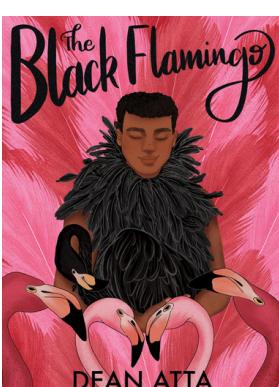
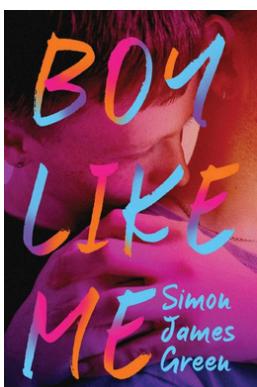
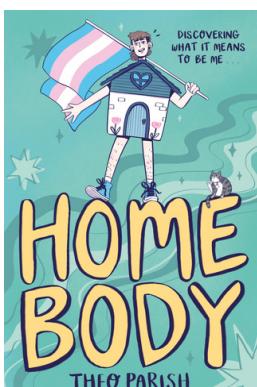
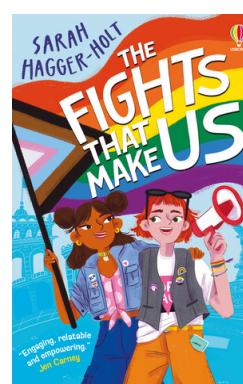
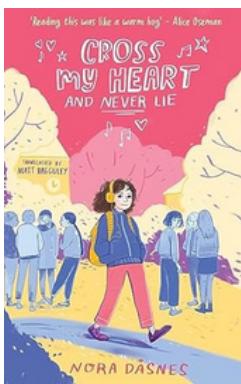
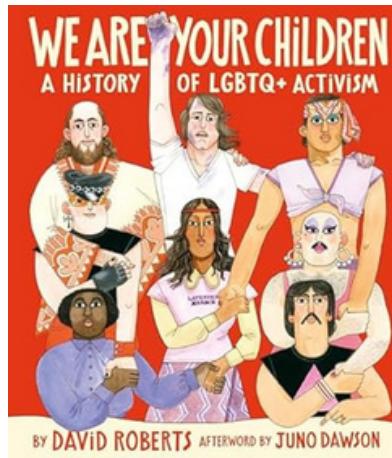
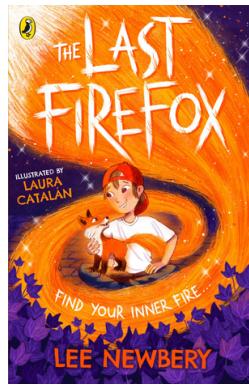
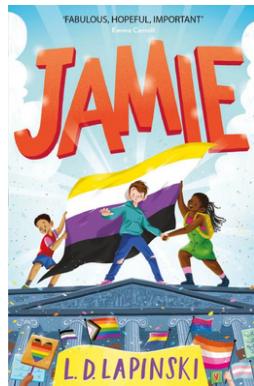
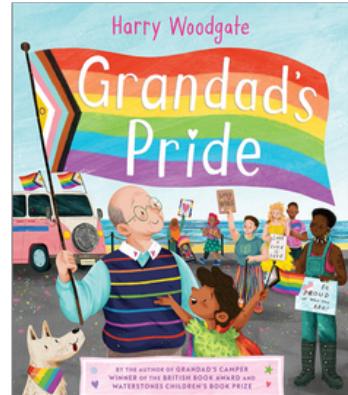
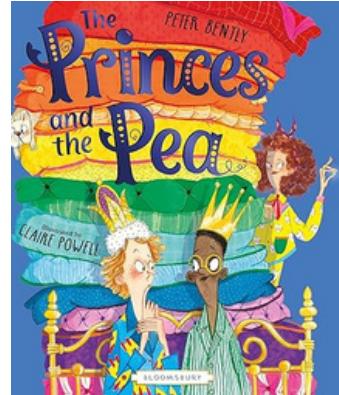
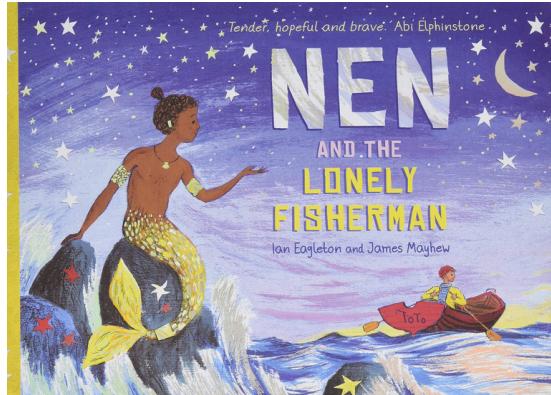
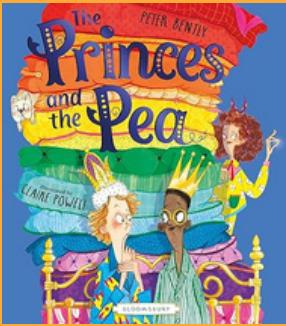


