Young Adult Books with LGBTQ Characters

**Adaptation** by Malinda Lo
What is causing birds to strike planes and bring them down? Reese’s strange experiences and memories drive her to uncover the truth.

**Archenemy** by Paul Hoblin
Addie and Eva bond over their love of soccer, but Addie thinks she wants something more. That misunderstanding turns Eva into her archenemy.

**Avengers: The Children’s Crusade** by Allan Heinberg (Marvel Comics)
Young Avengers destroy evil-doers and fall in love.

**Better Nate Than Ever** by Tim Federle
Nate is in 8th grade and loves Broadway musicals so much that he runs away to New York City to audition (hoping he gets back home before his parents find out!). He’s always been bullied for being gay, but he’s not sure if he is or not. His great adventure will keep you laughing.
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*Between You and Me* by Marisa Calin
Phyre’s crush on the new female drama teacher becomes school gossip but her best friend saves the day. This story is written like a screenplay with director’s notes.

*Drama* by Rana Telgemeier
Theater Club drama unfolds as Callie has a crush on Justin who turns out to be gay. But he has a twin named Jessie who captures her heart. After the school musical, Jessie and Callie go the 8th grade formal together, but things get complicated.

*Fat Angie* by e. E. Charlton-Trujillo
Angie’s older sister was killed in Iraq and she has attempted suicide. She is also bullied because of her size. When a new girl moves to town, she finds a friend who has her own way of dealing with stress (cutting). Together they learn the importance of accepting themselves.
**Happy Families** by Tanita S. Davis
Ysabel and Justin are twins dealing with the fact that their dad is transgender and wants to live as a woman.

**If You Could be Mine** by Sara Farizan
This story takes place in modern-day Iran. Nasrin and Sahar are two teenage girls who have been friends since childhood and are in love. They would get married, but it is punishable by death. Being transgender, however, is acceptable, so Sahar makes plans to have an operation to become a man.

**Kevin Keller** by Dan Parent (Archie Comics)
Kevin Keller is a new student at Riverdale High School and the gang loves him. When he faces anti-gay bullying, they learn how to stand up for him.
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**Kevin Keller: Drive Me Crazy** by Dan Parent (Archie Comics)
Kevin goes on his first date and has his first boy friend while the school continues to learn how to treat LBGTQ students with respect.

**My Mixed-up Berry Blue Summer** by Jennifer Gennari
June wishes her mom would forget about marrying Eva. Everyone is turning against them and she just wants to make an award winning pie for the local fair.

**See You at Harry’s** by Jo Knowles
Dealing with a death in the family and the fact that her older brother is gay, twelve-year-old Fern grows up quickly.
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*Tess Masterson Will Go to Prom* by Emily Franklin and Brendan Halpin

Tess wants to take a girl to prom, but her small Indiana town erupts with bullying, boycotts and rallies that attract media attention.