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LGBTIQ: ADULT

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

"[T]eachers from urban, suburban and rural districts join together ... to challenge homophobia and heterosexism in schools and classrooms." – Back cover.

**Are schools really safe places in Australia?: an international comparison of policies and strategies that support same-sex attracted and gender-diverse students** by Michelle McCormack. Surry Hills, NSW: NSW Teachers Federation, 2017 306.76 MCC

"Michelle McCormack looks at international experience with schools-based LGBTI+ anti-bias programs and makes some practical recommendations for the direction of further research so that effective programs can be agreed upon and implemented in schools across Australia." – Foreword. (Eric Pearson study report 2016)


An "introduction to gay history for casual readers as well as for classroom use." – Publisher Website.

**Beyond diversity day: a Q & A on gay and lesbian issues in schools** by Arthur Lipkin. Lanham, MD; Oxford: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004. 371.826 LIP

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

**Beyond "That’s so gay!": challenging homophobia in Australian schools** by Daniel Witthaus. Cheltenham, Vic: Hawker Brownlow, 2010. 306.766 WIT

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.

**Dear gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender teacher: letters of advice to help you find your way** by William deJean and Jeff Sapp. Greenwich: Information Age Publishing, 2017. 371.1 DEA

"Queer professionals write personal letters to junior queer colleagues answering the general prompt, "What have you learned as a queer educator that you believe is essential to the success of current or future gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transnegendered educators?" The responses are thoughtful, powerful, poignant, and direct." – Publisher website.

**Dignity for all: safeguarding LGBT students** by Peter DeWitt. Thousand Oaks, CA; Corwin, 2012. 371.8 DEW

"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.

**Celebrating difference: a whole-school approach to LGBT+ inclusion** by Shaun Dellenty. London, UK: Bloomsbury Education, 2019. 371.826 DEL

"Examines the roots and impact of identity-based prejudice in schools and provides practical strategies to prevent bullying and improve outcomes such as attendance and attainment. ... [It] begins with individual self-reflection and leading team conversations, before moving on to planning and implementing strategic development, evaluating progress, representing LGBT+ identities and disseminating best practice." – Back cover.
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**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.” – Back cover.

**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.” – Publisher website. [https://minus18.org.au/lgbthistory/LGBTIMonth-Toolkit.pdf](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 shows “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

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


“[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 [unclassified] DVD introduces students to gay and lesbian young people.” – Back cover.

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

“[A] collection of inspiring stories about how to integrate feminist and LGBTQ content into curriculum, make it part of a vision for social justice …” – Back cover.

**Safe spaces: making schools and communities welcoming to LGBT youth** by Annemarie Vaccaro, Gerri August and Megan S Kennedy. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2011. 306.76 VAC

“The authors address the breadth of experiences of LGBT youth ... and in personal interactions with allies and antagonists. [This book] 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 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.


This book aim to “show successful models of how practicing classroom teachers affirm differential gender bodied realities across curriculum and schooling practices.” – Back cover.

**Biography**


“Richly detailed with twenties pop-culture ... 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.


Interviewees “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.

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“[A] book of pure inspiration, filled with stories of queer heroes who overcame, persisted and lived life joyously out loud, completely on their own terms.” – Back cover.


“Yolanda Bogert ... 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.’ 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

“Voices ... 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.

**Non fiction**

**Beyond Priscilla: one gay man, one gay truck, one big idea** ... by Daniel Witthaus. Melbourne: Clouds of Magellan, 2014. 306.76 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 homophobic ‘one cuppa at a time.’” – Back cover.

**Black on both sides: a racial history of trans identity** by C Riley Snorton. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2017. 306.76 SNO

This book ‘identifies multiple intersections between blackness and transness from the mid-nineteenth century to present-day anti-black and anti-trans legislation and violence. [Snorton] attends to how slavery and the production of racialized gender provided the foundations for an understanding of gender as mutable.” – Back cover.

**Diversity** by June Sarpong. London: HQ, 2017. 305 SAR

“June Sarpong MBE puts the spotlight on groups who are often marginalized in our society ... Drawing on case studies – from shared parental leave, to flexible teaching methods, to communal living for pensioners and students ... Diversity is a fierce and empowering guide to navigating a new way.” – Book jacket.


“[T]his book builds knowledge of non-binary identities and provides practical solutions to many of the basic workplace problems non-binary people face. ... [It] provides a basic overview of non-binary identities, a business case for inclusion, a brief description of how non-binary people fit into current equality laws and likely future developments in the area.” – Back cover.


“[T]hirteen 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.


“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? [A] collection of letters written by parents who have first-hand experience of that moment.” – Back cover.

**Pride and joy: artists, icons and everyday heroes** by Kathleen Archambeau. Coral Gables, FL: Mango Publishing Group, 2017. 306.76 ARC

This book “tells the stories of queer citizens of the world living OUT and proud happy, fulfilling, successful lives. Diverse and global. Famous and unsung.” – Publisher website.
Revolution is for us: the Left and gay liberation in Australia by Liz Ross. Interventions, 2013. 306.76 ROS

“When 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.” – 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.


306.76 SYD

“Four decades on from a street festival-turned-protest in 1978, Mardi Gras continues to evolve as a loud and proud platform for social justice; an astonishing citywide celebration…” – p.4.


“Suzanna Walters takes on received wisdom about gay identities and gay rights, arguing that we are not ‘almost there,’ but on the contrary have settled for a watered-down goal of tolerance and acceptance rather than a robust claim to full civil rights.” – Publisher website.

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? [This book] offer[s] an extensive understanding of gender-variant and transgender youth.” – Back cover.

We make it better: the LGBTQ community and their positive contributions to society by Eric Rosswood and Kathleen Archambeau. Coral Gables, FL: Mango Publishing Group, 2019. 306.76 ROS

A top American gay activist shares inspirational stories of queer icons in a series of revealing close-ups, first-person accounts, and intimate snapshots of LGBTQ pioneers and heroes.

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 … can be traumatic. They need families, schools and communities to provide support, understanding and affirmation and to be their allies against homophobia.

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 Calliope Stephanides.” – Back cover.


“Eight fairy tales of old with characters across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum.” – Back cover.


“In 1892 Girolamo Nerli travels from Sydney by steamer to Apia [to paint R. L. Stevenson] … More than a century later, art historian Lewis Wakefield comes to Samoa to research the painting of Tusitala’s portrait by the long-forgotten Italian artist. On hiatus from his bipolar medication, Lewis is freed to confront the powerful reality of all the desires and demons that R. L. Stevenson couldn’t control.” – Back cover.

DVDs

Pride [116 min.] directed by Matthew Warchus. Moore Park, NSW: Twentieth Century Fox, 2015. 306.76 DVD LGBTIQ

Based on fact, this film is about a group of gay and lesbian activists who raise money for miners during the 1984 UK miners’ strike. Classification: M (Mature themes, coarse language, sexual reference and brief nudity).

Riot [105 min.] directed by Jeffrey Walker. Universal Sony Home Entertainment, 2018. 306.76 DVD LGBTIQ

“In 1978, when the push to decriminalise homosexuality has stalled, a group of activists decide they must make one final attempt to celebrate who they are.” – Back cover. Classification: M (Mature themes, violence, coarse language and nudity).

Sistergirls: stories from Indigenous Australian transgender people [31 min.] produced by ACON. ACON, 2010. 306.76 DVD LGBTIQ

A documentary about “four Aboriginal sistergirls and Torres Strait Islander sistergirls.” – Back cover. Classification: Unclassified.