# PRIDE Booklist

JUMP into LGBTQ+ stories with empathy-rich reading recommendations to celebrate Pride month



# Picture Books



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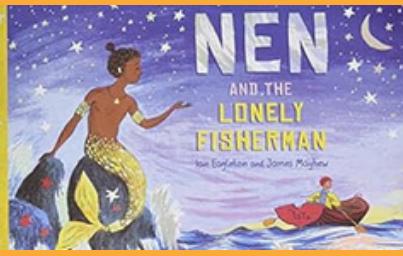
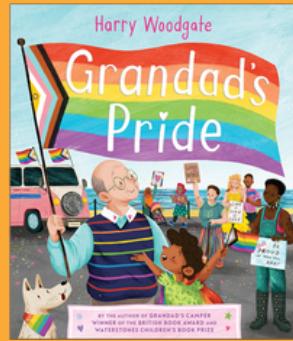
**Peter Bently and Claire Powell**

A hilarious rhyming retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen classic, with a modern twist! When Prince Fred decides it's time he got married – he discovers he may not need a princess after all. In fact, his handsome prince has been there all along, in the shape of Prince Zac. Bloomsbury

## Grandad's Pride

**Harry Woodgate**

Milly is really excited when she discovers Grandad and Gramps' Pride flag in the attic. Grandad insists he's too old to go to the London celebrations, but Milly has an idea to get the local community together and bring Pride to Grandad. A celebration of love and family, the power of community and the importance of LGBTQ+ history. Andersen



## Nen and the Lonely Fisherman

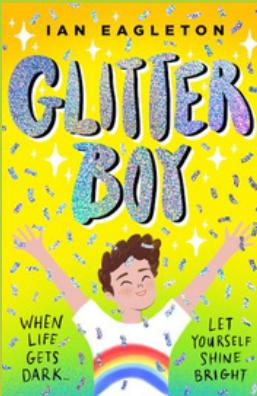
**Ian Eagleton & James Mayhew**

The magical, lyrical love story of merman Nen and lonely fisherman Ernest. Also a warning about the threat to our oceans. Can we learn from Nen and Ernest to live in harmony with our environment?

