Hot topics

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For teachers

Acting out!: combating homophobia through teacher activism edited by Mollie V. Blackburn et al. New York: Teachers College Press, 2010. 306.76 BLA

“In this volume, teachers from urban, suburban and rural districts join together ... to challenge homophobia and heterosexism in schools and classrooms.” – Back cover.


“In question-and-answer format, Arthur Lipkin offers advice on how to nurture positive relationships among glbt educators, their students; welcome glbt families in the school community; support glbt educators; and incorporate sound and appropriate glbt-related curricula across disciplines.” – Back cover.


This book demonstrates in entertaining detail exactly what happens when teachers, students and parents discuss the emotionally charged topic of sexual diversity.


“The first section lays out the theoretical foundation and background ... The second section explores topics critical for the development of safe, supportive school environments, including understanding legal and ethical mandates, training school personnel, addressing bullying and harassment, and developing inclusive classrooms.” – Inside front cover.


“Students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered are susceptible to harassment from their peers and are at high risk of dropping out of school. This book provides professional development ideas and real-life vignettes that will help educational leaders foster a more caring school culture not only for LGBT students, but for all students.” – Publisher website. Recommended by Family Planning NSW.

Gender bullying and harassment: strategies to end sexism and homophobia in schools by Elizabeth J. Meyer. New York: Teachers College Press, 2009. 371.826 MEY

Meyer ... offers readers tangible and flexible suggestions to help them positively transform the culture of their school and reduce the incidences of gendered harassment.

LGBTI+ history month schools toolkit years 7-11. Australia: Minus18; Safe Schools Coalition Victoria; Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives, 2016. 306.76 LGB

“We hope you find the information engaging and inspiring all year round and invite you to join us in celebrating LGBTI+ History Month every October in Australia. LGBTI+ people have always been a part of history, sometimes it is just a bit harder to find us!” – Publisher website. https://minus18.org.au/lgbthistory/LGBTIMonth-Toolkit.pdf

LGBTQ youth and education: policies and practices by Cris Mayo. New York: Teachers College Press, 2014. 306.76 MAY

This book “offers a nuanced portrait of students, showing how issues of race, gender, gender identity, and class shape and complicate their experience; examines the history and contemporary movements for LGBTQ rights; describes a variety of discipline-based approaches to teaching students to think about LGBTQ-related concerns.” – Publisher website.

Policy and gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender and intersex students by Tiffany Jones. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2015. 379 JON

“This book ... draws on a large-scale Australian study of the impacts of different kinds of policy at the national, state, sector and school level ... The book presents statistically significant correlations between specific types of state and school level education policies that explicitly named homophobia/GLBTIQ student issues, and lowered incidence of homophobic bullying, lowered risk of suicide and self-harm for these students.” - Back cover.


“Pride & prejudice is a school-based program designed to facilitate change in students’ attitudes towards gay men and lesbians. The six-week program is interactive, engaging and challenging, giving students an avenue to discuss socially sensitive topics ... The companion DVD introduces students to gay and lesbian young people who talk openly about their real life experiences.” – Back cover. Please note that the accompanying DVD is unclassified.

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Rethinking sexism, gender, and sexuality edited by Annika Butler-Wall ... et al. Milwaukee, WI: Rethinking Schools, 2016. 371.826 RET

This book “is a collection of inspiring stories about how to integrate feminist and LGBTQ content into curriculum, make it part of a vision for social justice, and create classrooms and schools that nurture all children and their families.” – Publisher website.


“The authors address the breadth of experiences of LGBT youth – in and out of the classroom, at home and in the community, and in personal interactions with allies and antagonists. They also reveal how these young people, their friends and families, teachers, and dedicated allies stem the tide of LGBT exclusion. Most important, Safe spaces offers action steps for readers who want to make their own homes, schools, and communities safe and welcoming spaces for LGBT youth.” – Publisher website.

Same difference: a panel speaker training program for same sex attracted young people by Liz Hammond ... et al. Ashfield, NSW: Family Planning NSW, 2013. 306.76 SAM

“The panel speakers [generally 18-24 year olds] form the backbone of the Same difference program and play an important role in delivering the program across a range of settings including education sessions for high school students ... By telling their personal stories, panel speakers can put a human face to issues affecting SSA young people.” – p 2.


