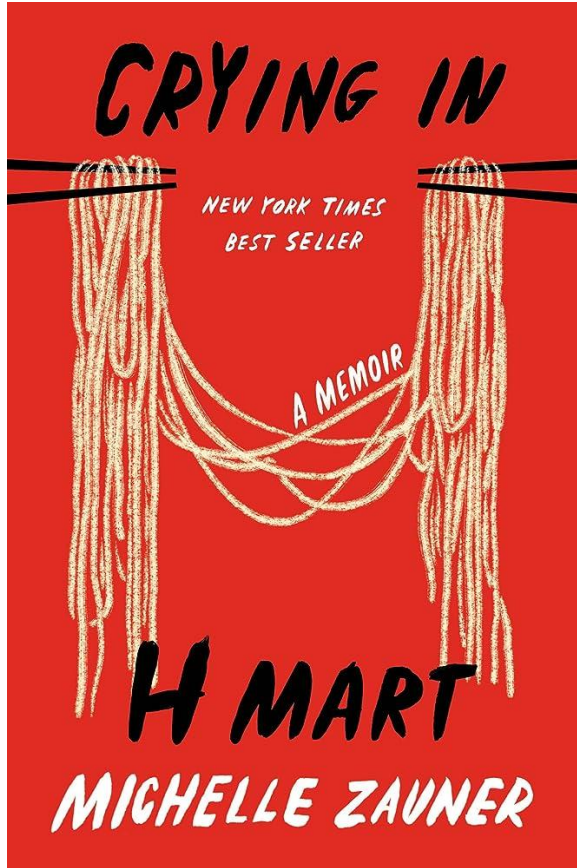
Movies

Panel Discussions

Guest Speakers

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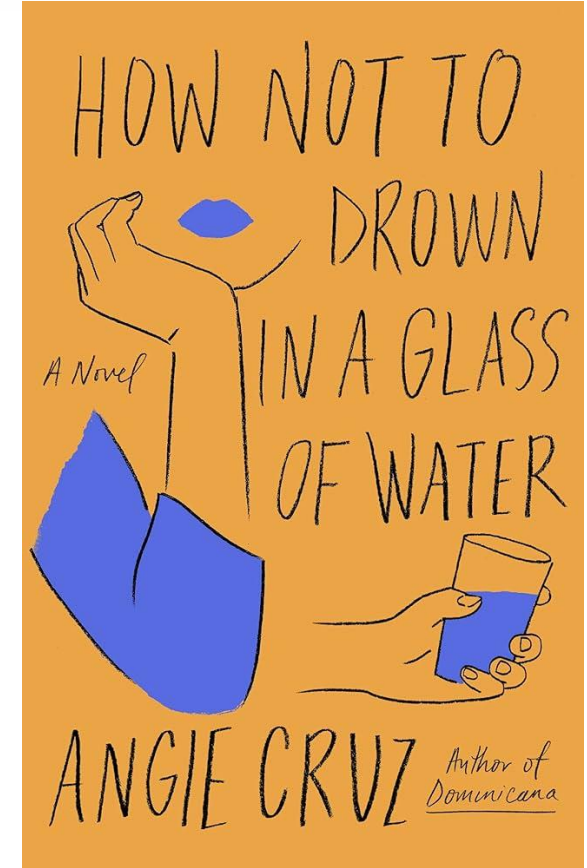
Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner; Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

DIVERSE VOICES

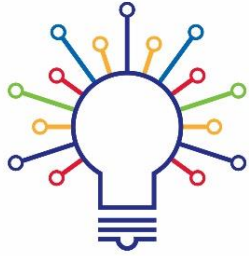
BOOK CLUB

Join us for a **monthly** book discussion focusing on a **diverse** author's work. Attendees are welcome to attend in person at CCPL's **Westminster Branch** or virtually through **Zoom** by registering.

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How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water by Angie Cruz; Tuesday, March 26, 2023, 5:00pm - 6:00pm



LGBTQ+ READS For PRIDE

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YOUNG ADULT Selections

2023



ALL THAT'S LEFT IN THE WORLD
Erik J. Brown

THE CROAKING: VOLUME ONE
Megan Grey

THE DARKNESS OUTSIDE US
Elliot Schrefer

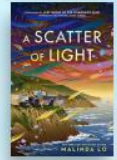
THE FIRST TO DIE AT THE END
Adam Silvera

GALAXY: THE PRETTIEST STAR
Jadzia Axelrod & Jess Taylor

THE HEARTSTOPPER YEARBOOK
Alice Oseman

HELL FOLLOWED WITH US
Andrew Joseph White

I KISSED SHARA WHEELER
Casey McQuiston



IF THIS GETS OUT
Sophie Gonzales & Cale Dietrich

KINGS OF B'MORE
R. Eric Thomas

LOVELESS
Alice Oseman

NOTHING BURNS AS BRIGHT AS YOU
Ashley Woodfolk

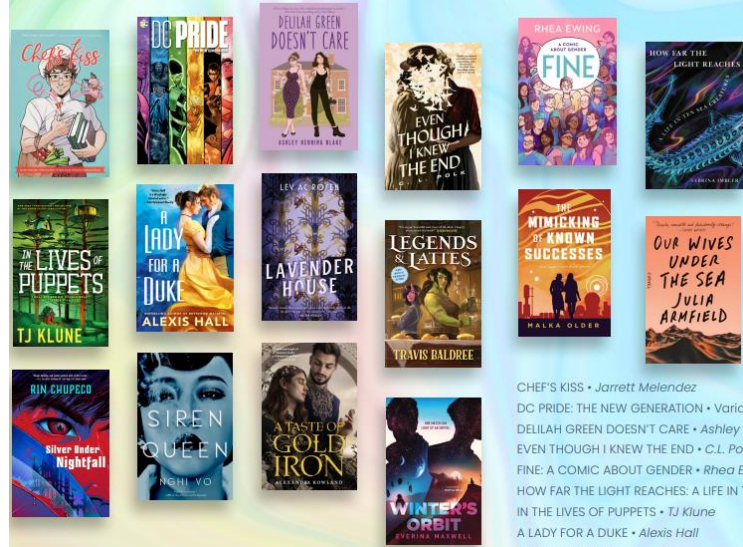
A SCATTER OF LIGHT
Malinda Lo

SELF-MADE BOYS
Anna-Marie McLemore

THE SUNBEARER TRIALS
Aiden Thomas

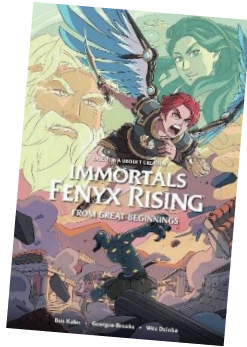
WHAT'S THE I?
Juno Dawson

ADULT Selections 2023



CHEF'S KISS • Jarrett Melendez
DC PRIDE: THE NEW GENERATION • Vario
DELILAH GREEN DOESN'T CARE • Ashley
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THE END • C.L. Pol
FINE: A COMIC ABOUT GENDER • Rhea Ewing
HOW FAR THE LIGHT REACHES: A LIFE IN T
IN THE LIVES OF PUPPETS • Tj Klune
A LADY FOR A DUKE • Alexis Hall
WINTER'S ORBIT

July 13th, 2024,
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