



Books for kids with LGBT parents

These books specifically depict our families, either in the story, in the illustrations, or with photographs.

All titles can be ordered online at www.familypride.org.

Books for Children Ages 2-6

123 A Family Counting Book *Bobbie Combs* *8.95 paperback*
Ages 3-6

Have fun with the kids, moms, dads and pets in this delightful book that celebrates our families as it teaches young children to count from one to twenty.

ABC A Family Alphabet Book *Bobbie Combs* *8.95 paperback*
Ages 3-6

Have fun with the kids, moms, dads and pets in this delightful book that celebrates our families as it teaches young children the alphabet.

Bedtime for Baby Teddy *T.Arc-Dekker* *12.95 paperback*
Ages 0-3

This Australian import is a bit pricey at only 12 pages (stiffer than paper, but not as hard as a board book), but it's by far the easiest story we've seen that features two mommies, with soft, full-color illustrations that show two "Mummy Teddies" spending time with their little one.

Asha's Mums *Rosamund Elwin* *6.95 paperback*
Ages 3-6

This Canadian book tells the story of Asha, whose classmates find out that she has two mums when she needs to get a field trip permission slip filled out. Several lively discussions with her classmates later, Asha feels great about her two mums and so do her friends.

Heather Has Two Mommies *Lesl_a Newman* *10.95 paperback*
Ages 3-6

The first book to portray lesbian families in a positive way has been updated and edited from the original; the text is shorter, making the book more focused on the message that "the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love each other."

Felicia's Favorite Story Lesl_a Newman 9.95 paperback
Ages 2 & up

It's bedtime, but before Felicia goes to sleep she wants to hear her favorite story, the story of how she was adopted by Mama Linda and Mama Nessa. And so Felicia's parents tell her how they flew off in a big silver airplane to meet the baby girl who was waiting for them, and how they loved her from the very first moment they saw her. A soothing lullaby of a story that children will want to hear again and again.

Daddy's Roommate Michael Wilhoite 10.95 paperback
Ages 3-6

When Nick's mom and dad divorce, his dad moves in with Frank. There are warm, sweet pictures of the two men and their son at home and away. One nice touch is that the boy's mom is great—she understands about Dad and helps her son realize that "being gay is just one more kind of love. And love is the best kind of happiness."

Dragon and the Doctor Barbara Danish 5.95 paperback
Ages 3-7

This appealing story, with full-color illustrations, tells of a dragon who has a sore tail. When she goes to Dr. Judy and Nurse Benjamin for help, they discover all kinds of treasures zipped into the tail. Cured, the dragon takes her new friends to a party, where they meet Lucy, a little creature who has two mothers. When Lucy begins to show strange spots, Doctor Judy again steps in with her medical expertise.

Best Best Colors/Los Mejores Colores Eric Hoffman 10.95 paperback
Ages 3-6

Nate loves all of the wonderful colors he sees in his everyday life. When his Mama Jean and Mamma Laura ask him about his favorite color, he wonders, "How can I choose just one?" Later, Nate learns that he likes all the colors best when they're together and that he can have more than one favorite color, one best friend, and one mamma. Not only does this one have great color illustrations, but the text is in both English and Spanish.

How My Family Came to Be – Daddy, Papa and Me
Andrew Aldrich \$19.95 hardcover Ages 2-6

"The day I was born was a happy day." Told with simple words and playful illustrations, this book touches on the topics of adoption, two fathers and interracial families for a young audience. Narrated from the perspective of a school-aged child, the story shows how his family was created and that families are made up of people who love each other."

King & King Linda de Haan 14.95 hardcover
Ages 3-6

When the queen decrees that it's time for the prince to marry, princesses come from far and wide hoping to catch his eye. But the one who actually charms the prince is the brother of one of the princesses, and guess what? They live happily ever after! A great way to show your kids that they can love whoever they want to love.

Mama Eat Ant, Yuck! Barbara Lynn Edmonds 19.95 paperback
Ages 3-6

Kids and parents will chuckle at the familiarity of this story, which just happens to be an incident from a two-mom household. When one mom accidentally eats some ant-covered raisins, their youngest daughter decides this is when she'll say some real words: "Mama eat ant, yuck!" To the despair of mom, she repeats the sentence all day long.

