Mary Ann Saunders’ List of Young Adult and Middle Grade Fiction by Trans and Nonbinary Writers (and some adult fiction too!)

Young Adult Fiction I Have Read and Recommend:
April Daniels: The Nemesis Series: *Dreadnought* (Book 1); *Sovereign* (Book 2). Trans woman author, trans girl teen protagonist. Superhero fiction.
Mason Deaver: *I Wish You All the Best*. Nonbinary author, nonbinary teen protagonist. Queer romance (and just lovely).
Alison Evans: *Euphoria Kids*. Nonbinary author. Three trans/nb teen protagonists. Fantasy. Witchcraft (good witchy fun!). (Although YA, many younger readers would enjoy this too, provided occasional spooky supernatural scenes don’t frighten them.) (Evans has written other books as well.)
Anna-Marie McLemore: *When the Moon Was Ours*. Nonbinary author, trans masculine central character, trans woman secondary character. Magical realism. Latinx culture; Pakistani culture. (McLemore has written numerous other books as well.)
Meredith Russo: *If I Was Your Girl*. Trans woman author, trans teen girl protagonist. Realistic fiction. **Meredith Russo’s titles cautiously recommended on the strength of the writing. Russo herself has been accused of physical and psychological abuse of her former spouse and some readers may prefer to avoid her books for this reason.**


Aiden Thomas: **Cemetery Boys.** Nonbinary author, trans teen boy protagonist. Magical realism. Latinx culture.

Aiden Thomas: **Lost in the Never Woods.** Nonbinary author. No overt trans/nb content. Magical realism. (Retelling of Peter Pan.)

Gabriel D. Vidrine: **On a Summer Night.** Trans masculine author, trans teen boy protagonist. Realistic fiction. (Younger YA. Summer camp & summer love.)

Xiran Jay Zhao: **Iron Widow.** Nonbinary author. Sci-fi. (Brilliant book.)

**Middle Grade Fiction I Have Read and Recommend:**


Lisa Bunker: **Felix Yz.** Trans woman author, cisgender protagonist, genderfluid grandparent. Speculative fiction.

Kacen Callender: **Moonflower.** Nonbinary protagonist; healing from trauma. Fantasy.

Alex Gino: **Alice Austen Lived Here.** Nonbinary protagonist & best friend, found queer family, queer history. Realistic fiction.

Alex Gino: **Melissa.** Nonbinary author, trans girl protagonist. Realistic fiction.

Alex Gino: **Rick.** Nonbinary author, asexual protagonist, trans girl secondary character, gender-expansive grandparent. Realistic fiction.

Alex Gino: **You Don’t Know Everything, Jilly P!** Nonbinary author. No trans/nb content. Realistic fiction. (A story about a Deaf child told with Gino’s typical care and sensitivity.)


Kyle Lukoff: **Too Bright to See.** Trans man author, trans boy protagonist. Sweet, gentle ghost story.

Nicole Mellieby and A. J. Sass: **Camp QUILTBAG.** Queer and nonbinary authors. Queer and nonbinary protagonists. (A novel about gay camp! But CampOUT! is a better camp. Still, it’s a good book.)


Basil Sylvester and Kevin Sylvester: **The Fabulous Zed Watson!** Nonbinary and cisgender authors, Nonbinary protagonist. Road story (and a hilarious, light-hearted romp).

Esme Symes-Smith: **Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston.** Nonbinary author. Nonbinary protagonist, gender-expansive central characters, gay dads. Fantasy (knights, tournaments, magic, &c.).

**Young Adult and Middle Grade Books on My Current To-Read List:**

**Young Adult**

A.R. Capetta: *The Storm of Life*. Fantasy.
Juno Dawson: *Her Majesty’s Royal Coven*. Trans woman author.
Mason Deaver: *The Ghosts We Keep*. Nonbinary author.
Isaac Fitzsimons: *The Passing Playbook*. Trans male teen protagonist.
Tash McAdam: *Blood Sport*. Trans author, trans male teen protagonist.
Anna-Marie McLemore: *Dark and Deepest Red*. Nonbinary author.
Toby McSmith: *Act Cool*. Trans male author. Trans male teen protagonist.
Matthew J. Metzger: *Sharing Secrets*.
Marieke Nijkamp: *Even If We Break*. Thriller (and also horror?).
Steven Salvatore: *Can’t Take That Away*. Genderqueer author, and genderqueer protagonist.

**Middle Grade**

Schuyler Bailar: *Obie is Man Enough*. Trans male author. Trans male child protagonist.

**Fiction for Adult Readers:**

*Older young adults would likely enjoy many of these, particularly the *starred* titles, but some explore mature themes.*

*Charlie Jane Anders: *All the Birds in the Sky*. Trans woman author. No overt trans content. Fantasy/magical realism.*


Callum Angus: *A Short History of Transition*. Trans author, trans characters. Short stories.
Imogen Binnie: **Nevada.** Trans woman author, trans woman main character. Realistic fiction.
*Cat Fitzpatrick and Casey Plett (editors): **Meanwhile, Elsewhere: Science Fiction and Fantasy From Transgender Writers.**
Calvin Gimpelevich: **Invasions.** Trans man author, trans characters. Short stories.
Sybil Lamb: **I’ve Got a Time Bomb.** Trans woman author, trans woman characters.
Andrea Lawlor: **Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl.** Nonbinary author, shape-shifting/gender-shifting main character. Realistic fiction with magical realist elements. (Lots of sex.)
*Sassafras Lowrey: **Lost Boi.** Nonbinary author, diversely gendered characters. CW: unsafe kink/BDSM, sex work, drugs, addiction. (Retelling of Peter Pan.)
Torrey Peters: **Detransition, Baby.** Trans woman author, trans women main characters. Realistic fiction.
*Torrey Peters: **Infect Your Friends and Loved Ones.** Trans woman author, trans women main characters. Speculative fiction; future dystopia. (Currently out of print. New edition apparently coming.)
Hazel Jane Plante: **Little Blue Encyclopedia (For Vivian).** Trans woman author, trans woman main character. Realistic fiction.
Casey Plett: **A Dream of a Woman.** Trans woman author, trans women main characters. Realistic fiction.
*Casey Plett: **A Safe Girl to Love.** Trans woman author, trans women main characters. Realistic fiction.
Casey Plett: **Little Fish.** Trans woman author, trans women characters. Realistic fiction.
Jordy Rosenberg: **Confessions of the Fox.** Trans man author, transmasculine main character. Historical fiction; contemporary satire.
Bishakh Som: **Apsara Engine.** Trans woman author. Graphic novel/short stories. (Beautiful, strange, disturbing.)
Rae Spoon: **First Spring Grass Fire.** Nonbinary author, nonbinary main character.
*Joshua Whitehead (editor): **Love After the End: An Anthology of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Speculative Fiction.**
Jia Qing Wilson Yang: **Small Beauty.** Trans woman author, trans woman main character. Realistic fiction.
*Neon Yang: The Tensorate Series: **The Black Tides of Heaven** (Book 1); **The Red Threads of Fortune** (Book 2); **The Descent of Monsters** (Book 3); **The Ascent to Godhood** (Book 4). Nonbinary author, gender-free children. Fantasy.