This book “is a case study of one school district’s attempt to adopt and implement policies that include sexual orientation. This book describes the work of the Safe Schools Coalition, which advocates and educates on equal rights for GLBTIQ students … The author highlights the factors that either facilitated the adoption and implementation of the policies, as well as the strategies employed by the Safe Schools Coalition in educating opponents.” – Back cover


“One of the most difficult things about being bullied is the feeling that nobody else knows what it’s like. Twenty-two of Australia’s most talented and successful people know exactly what it’s like. Entertaining interviews, leading lights from across the country recount how they were bullied and shunned at school just for being different. Not only did they survive the ordeal but their experiences helped shape them into the remarkable individuals they are today.” – Back cover. Interviewees include Penny Wong, Christos Tsiolkas, Paul Capsis, Adam Boland and Benjamin Law.


“Yolanda Bogert, a mum from regional Queensland, made worldwide news when she placed a notice in a Brisbane newspaper in December 2014. It read: ’A Retraction. In 1995 we announced the arrival of our sprogget, Elizabeth Anne, as a daughter. He informs us that we were mistaken. Oops! Our bad. We would now like to present, our wonderful son – Kai Bogert. Loving you is the easiest thing in the world. Tidy your room...’ As a teenage mum, Yolanda formed a close-knit bond with her child. Now, together, Yolanda and Kai deal with issues of acceptance, religion and tradition in a heartwarming story of love in transition.” – Back cover.

One teacher in ten in the new millennium: LGBT educators speak out about what’s gotten better... and what hasn’t edited by Kevin Jennings. Boston: Beacon Press, 2015. 371.1 ONE

 “[T]he teachers and school administrators in One teacher in ten in the new millennium prove that LGBT educators are as diverse and complex as humanity itself. Voices largely absent from the first two editions – including transgender people, people of color, teachers working in rural districts, and educators from outside the United States – feature prominently in this new collection, providing a fuller and deeper understanding of the triumphs and challenges of being an LGBT teacher today.” – Publisher website.

Queer voices from the classroom edited by Hidehiro Endo and Paul Chamness Miller. Charlotte, NC: Information Age, 2014. 306.76 QUE

“[A] collection of memoirs ... in which lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex or queer PK-12 teachers and/or administrators (either ‘out’ or ‘not out’) recount their personal experiences as queer teachers.” – Back cover.

Biography


“Richly detailed with nineties pop-culture, and including black-and-white photos throughout, Bad kid is as laugh-out loud funny as it is poignant. David Crabb’s journey through adolescence captures the essence of every person’s struggle to understand his or her true self.” – Back cover.

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Campbell was involved from the beginning in the earliest gay rights movements and was integral to the new Gay Liberation Movement. – Back cover.


This “is the first book to consider homophobia in a distinctively Australian context ...” Thirteen well-known scholars examine the embedded homophobic attitudes that Australian gay and lesbian activists have fought to change. The book traces the evolution of homophobia, from its expression in Australia’s past as a colonial settler society, through to manifestations in present day society.” – Publisher website.

Beyond Priscilla: one gay man, one gay truck, one big idea ... by Daniel Witthaus. Melbourne: Clouds of Magellan, 2014. 306.766 WIT

“In a 38 week road trip around Australia, Daniel Witthaus discovered what contemporary life is really like for LGBT people – life beyond the stereotypes, life ‘beyond Priscilla’. Daniel’s simple aim was to challenge and confront homophobia ‘one cuppa at a time’. In so doing he met a wide range of individuals, all with harrowing or uplifting stories to tell of ‘pride and prejudice’.” – Back cover.

From this day forward: marriage equality in Australia: where the debate came from, why the reform matters, how change will be achieved: with some digressions on Australian history, gay identity and Tasmania by Rodney Croome. North Hobart: Walleah Press, 2015. 306.84 CRO

“Australia is now the only developed English-speaking country where same-sex couples can’t marry. In this timely book, one of Australia’s leading marriage equality advocates goes beyond the slogans and sound bites to explain why the nation is debating marriage equality, why the reform matters and how reform can be achieved. Along the way he considers the history of freedom to marry in Australia, what debate on marriage equality reveals about his home state of Tasmania, and how gay identity and marriage have evolved to the point where marriage equality is not only possible but likely.” – Publisher website.


“It’s not unusual is a poignant account of the lives of lesbian and gay men since 1918: not only the events they lived through but also what they wore, the books they read, the music they listened to, the slang they used, the people they loved, the things that made them cry and the things that made them laugh.” – Book jacket.


“What happens after a son or daughter sits down to tell their parents they are gay? The child will have prepared at length for this day, often having lived with the knowledge for many years. It is the parents who have only a split second to react. My child is gay is a collection of letters written by parents who have first-hand experience of that moment.” – Back cover.