My Two Uncles Judith Vigna 14.95 hardcover
Ages 3-7

Elly doesn't understand why her grandfather refuses to invite her uncle Phil to his fiftieth wedding anniversary party. Phil is her Uncle Ned's friend, and her dad explains that "It's because they are gay...it's just the way they are." But not all people think like Daddy, and it's difficult to imagine how some of them will ever open their minds.

Saturday Is Pattyday Lesl_a Newman 6.95 paperback
Ages 3-6

Frankie used to live with his two moms, Allie and Patty, but they have separated. When Frankie brings Doris Delores Brontausaurus to visit Allie in her new apartment, he learns that Allie will always be part of his life.

Books for Children Ages 7-10

My House Brenna/Vicki Harding 8.95 paperback
Ages 5-7

Going to Fair Day Brenna/Vicki Harding 8.95 paperback
Ages 5-7

These Australian imports are the first easy readers we've seen for two "mum" families. Bright, kid-friendly pictures accompany the simple stories about a girl—one tells all about life at her house; the other tells about when the family goes to the fair.

Skull of Truth Bruce Coville 3.99 paperback
Ages 7-12

Charlie Eggleston stumbles into Mr. Elive's mysterious magic shop and finds a wise-cracking skull that leads him into the adventure of a lifetime. The skull makes its owner be honest, and through it he confronts his uncle's homosexuality, a friend's cancer and other issues. The relationship between Charlie and his uncle is a good one, and it's realistically portrayed. And it's a good mystery!

Zack's Story: Growing Up with Same-Sex Parents Keith Elliot Greenberg 19.95
hardcover Ages 7-9

This is the warm and interesting story of Zack and his family; he lives with his two moms but still spends time with his father. Because it's told with Zack's voice and is illustrated with photographs, it's a very realistic depiction of one of our families.

Books for Children Ages 10-13

Box Girl Sarah Withrow 5.95 paperback
Ages 10 and up

The story of Gwen, whose mother ran away five years ago and whose father is gay. She struggles with friends, school and family; but the scenes between Gwen, her father and Leon, his boyfriend, are real and warm.

Clear Spring Barbara Wilson 12.50 paperback
Ages 11 and up

During her stay with Aunt Ceci and her partner, Janie, who is a naturalist, Willa learns about environmentalism, gets to know more about her family, and solves a mystery.

Holly's Secret Nancy Garden 16.00 hardcover
Ages 8-12

Holly's family moves to a new town, she changes her name and lies about her parents (two moms), hoping that she'll fit in. She learns that her true friends will stand by her and that love is the most important thing. The scenes between Holly and her family are very warm and realistic.

The Harvey Milk Story Kari Krakow 17.95 hardcover
Ages 8 and up

Harvey Milk made history by being sworn into office as the first openly gay elected city official in the United States. He showed the world that by not being afraid to be yourself, you can give others the courage to be proud of who they are.

Books for Children Ages 13 and up

From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun Jacqueline Woodson 3.99 paperback Ages 12 and up

When Melanin Sun's mother tells him she is in love with Kristen, he has a decision to make: Should he stand by his mother even though it could mean losing his friends? Or should he abandon the only family he's ever known? Either way, he's about to learn the true meaning of sacrifice, prejudice, and love....a terrific treatment of one "alternative family" by one of our own.

What If Someone I Know Is Gay? Eric Marcus 4.99 paperback
Ages 13 and up

The author answers real questions by kids in a candid, straightforward way: sex, social attitudes, religion, school and family. His answers about LGBT parents are straightforward and supportive.

Eagle Kite Paula Fox \$4.50 paperback Ages 13 and up

Liam, who is 13, has been angry at his father for 3 years, ever since the day he saw his father together with another man. Now his father has AIDS, and Liam must confront him to know the truth.

Necessary Noise Michael Cart, ed. 15.99 hardcover
Ages 13 and up

This is a very nice anthology with stories about all kinds of families, including a couple about LGBT-headed families.

If It Doesn't Kill You Margaret Bechard 15.99 hardcover
Ages 14 and up

Ben is a high school freshman whose father has moved out because he is gay. Despite some initial issues with his dad, Ben comes around—he is a likable, sensible, nice guy, and the high school scenes are believable and interesting.

