

Fiction by Transgender and Non-Binary Writers with Trans/Gender-Diverse Characters (compiled by Mary Ann Saunders)

I have read virtually all of these, but do not claim the list is complete. If I'm being honest, much of what's here reflects my interests (so there are lots of trans women writers and transfeminine characters) but I have done my best to include a diversity of writers and readers. In the Young Adult section I've included links to some amazing resources to help in finding a greater range of YA books.

Picture Books

- Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, ***I Am Jazz*** (trans teen girl author, trans girl main character)
- Kyle Lukoff, ***When Aidan Became a Brother*** (trans man author, trans boy main character)
- Vivek Shraya and Rajni Perera, ***The Boy and the Bindi*** (trans woman author, gender non-conforming main character)
- Kai Cheng Thom, Wai-Yant Li, and Kai Yun Ching, ***From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea*** (trans woman author, gender-fluid main character)

Children's (Middle-Grade) Fiction

- Lisa Bunker, ***Felix Yz*** (trans woman author, genderqueer grandparent; CW: depending on how one understands the main character, aspects of this book could be read as ableist, but the genderqueer grandparent is amazing)
- Lisa Bunker, ***Zenobia July*** (trans woman author, trans girl main character, non-binary best friend, queer family)
- Alex Gino, ***George*** (non-binary author, trans girl main character)

*To my knowledge, the three books above are the only books by trans writers, with trans characters, written for middle-grade readers. Another book, **Ana on the Edge**, by AJ Sass is due out in fall 2020 and will include a non-binary main character. I can't wait!*

Young Adult Fiction

- April Daniels, ***Dreadnought*** (Book 1 in the Nemesis series) (trans woman author, trans girl superhero!)
- Akwaeke Emezi, ***Pet*** (non-binary author, trans girl main character)
- Meredith Russo, ***If I Was Your Girl*** (trans woman author, trans girl main character)

I have read the three books listed above and recommend all of them. However, there is so much more!

- *For a greater diversity of writers and representation, have a look at this fantastic list: "12 Young Adult Novels To Read On Trans Day Of Visibility" <https://www.buzzfeed.com/dahliaadler/great-young-adult-books-transgender-day-of-visibility>*

- Also, this is an amazing resource, which is always being added to (I can't keep up anymore!): "The YA/MG Trans & Nonbinary Voices Masterlist"
<https://www.obvibase.com/p/mesA3yHT7KehxDTu/?location=%7B%22type%22%3A%22table%22%2C%22databaseId%22%3A%22mesA3yHT7KehxDTu%22%2C%22queryPath%22%3A%7B%22recordPath%22%3A%5B%5D%2C%22columnPath%22%3A%5B%221%22%5D%7D%7D>
- A forthcoming book which I'm looking forward to is Sybil Lamb's **The Girl Who Was Convinced Beyond All Reason That She Could Fly**. It's due to be published in October 2020.

Fiction (and some Graphica) for Adult Readers

At least some of these are books that older teens would also enjoy, but often explore mature themes and/or include a diversity of sexualities and sexual experiences.

- Charlie Jane Anders, **All the Birds in the Sky** (trans woman author)
- Imogen Binnie, **Nevada** (trans woman author, trans woman main character)
- Tom Cho, **Look Who's Morphing** (trans man author, diversely gendered characters)
- Cat Fitzpatrick and Casey Plett (editors), **Meanwhile, Elsewhere: Science Fiction and Fantasy From Transgender Writers** (available as a free PDF here: <https://caseyplett.wordpress.com/free-pdfs-of-a-safe-girl-to-love-and-meanwhile-elsewhere/>)
- Calvin Gimpelevich, **Invasions** (trans man author, trans characters)
- Sybil Lamb, **I've Got a Time Bomb** (trans woman author, trans woman characters)
- Andrea Lawlor, **Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl** (non-binary author, shape-shifting/gender-shifting main character, lots of sex)
- Sassafras Lowrey, **Lost Boi** (non-binary author, diversely gendered characters) (content note: sex work, kink/BDSM)
- Hope Nicolson (editor), **Love Beyond Space and Time: An Indigenous LGBT Sci-Fi Anthology** (some Two-Spirit/trans content)
- Hazel Jane Plante, **Little Blue Encyclopedia (For Vivian)** (trans woman author, trans woman main character)
- Casey Plett, **A Safe Girl to Love** (trans woman author, trans women main characters) (can be purchased on Amazon or downloaded as a free PDF here: <https://caseyplett.wordpress.com/free-pdfs-of-a-safe-girl-to-love-and-meanwhile-elsewhere/>)
- Casey Plett, **Little Fish** (trans woman author, trans women characters)
- Torrey Peters, **Infect Your Friends and Loved Ones** (trans woman author, trans women main characters) (can be purchased on Amazon or downloaded as a free PDF here: <https://www.torreyeters.com/book/infect-your-friends-and-loved-ones/>)
- Jordy Rosenberg, **Confessions of the Fox** (trans man author, transmasculine main character)
- Vivek Shraya, **The Subtweet** (trans woman author, implicitly trans female main character)
- Vivek Shraya and Ness Lee, **Death Threat** (graphica) (trans woman author, trans woman main character)
- John Elizabeth Stintzi, **Vanishing Monuments** (non-binary author, non-binary main character)
- Bishakh Som, **Apsara Engine** (graphica/comics) (Som is transgender and uses she/her pronouns, but I don't know how she identifies her gender) (content note: beautiful, strange, disturbing)

- Rae Spoon, *First Spring Grass Fire* (non-binary author, non-binary main character)
- Kai Cheng Thom, *Fierce Femmes and Notorious Liars: A Dangerous Trans Girl's Confabulous Memoir* (trans woman author, trans women central characters) (content note: sex work, violence)
- Jia Qing Wilson Yang, *Small Beauty* (trans woman author, trans woman main character)
- JY Yang, *The Black Tides of Heaven* (non-binary author)

*A book I'm really looking forward to is **Love After the End: An Anthology of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Speculative Fiction**, edited by Joshua Whitehead. It's due out September 2020.*