

# Secondary School

## Book Pack



**YOUth&I – Volume 1** – Various Authors

Topics: Intersex Anthology

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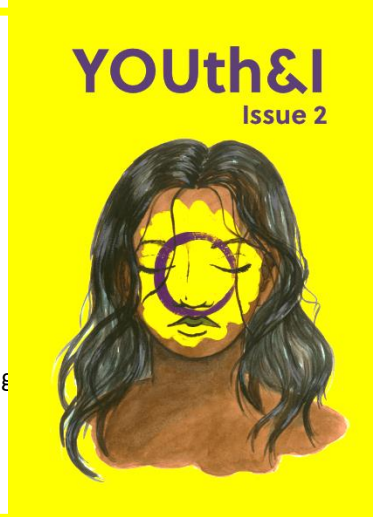
In YOUth & I, intersex youth tell their own stories, how they want to and in their own way. YOUth & I is an Australian publication created and edited by Steph Lum. A safe space for young intersex people to share their stories in their own words and not be taken out of context or rewritten by endosex (non-intersex) people. A space for intersex voices to be heard in their own right. A chance to educate the people we live with and to connect with others including those who, even if they don't know the word intersex, might recognise some of these stories and experiences within themselves...

**YOUth&I – Volume 2** – Various Authors

Topics: Intersex Anthology

Summary:

These stories discuss the struggles of not being heard, the frustration at people making assumptions about what intersex is and the frustration in some of our relationships with family members, friends and people close to us who misunderstand or choose not to listen. More than this, though, these stories reflect our relationships with ourselves and our own bodies, the moments of loss but also of rebuilding, of not knowing where we belong in the world around us but finding moments of belonging in ourselves.



**Kindred: 12 Queer Stories** - Michael Earp, et al.

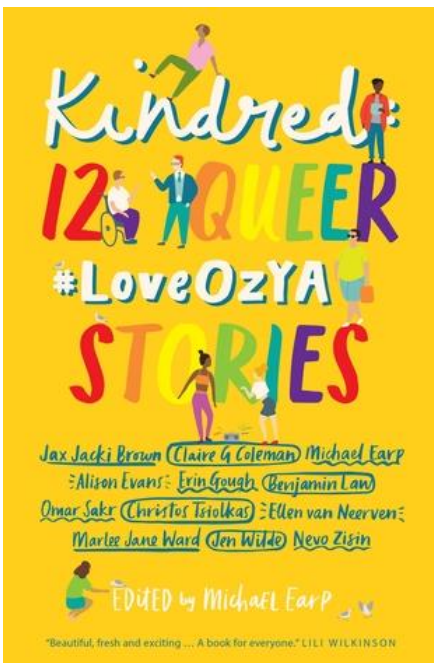
Topics: Australian LGBTIQ+ Anthology

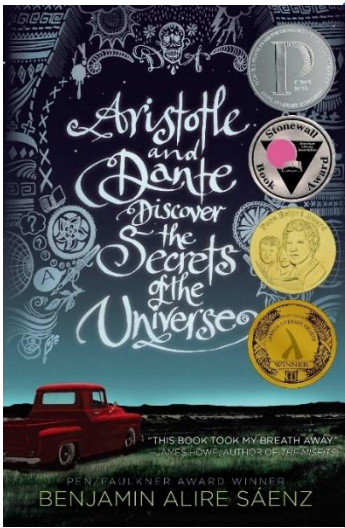
Summary:

What does it mean to be queer? What does it mean to be human?

In this powerful #LoveOzYA collection, twelve of Australia's finest writers from the LGBTQ+ community explore the stories of family, friends, lovers, and strangers - the connections that form us.

This inclusive and intersectional #OwnVoices anthology for teen readers features work from writers of diverse genders, sexualities, and identities, including writers who identify as First Nations, people of colour or disabled.





***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*** - Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Topics: – Same-sex relationship, Gay Historical Fiction, Multicultural

Summary:

Set in El Paso, Texas in 1987, the novel follows two Mexican-American teenagers, Aristotle "Ari" Mendoza and Dante Quintana, their friendship, and their struggles with racial and ethnic identity, sexuality, and family relationships. Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

***All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages***

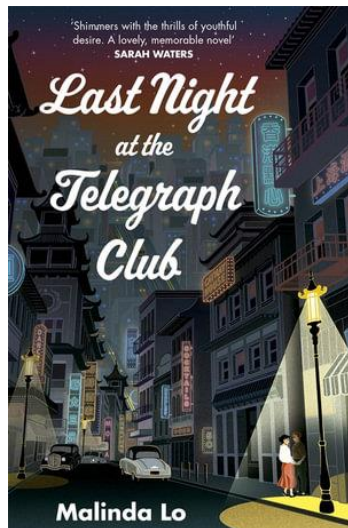
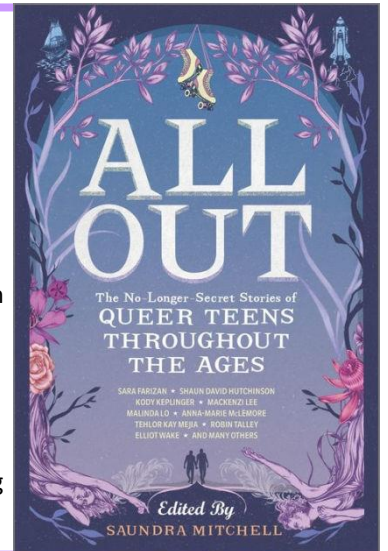
- Sandra Mitchell et al.

Topics: Historical Fiction, LGBTIQ+ Anthology, Mixed Diversity

Summary:

Take a journey through time and genres and discover a past where queer figures live, love, and shape the world around them. Seventeen of the best young adult authors across the queer spectrum have come together to create a collection of beautifully written diverse historical fiction for teens.