Am I Blue? Marion Dane Bauer, ed. 5.95 paperback
Ages 12 and up

A fantastic anthology of stories by well-known children's authors, each portraying the subject and theme of growing up gay or lesbian, or with gay or lesbian parents or friends. Two of the stories feature LGBT parents in some way.

Books for Adults

Dress Codes Noelle Howey 14.00 paperback
For adults

An extraordinary family memoir of three journeys into womanhood as experienced by a transgendered father, a tomboy mother, and their daughter.

Out of the Ordinary Howey/Samuels, eds. 13.95 paperback
Ages 15 and up

Here are 21 stories written by grown children (themselves a mixture of gay, straight and bisexual) who were raised by GLBT parents. Some of the contributions are from professional writers, others are not; but all are compelling, heartfelt, personal essays. As they speak to an adult audience, they will also be invaluable for teens with GLBT parents who are looking for connections and understanding.

Love Makes a Family Kaeser/Gillespie 19.95 paperback
All ages

The beautiful book that accompanies the traveling exhibit, with portraits of LGBT parents and their families.

Sons Talk About Their Gay Fathers Andrew Gottlieb \$17.95 hardcover
Adult

Gottlieb looks at how sons react to learning that their fathers are gay, allowing us to see, over time, how this has changed their family relationships and their own lives. Simply and elegantly written, this psychoanalytically oriented qualitative research study is accessible to both the beginner and the more advanced researcher and practitioner.

Families Like Mine Abigail Garner \$24.95 hardcover

Sophisticated, sharply written, empathetic, and deeply personal, this book makes an outstanding and much-needed contribution to the dialogue on gay parenting from the seldom-heard perspective of adult children raised in these families. Garner is a nationally recognized family rights activist, and she provides LGBT parents with valuable insights about their children's experiences.

Books Inclusive of LGBT Families

Most of these celebrate diversity in various ways, and all of them include at least some mention of LGBT-headed families.

Books for children Ages 2-6

Everywhere Babies Susan Meyers 16.00 hardcover
Ages 3-6

There are dozens of delicious babies crawling through the pages of this busy picture book, and lots of family members surround them - including some of our families! In

White Swan Express Jean Davies Okimoto 16.00 hardcover Ages 3-6

In China, the moon shines on four baby girls fast asleep in an orphanage. Far away in North America, the sun rises over four homes as the people inside (including a lesbian couple) get ready to start a long, exciting journey. With tenderness and humor, this lyrical story tells how they are all brought together and became four happy families on one very special day.

Who's In a Family? Robert Skutch 6.95 paperback
Ages 3-6

A picture book, depicting all kinds of families, human and animals - step, divorced, extended, lesbian, multi-ethnic—all happy.

Books for Children Ages 7 and up

All Families Are Different Sol Gordon, Ph.D 9.95 paperback
Ages 7 and up

Gordon, a clinical psychologist with a special interest in children's education, has created an uplifting book for young people who are curious about just what it means to be part of a family. Some children, he explains, live with both parents, while others live with one or with step- or foster parents. We also find children being reared by aunts, uncles, or grandparents, as well as same-sex couples.

Cootie Shots Norma Bowles, ed. 18.95 paperback Ages 5 and up

This collection is a unique assortment of plays, songs and poems created by Fringe Benefits, a coalition of theatre artists, youth, educators and parents. It provides a fun and constructive way to promote tolerance and celebrate diversity by presenting role models of many different races, cultures, classes, genders, abilities, sexual orientations, religions, ages and appearances.

Books for Just Moms and Just Dads

These books celebrate the love between one parent and a child or children.

Ages 2-6

The Daddy Book Todd Parr 14.95 hardcover
Ages 3-6

The Mommy Book Todd Parr 14.95 hardcover
Ages 3-6

These books celebrate many kinds of moms and dads, and they're perfect to use in a family with same-sex parents, because even though they never shows two dads (or moms) together in the same picture, neither does it show a mom (or a dad), so kids can just enjoy the descriptions of all the things their parents do. They would also be great books for families with single parents.

