

Queer Booklist

Sugar Rush

By Julie Burchill

Kim moves from her posh high school to the local public school. She's freaked out that she won't have any friends and she's scared of the kids at the school. Then she meets Sugar, a wild, popular and outgoing girl at the new school. Sugar decides that they'll be best friends and Kim hopes that maybe it will become something more.

Potential

By Ariel Schrag

Ariel Schrag's amazing comic tells the story of her life as a out queer girl in her junior year. She wrote the comic when she was still in high school and she tells her stories of dating, drinking and hanging out.

Empress of the World

By Sara Ryan

Nic has been looking forward to summer university program for high school students. There she'll get to study archaeology and music and meet other high school kids who love the arts. But she never expected it to be as exciting as it becomes once she meets Battle, a cute girl who seems to be interested in Nic.

Boy meets boy

By David Leviathan

Paul has been out since elementary school and in his town, that's not a big deal. He's been the class president, has lots of friends and his life is fun. He's had a few minor heartbreaks but then he meets Noah. Paul has never felt this way about anyone and he hopes that Noah feels the same way too.

Swimming in the monsoon sea

By Shyam Selvadurai

One summer, Amrith's Canadian cousin comes to visit with their family in India. He is captivated by his cousin, who seems so cool and has an exciting life in Canada, where he says he has lots of friends and is really popular. Amrith realizes as the visit goes on that his feelings for his cousin are becoming stronger and his admiration turns to attraction.

Tough Love: High School Confidential

By Abby Denson

Brian is nervous about another bad year at high school, but then he meets Chris and the year starts to look a bit better. Now that Brian has met the boy of his dreams, he decides to come out to his family and friends.

Mosh Pit

By Kristyn Dunnion

Simone thinks her best friend Cherry is amazing. She's loud, fun and out of control. Then Cherry starts to hang out with an older guy, things start to get more than a little out of control and Simone needs to decide how far she is willing to go to look out for Cherry, no matter how in love she is with her.

Luna

By Julie Peters

Luna's story is told through the eyes of her sister. Regan has always known that her brother really feels like a girl. She is the only person that has ever met Luna and she is okay with her brother's secret. One day, Luna appears in the daytime and she is ready to come out to the world. Regan deals with the fear, embarrassment and love of a sister coming to terms with her trans sibling.

Hard Love

Ellen Wittlinger

John deals with his parent's divorce by writing and reading zines. John meets Marisol, a smart, cute girl who is the author of his favourite zine. He loves in at first sight but there's one problem, Marisol only likes girls. John and Marisol become best friends but John has a hard time accepting that the closeness they share isn't more than friendship.

Lucky

By Eddie De Oliveira

Sam is like any other high school boy, he plays soccer and likes girls. And he likes boys too. He's not sure where he fits in and he's also not sure why he needs to have a label on his sexuality. This excellent book questions our need to put labels on love and attraction.

The Geography Club

By Brent Hartinger

Russel is gay and Min is bisexual. They decide to start a gay/straight/bi alliance club but they don't want the homophobic kids at their school to harrass them. So they decide to call their new group the geography club because they figure that no one will join and they can keep it a secret. But things don't really turn out the way they planned.

Order of the Poison Oak

By Brent Hartinger

After the whole disaster with keeping the Geography Club a secret, Russel is happy to get out of town and to be a camp counsellor with his two good friends. He's sick of everyone knowing that he's gay and the way that he gets treated. He is looking forward to being anonymous, relaxing and hanging out with his friends for the summer. His plan starts to fall apart after he sees Wes, the hot camp counsellor, and he gets into fights with both of his friends. To make matters worse, he has a group of bratty 10 year old boys to take of who refuse to listen to him. Maybe being a camp counsellor wasn't such a great idea after all.