From a retelling of Little Red Riding Hood set in war-torn 1870s Mexico featuring a transgender soldier, to two girls falling in love while mourning the death of Kurt Cobain, forbidden love in a sixteenth-century Spanish convent or an asexual girl discovering her identity amid the 1970s roller-disco scene. A diverse range of stories across cultures, time periods and identities, shedding light on an area of history often ignored or forgotten.



***Last Night at the Telegraph Club*** - Malinda Lo

Topics: – Lesbian Historical Fiction, Multicultural

Summary:

Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the question took root, but the answer was in full bloom the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club.

America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father - despite his hard-won citizenship - Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day

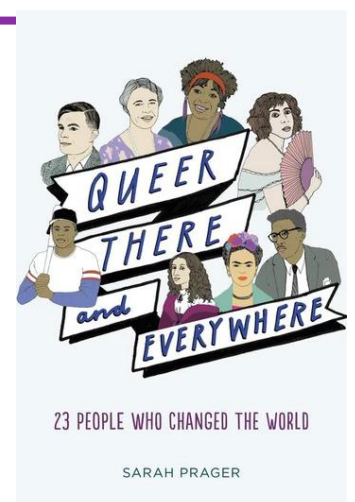
***Queer There and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World*** - Sarah Prager

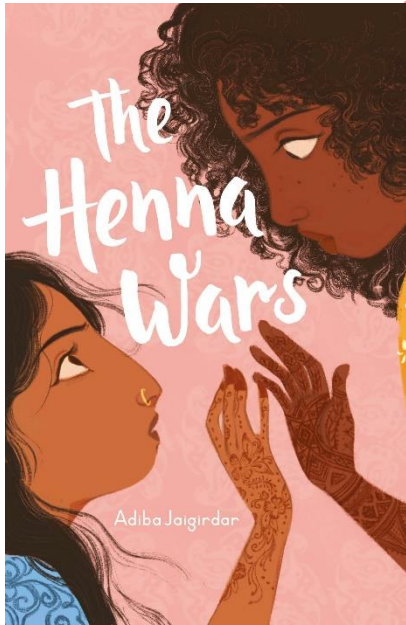
Topics: Nonfiction, LGBTIQ+ History

Summary:

World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals—and you've never heard of many of them.

Delve deep into the lives of 23 people who fought, created, and loved on their own terms. From high-profile figures like Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt to the trailblazing gender-ambiguous Queen of Sweden and a bisexual blues singer who didn't make it into your history books, these astonishing true stories uncover a rich queer heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era.





***The Henna Wars* - Adiba Jaigirdar**

Topics: – Lesbian, Muslim, Multicultural

Summary:

Nishat and Flavia are rivals at school, but Nishat can't help the secret crush burning in her heart - even though her parents disapprove of the fact she likes girls. Can she possibly find her happy ever after?

When Nishat comes out to her parents, they say she can be anyone she wants - as long as she isn't herself. Because Muslim girls aren't lesbians. Nishat doesn't want to lose her family, but she also doesn't want to hide who she is, which only gets harder once Flavia walks into her life. Beautiful and charismatic, Flavia takes Nishat's breath away. But as their lives become tangled, they're caught up in a rivalry that gets in the way of any feelings they might have for each other.

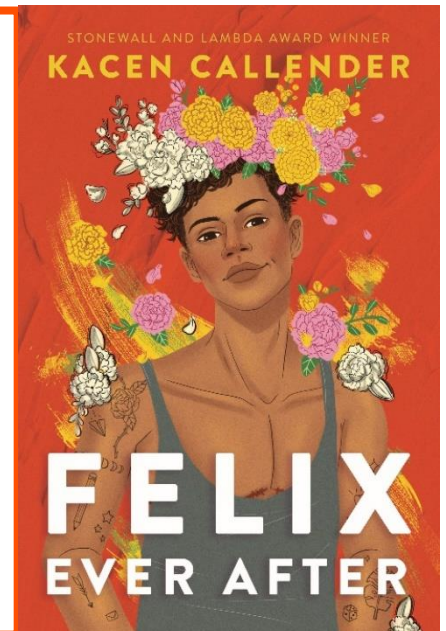
Can Nishat find a way to be true to herself... and find love too?

***Felix Ever After* - Kacen Callender**

Topics: Queer, Transgender, Multicultural

Summary:

Felix Love has never been in love-and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. What's worse is that, even though he is proud of his identity, Felix also secretly fears that he's one marginalization too many- Black, queer, and transgender--to ever get his own happily-ever-after. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages--after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned--Felix comes up with a plan for revenge. What he didn't count on: his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle... But as he navigates his complicated feelings, Felix begins a journey of questioning and self-discovery that helps redefine his most important relationship: how he feels about himself. An honest and layered story about identity, falling in love, and recognizing the love you deserve.



"This book will open hearts and change minds."  
—Stephen Chbosky, bestselling author of  
*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*



***None of the Above* - I. W. Gregorio**

Topics: – Intersex      Age/Year Level: Years 8-10 (14+)

Summary:

When Kristin Lattimer is voted homecoming queen, it seems like another piece of her ideal life has fallen into place. She's a champion hurdler with a full scholarship to college and she's madly in love with her boyfriend. In fact, she's decided that she's ready to take things to the next level with him. But Kristin's first time isn't the perfect moment she's planned--something is very wrong. A visit to the doctor reveals the truth: Kristin is intersex, which means that though she outwardly looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts." Dealing with her body is difficult enough, but when her diagnosis is leaked to the whole school, Kristin's entire identity is thrown into question. As her world unravels, can she come to terms with her new self?