Dad Mine

Mom Mine

Both by Jane Kemp and Claire Walters \$6.99 board book Ages 2-5

These sweet little board books show lots of moms/dads...bright and cheery, it has pictures of many animal moms/dads with their kids and ends with a human parent holding a little toddler.

Daddy Kisses

Mommy Hugs

Both by Anne Gutman and Georg Hallensleben \$5.95 board book Ages 2-5

What could be sweeter than adorable baby animals exchanging kisses with their parents? Each daddy or mommy gives their own special kiss or hug in these celebrations of a parent's love.

What Daddies Do Best Laura Numeroff 6.95 hardcover
(Ages 4-7) or \$6.99 board book (Ages 2-5)

What Mommies Do Best Laura Numeroff 6.95
hardcover(Ages 4-7) or \$6.99 board book (Ages 2-5)

These mini books show kids that daddies/mommies can do lots of things - bake cakes, play in the park, take you trick-or-treating, and more. Each book only shows moms or dads, so it's great to use with our families. The illustrations are bright and sweet, with whimsical animals portraying parents and kids.

"How to" Parenting Books for LGBT Parents

Adopting On Your Own Lee Varon \$15.00 paperback

It's hard to think of an adoption issue that Varon hasn't addressed (age, money, deciding which type of adoption to do, finding an agency) and she has collected an incredible number of resources (books, organizations, agency contact information, websites) to aid readers. Throughout the book, she uses examples of gay and lesbian singles preparing to adopt, and she also lists gay and lesbian organizations in her resource sections.

Considering Parenthood Cheri Pies 12.95 paperback

Truly focused on helping you make the BIG decision, this complete guide for lesbian moms- to be starts with helping you explore all the issues and options. Whether you want to do it yourself, with a partner, and with or without men in your lives, this guide is indispensable.

Essential Guide to Lesbian Conception, Pregnancy and Birth Toevs/Brill 19.95
paperback

The authors cover all of the basics in this exhaustive guide, providing easy-to-understand charts and illustrations, checklists, groundbreaking fertility information, and personal exercises geared specifically toward lesbian, bisexual, and single mothers.

The Ultimate Guide to Pregnancy for Lesbians Rachel Pepper 14.95
paperback

Pepper's best selling guide for lesbians gives detailed information on all the physical, emotional, legal and practical aspects of pregnancy. Single mamas and partners/co-parents alike will find this book enlightening, irreverent and essential.

Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford \$29.99
paperback

The title pretty much says it all, but included inside are the latest pieces of information to help with custody and visitation issues, tax laws, marriage and partnership arrangements and power of attorney issues.

The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook April Martin, Ph.D. 16.00 paperback
Written for both lesbians and gay men, this was one of the first books available to our community on the issues surrounding our families. Thoughtful, comprehensive and eye opening, the book draws on interviews with real life families and experts.

Lesbian Stepfamilies Janet M. Wright 19.95 paperback
The first book specifically on the subject of lesbians bringing their families together and making one healthy stepfamily, it takes a look at five families, their challenges, accomplishments, and experiences.

Lesbian Parenting Katherine Arnup 19.95 paperback
This anthology of lesbian voices on parenting is wonderful. Not a "how to," but a collection of thought and experience, there are moving passages and dialogues all defining "family."

The Lesbian Parenting Book Clunis/Green 18.95 paperback
A step-by-step guide to the realities of being a lesbian and being a parent today. From alternative insemination to foster children and adoption to the roles of partners, dads and other family members, this book is a must.

For Lesbian Parents Suzanne Johnson, PhD 16.95 paperback

In addition to the adjustments that any new parents must make, lesbian mothers face numerous special questions and concerns. From "coming out" to your child to coping with the pressures of trying to be a lesbian super-mom, this book offers information and support for women forging a new path in what it means to be a family.

Gay Parents/Straight Schools: Building Communication and Trust
Virginia Casper, Stephen B. Schultz \$19.95 paperback
This book openly addresses the specific educational realities and needs of lesbian-and gay-headed families. Based on research that includes perspectives from all involved, this book looks at such issues as communication between parents and school staff, homophobia at home and school, gender roles, curriculum planning, and more.

Home Fronts Jess Wells \$12.95 paperback
The author of *Lesbians Raising Sons* has edited a fantastic collection of essays on the complex issues facing LGBT families today. Race, sex, classism and divorce are just a handful of the dicey topics discussed here by esteemed authors in the community.

