Love Makes a Family: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Parents and their Families

Peggy Gillespie and Kath Weston

This volume combines interviews and photographs to document the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered parents and their children. All of the family members speak candidly about their lives, their relationships and how they have dealt with the pressures of homophobia.

Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case

Patricia Hruby Powell

Written in blank verse, the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

Loving vs. Virginia: Lifting the Ban Against Interracial Marriage

Susan Dudley Gold

Describes the case of Loving v. Virginia including each side’s claims, the outcome, and
Loving V. Virginia: Interracial Marriage
Karen Alonso
Explores the Supreme Court case that challenged and eventually overturned Virginia's law forbidding interracial marriages.

Lucky Strikes
Louis Bayard
Set in Depression Era Virginia, this is the story of orphaned Amelia and her struggle to keep her siblings together.

Lucy and Linh
Alice Pung
In Australia, Lucy tries to balance her life at home surrounded by her Chinese immigrant family, with her life at a pretentious private school.

Lucy Goes to the Country
Joseph Kennedy
Madcap adventures ensue when a gay couple and their cat spend the weekend in the countryside.

Lucy Rose, Here's the Thing About Me
Kelly Katy
Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parents’ separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.

Lum
Libby Ware
Lum has always been on the outside. At eight, she was diagnosed with what we now call an intersex condition and is told she can’t expect to marry. Now, at thirty-three, she has no home of her own but is shuttled from one relative's house to another -- valued for her skills, but never treated like a true member of the family. Everything is turned upside down, however, when the Blue Ridge Parkway is slated to come through her family's farmland. As people take sides in the fight, the community begins to tear apart -- culminating in an act of violence and subsequent betrayal by opponents of the new road. However, the Parkway...
brings opportunities as well as loss.

Luna

Julie Anne Peters

Fifteen-year-old Regan’s life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam’s transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of “transitioning” by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy’s body.

Lunch Box Dream

Tony Abbott

Told from multiple points of view, a white family on a 1959 road trip between Ohio and Florida, visiting Civil War battlefields along the way, crosses paths with a black family near Atlanta, where one of their children has gone missing.

Luv Ya Bunches

Lauren Myracle

Four friends—each named after a flower—navigate the ups and downs of fifth grade. Told through text messages, blog posts, screenplay, and straight narrative.

Mackenzie, Lost and Found

Deborah Kerbel

After the death of her mother, Mackenzie and her father move to Israel, where she befriends an American girl dealing with a similar tragedy and begins dating a Palestinian boy, which leads to her involvement with a black-market crime ring.

Maddi’s Fridge

Lois Brandt

Maddi’s fridge is almost empty, while Sophia’s fridge is full of food. How can Sophia help her friend Maddi without breaking her promise not to tell anyone?

Made in China: A Story of Adoption

Vanita Oelschlager

Made in China tells the story of a girl adopted into an American family and the problems she encounters with her older sister. With help from her father, the adopted sister learns the value of her Chinese beginnings. Later the girls accept their differences and embrace the joy that comes from a loving family.

Made of Stars

Kelley York

When eighteen-year-old Hunter Jackson and his half sister, Ashlin, return to their dad’s for the first winter in years, they expect everything to be just like the warmer months they’d spent there as kids. And it is, at first. But Chance, the charismatic and adventurous boy who made their summers epic, is harboring deep secrets. Secrets that are quickly spiraling into something else entirely. The reason they’ve never met Chance’s parents or seen his home is
becoming clearer. And what the siblings used to think of as Chance’s quirks—the outrageous stories, his clinginess, his dangerous impulsiveness—are now warning signs that something is seriously off. Then someone turns up with a bullet to the head, and all eyes shift to Chance’s family. Hunter and Ashlin know Chance is innocent ... they just have to prove it. But how can they protect the boy they both love when they can’t trust a word Chance says?

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Hammer of Thor

Rick Riordan

Thor’s hammer is missing again. The thunder god has a disturbing habit of misplacing his weapon—the mightiest force in the Nine Worlds. But this time the hammer isn’t just lost, it has fallen into enemy hands. If Magnus Chase and his friends can’t retrieve the hammer quickly, the mortal worlds will be defenseless against an onslaught of giants. Ragnarok will begin. The Nine Worlds will burn. Unfortunately, the only person who can broker a deal for the hammer’s return is the gods’ worst enemy, Loki—and the price he wants is very high.

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer

Rick Riordan

Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother’s mysterious death, he’s lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he’s tracked down by an uncle he barely knows—a man his mother claimed was dangerous. Uncle Randolph tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. The Viking myths are true. The gods of Asgard are preparing for war. Trolls, giants and worse monsters are stirring for doomsday. To prevent Ragnarok, Magnus must search the Nine Worlds for a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. When an attack by fire giants forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents, Magnus makes a fatal decision. Sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die.

Making My Family

Naomi Stern

Much awaited read-it-to-me book about a child adopted by two Dads. What makes a family? Lots of love, no matter what the mix! This story applies to any family, but is particularly powerful for families of gay parents.

Making Toast: A Family Story

Roger Rosenblatt

When his daughter, Amy, collapses and dies from an asymptomatic heart condition, Rosenblatt and his wife leave their home on Long Island to move in with their son-in-law and their three young grandchildren. He peels back the layers on this most personal of losses to create a testament to familial love.

Mama, Across the Sea

Alex Godard

Although she loves the sunny island where she lives with her grandparents, Cecile longs to see her mother again.

Mama Eat Ant, Yuck!

Barbara Lynn Edmonds
Baby Emma says her first words when Mama accidently eats some ants that are in the raisins. Emma lives with her lesbian parents, Mama and Mommy, and Mama envisions Emma's verbal future up until she has her own baby Kate who says, "Grandmama eat ant, yuck!"

Mama, I’ll Give You the World

*Roni Schotter Schotter*

At Walter’s World of Beauty, Luisa’s secret plans are underway to create a very special birthday celebration for her hard-working, single mother who is employed there as a stylist.

Mama Loves Me from Away

*Pat Brisson*

When a mother and daughter are separated by the mother’s incarceration, they find a special way to keep their loving relationship alive.

Mama’s Child: A Novel

*Joan Steinau Lester*

A novel about deeply entrenched conflicts between a white mother and her biracial daughter.

Ten Days and Nine Nights: An Adoption Story by Yumi Heo is about a girl whose family is adopting a baby. The girl counts the days and nights down until the moment her baby sister arrives home with her mother. On each day she states something that is being done to prepare for the baby’s arrival. This book is very simple for the youngest elementary school students. It has great illustrations and large print that makes it easy to read. This would be a good book to use if a student in the classroom were experiencing a future adoption in their family, or if the students are learning about adoption. What I appreciate most about Ten Days and Nine Nights is that it doesn’t go into an explanation of adoption and what that means. There are plenty of titles that do this, and Heo does offer some spreads that show Mommy going about the business of completing the adoption in Korea, while Sister prepares at home. But this title is aimed at validating the older sibling's experience, which in my mind makes it unique and beneficial for any family expanding through adoption, whether international or domestic. Families with only one child will also appreciate Heo’s book, as it helps expl