Young Adult Fiction books featuring racially diverse LGBTQ2+ youth



The Youth Project recognizes that there is an under-representation of non-white youth in LGBTQ2+ Young Adult (YA) fiction. While these titles are in our other book lists, we've compiled an expanded list as well, as this list is meant to be a resource to those looking to increase the representation of diverse LGBTQ2+ youth in their book collections.

Books about Black, African-American and Afro-Caribbean Youth:

Not Otherwise Specified, Hanna Moskowitz
The Secrets of Eden, Brandon Goode
Anger is a Gift, Mark Oshiro
King Geordi the Great, Gene Gant
Let's Talk About Love, Claire Kann
Little and Lion, Brandy Colbert
The House You Pass on the Way, Jacqueline Woodson
Ascension, Jacqueline Koyanagi
How to Make a Wish, Ashley Herring Blake
The Necessary Hunger, by Nina Revoyr
Not Your Villain, C.B Lee
Lies We Tell Ourselves, Robin Talley
Proxy, Alex London

Books about Asian and South-Asian Youth:

Guardian (Proxy Series #2), Alex London

Huntress, Malinda Lo
Ash, Malinda Lo
Not Your Sidekick, C.B. Lee
The Abyss Surrounds Us, Emily Skrutskie
When the Moon Was Ours, by Anna-Marie McLemore
A Darkly Beating Heart, by Lindsay Smith
Seven Tears at High Tide, C.B Lee
Jaya and Rasa: A Love Story by Sonia Patel
Stranger, Rachel Manija Brown & Sherwood Smith
Noteworthy by Riley Redgate (e-book)
It's Not Like It's a Secret by Misa Sugiura (e-book)

Books about Latinx Youth:

Juliet Takes a Breath, Gabby Rivera
More Happy Than Not, Adam Silvera
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe, Benjamin Alire Sáenz
The Culling, Steven Dos Santos
Girl Mans Up, M-E Girard
Down to the Bone, Mayra Lazara Dole

Books about Indigenous Youth:

Fire Song, Adam Garnet Jones
Love Beyond Body, Space, and Time: An LGBT and Two-Spirit Sci-Fi Anthology, ed. By Hope Nicholson

Books about Persian and Iranian Youth:

If You Could Be Mine, Sara Farizan
Tell Me Again How A Crush Should Feel, Sara Farizan