It's a Family Affair Lisa Saffron \$20.00 paperback Diva
This British import was put together by an expert who gives workshops on lesbian parenting and writes a column about lesbian families. Even though some of the issues described are unique to Britain, others are universal: making the decision, getting pregnant, family relationships and lesbian step-parents. Particularly valuable are the many first-hand stories included in the book.

Lesbians Raising Sons Jess Wells 14.95/14.95
paperback

As more of us are doing the mom thing, the word "family" is continuously being redefined. There are particular challenges to lesbian moms raising boys, and this powerful anthology helps explore some ground breaking studies that challenge stereotypes on both the parent's and the child's end.

Gay and Lesbian Parenting Glazer/Drescher 19.95
paperback

Given that this book has been co-published simultaneously as "Journal of Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy, Volume 4, Numbers 3/4 2001," it's no surprise to find that it's not a how-to book. The editors present a thought-provoking collection: essays, book excerpts, a group of poems and more.

The Queer Parent's Primer Stephanie Brill 14.95 paperback For
parents

This is not a book that tells you how to get pregnant or how to adopt, but rather a thoughtful and articulate book about how to be a great parent after you've started your family. She discusses language (to hyphenate or not to hyphenate? What names do our children call us?); coming out as a family and relating to others in your family; navigating the childcare and school systems; developing your family's spirituality, and more.

Memoirs and Personal Stories of LGBT Parents

An American Family Jon & Michael Galluccio \$14.95 paperback

This is the story of two gay men who become foster parents to Adam, a premature baby, born with the AIDS virus and addicted to crack, heroin, marijuana, and alcohol. While nursing Adam through the many medical emergencies of his first year and surviving the daily dramas that all new parents go through, they realize that this child, their son, could be taken back from them at any time by the state, and they decide to try to legally adopt him together. Refused by the state, they decide to fight for their son in the courts, and win, setting a precedent for all unmarried couples in New Jersey. This book is dramatic proof that the American family is vibrantly alive and extending itself in remarkable new directions.

Buying Dad Harlyn Aizley \$14.95 paperback

What do two nice Jewish girls do when they want to start a family? They can marry two nice Jewish boys, or if they happen to be lesbians, they can buy sperm online from California. *Buying Dad* is a hilarious, edgy, first-person chronicle of a woman engaged in a very alternative family-planning experience.

Following Foo B.D. Wong \$24.95 hardcover

"Once upon a time," as Wong explains in his true story, "my partner and I found ourselves expecting, with the help of a surrogate mother, modern medical science, and lots of good luck and prayers. To add to our blessing, she was carrying twins! Things were pretty swell...until the twins arrived almost three months early. For those of you who don't know, babies that come almost three months early are pretty little, and boy are they scary-looking. Especially when you're their dad..."

Gay Dads *David Strah* \$23.95 hardcover

Gay Dads is a panoramic look at the first decades of an entirely new kind of family. Neither a personal memoir nor a clinical study, it is instead the spiritual survey of a trend, encompassing not just the hard data but the yearnings, the impediments, the strategies, the joys, the costs, and the benefits of becoming a parent in a way almost no one has done before.

The Kid: An Adoption Story *Dan Savage* \$12.95 paperback

Noted sex columnist Dan Savage tells the often humorous story about how he and his boyfriend Terry adopted a son. In between laughs, readers will learn a lot about the adoption process.

Martian Child *David Gerrold* \$12.95 paperback

"A very personal account of a middle-aged gay man's adoption of a high-risk eight-year-old boy...Charming and funny, the adopted single dad wins our sympathy." - Kirkus Reviews

Velveteen Father *Jesse Green* 14.00 paperback

This journalist & novelist fell in love at age 37, and suddenly found himself a dad - something that had never been a priority to him. His moving chronicle of his newfound parenthood is a beautiful read and made bestseller lists across the country.

Waiting in the Wings *Cherrie Moraga* \$10.95 paperback

The celebrated Chicana lesbian writer has written her personal account of motherhood. Powerful and revealing, it is a portrait of courage and of the harsh realities that come into focus when a child enters your life.