Revolution is for us: the Left and gay liberation in Australia by Liz Ross. Interventions, 2013. 306.76 ROS

“[W]hen it comes to Gay Liberation it is often asserted that the Left was backward and even hostile, that Marxism had no tradition of dealing with sexual oppression. This book challenges those claims and shows that the Left – and the working class – was involved from the beginning in the earliest gay rights movements and was integral to the new Gay Liberation Movement.” – Back cover.


“This book explores issues involving sexual orientation, gender diversity and intersex status; and explains what equality means for people who are often subjected to misunderstanding and homophobia.” – Introduction.

The transgender child: a handbook for families and professionals by Stephanie Brill and Rachel Pepper. San Francisco: Cleis Press, 2008. 306.76 BRI

“What do you do when your son insists on wearing a dress to school? Or when your toddler daughter’s first sentence is that she’s a boy? Offering an extensive understanding of gender-variant and transgender youth, The transgender child answers these questions and more.” – Back cover.

When our children come out: how to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered young people by Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli. Sydney: Finch, 2005. 306.76 PAL

“For young people struggling with issues around their sexuality, ‘coming out’ to their families, schools and communities can be traumatic. They need families, schools and communities to provide support, understanding and affirmation and to be their allies against homophobia.

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**DVDs**

*Pride* [DVD, 116 min.] directed by Matthew Warchus. Moore Park, NSW: Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment South Pacific, 2015. DVD PRI

Based on a true story, this film is about a group of gay and lesbian activists who raise money for miners during the 1984 UK miners’ strike. “A rousing British crowd-pleaser in the spirit of *Billy Elliot* and *The full monty*, *Pride* is a funny, affecting and truly inspiring film.” – Back cover. Classification: M (Mature themes, coarse language, sexual reference and brief nudity).

*Sistergirls: stories from Indigenous Australian transgender people* [DVD, 31 min.] produced by ACON. ACON, 2010. DVD SIS

“This story telling documentary delves into the lives for four Aboriginal sistergirls and Torres Strait Islander sistergirls. They tell of their unique journeys as transgender women and how this has impacted on their lives ... This is an educational video which will raise an awareness of some of the challenges sistergirls face.” – Back cover. Classification: Unclassified.

**Fiction**


“I was born twice: first, as a baby girl, on a remarkably smogless Detroit day in January of 1960; and then again as a teenage boy in an emergency room near Petoskey, Michigan, in August of 1974.” So begins the breathtaking story of Calypso Stephanides.” – Back cover. Pulitzer Prize for fiction winner, 2003.

**Websites**

**Bullying. No way!**

This Australian website has practical information and tips on how schools can deal with violence and bullying against LGBTIQ students. [http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au)

**Coming out Australia**

This website contains information, including advice on how, if a person (of any age) chooses to do so, to come out. Also contains links to other useful organizations and websites. [http://comingoutonline/](http://comingoutonline/)

**Hares & Hyenas**

A bookshop located in Melbourne, at 63 Johnston St. Fitzroy 3065, which accepts orders from anywhere in Australia. The bookshop stocks an extensive range of resources suitable for parents, students and teachers. Many of the resources in this guide are listed on their website. Visit [http://www.hares-hyenas.com.au](http://www.hares-hyenas.com.au) for more information.

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Australia**

PFLAG is “a non-profit voluntary organisation whose members have a common goal of keeping families together. PFLAG is here to give help, support and information to families, friends of all gay people.” – Website. [http://www.pflagaustralia.org.au/](http://www.pflagaustralia.org.au/)

**ReachOut**

“ReachOut provides practical tools and support to help young people get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.” – Website. [http://au.reachout.com/](http://au.reachout.com/) For more information about sexuality and gender, click on Welbeing, then Personal identity.

**Safe Schools Coalition Australia**

“We are a national coalition dedicated to helping schools be safer and more inclusive for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, school staff and families. We are dedicated to creating environments where all students, teachers and families can feel safe and be themselves. All students need to feel included at school – only then can they be engaged at school as well.” – Website. The site contains an extensive collection of online resources, including lesson plans and video clips. [http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/](http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/)

**Think about it project**

Ten young people share their experiences of homophobia, biphobia and/or transphobia in short films, hoping that viewers will then “think about it”. [http://www.thinkaboutitproject.org.au/](http://www.thinkaboutitproject.org.au/)

**Transparenthood**

This blog, written by an American mother of a transgender child, includes resources and links. [http://transparenthood.net/](http://transparenthood.net/)

**Twenty10**


**Welcoming schools**

“Initiated by a group of parents and educators [in the USA] to meet the needs of students whose family structures are not well represented or included in school environments. *Welcoming schools* is also a response to educators who have asked for tools to address bias-based name-calling and bullying.” – Website. [http://www.welcomingschools.org](http://www.welcomingschools.org)

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