Owllet Press



# Novels & Graphic Novels



## Glitter Boy

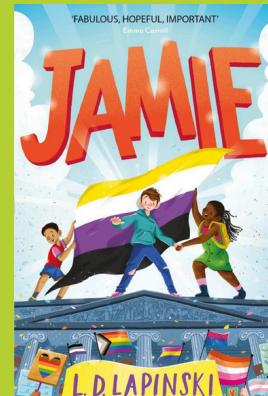
**Ian Eagleton**

A story of identity and prejudice. James is different and his dad misguidedly tries to protect him by encouraging him to be like his classmates. But James finds people who support him and give him the confidence to be his true self. Scholastic

## Jamie

**L.D. Lapinski**

This novel helps us really understand the experience of being non-binary. Jamie is at a turning point, forced to choose between going to a girls' or a boys' school. They fight to be heard, for their experience to matter. Orion



## The Last Firefox

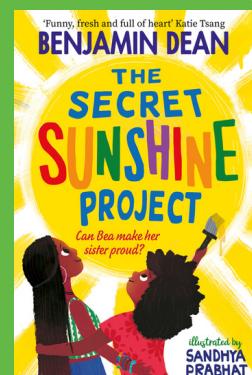
**Lee Newbery**

Faced with school bullies and changes at home, Charlie is having to be brave. Then he's put in charge of a vulnerable, flammable firefox, the only one in the world! A rollicking magical adventure, led by a character we really care about. Puffin

## The Secret Sunshine Project

**Benjamin Dean**

A celebration of family, friendship, courage, identity and love. The story opens with a grieving family, but, through Bea's understanding for her older sister, ends with a joyous celebration of Pride that brings a community together and transcends hate. Simon & Schuster



# Young Adult Novels & Verse Novels

\*Denotes titles for older readers



## Cross My Heart and Never Lie

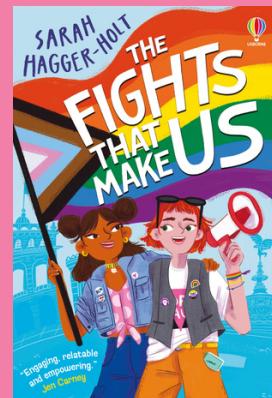
**Nora Dåsnes**

Friendship is tough. Tuva's friends are meeting boys, but she still wants to play in the woods. A graphic novel that will reassure young people that everyone grows up at different rates, that relationships change and that there is more than one way to be a girl! Farshore

## The Fights That Make Us

**Sarah Hagger-Holt**

An explosively joyful novel. Jesse (in 2023) and Lisa (in 1988) act to challenge the legislation and prejudice around LGBTQ+ rights. Their stories explore the painful human impact of discrimination that forces people to hide their true selves. Usborne



## Homebody\*

**Theo Parish**

An autobiographical graphic novel about growing up confused and desperate for understanding. Theo gently airs uncertainty around gender and identity, seeking the one that feels most like 'home'. This book is non-judgemental and full of compassion and empathy. Macmillan



## Boy Like Me

**Simon James Green**

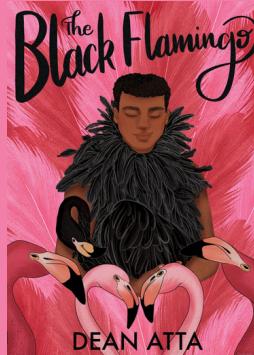
What happens when you secretly feel different from everyone else? Jamie is discovering his identity and falling in love at a time when exploring sexuality, even through books, was risky. Thank goodness for the courageous librarian who supports Jamie and defends freedom. Scholastic



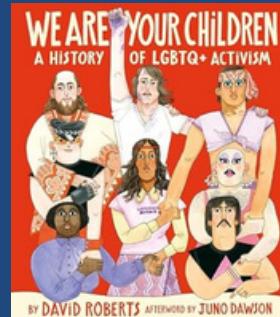
## The Black Flamingo

**Dean Atta**

A heartwarming coming-of-age YA novel told in beautifully-written verse. Captures internal struggles of growing up and learning to find your voice. Hodder



## Non-fiction



## We Are Your Children

**David Roberts**

A gorgeously illustrated celebration of queer activism. Touching on major moments in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, this wide-ranging and inclusive account tells the fascinating stories of resistance, friendship, love, fear, division, unity and astonishing perseverance in the face of discrimination and oppression and showcases key figures from queer history. Two Hoots



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