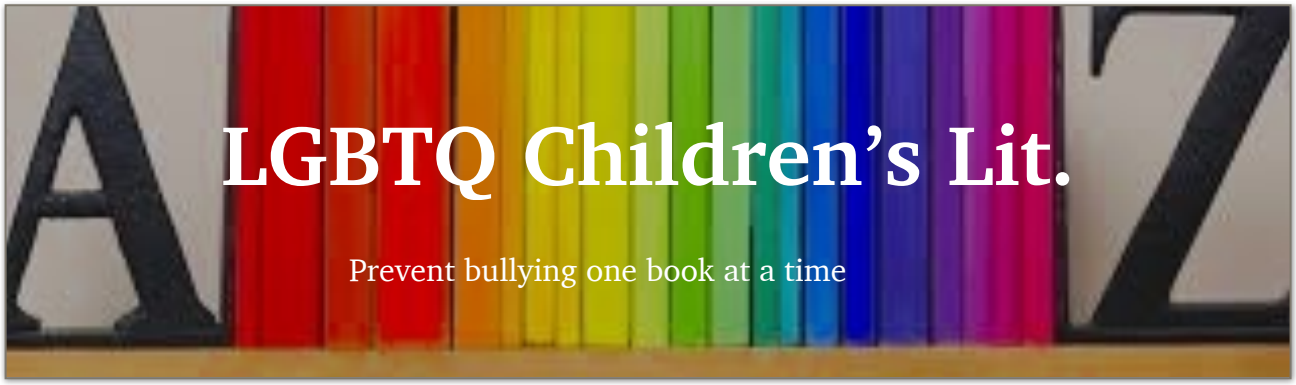

LGBTQ Children's Lit.

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RED: A CRAYON'S STORY

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR: MICHAEL HALL

Red: A Crayon's Story is about a blue crayon that has been mistakenly labeled as red. After spending his whole life being told he was doing everything wrong. Everyone around him tries to help him be Red but he always ends up drawing Blue. Although everyone sees Red as red, he knows deep down he is Blue and wishes that other crayons would accept him for his true color. Despite what his label says, he is blue!

ANNIE'S PLAID SHIRT

AUTHOR: STACY B. DAVIDS ILLUSTRATOR: RACHEL BALSAITI

Annie's Plaid Shirt is a story about a girl who, despite her mother's wishes, loves to wear a plaid shirt. One day Annie's mother takes her dress shopping for a wedding and Annie despises every single dress she tries on. Frustrated, Annie wishes her mother would understand how weird she felt when wearing a dress. When the day of the wedding comes around, Annie surprising her mother by wearing a suit over her plaid shirt.

SPORK

AUTHOR: KYO MACLEAR ILLUSTRATOR: ISABELLE ARSENAULT

Spork is about a misunderstood utensil in a kitchen filled with spoons and forks. Although his parents love him very much, Spork tries to hide his differences from the rest of the kitchen. Spork is upset because he is never chosen over the other utensils in the kitchen. One day, Spork is finally chosen as a utensil used to feed a baby.

ALL I WANT TO BE IS ME

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR: PHYLLIS ROTHBLATT

All I Want To Be Is Me embraces the multitude of ways children choose to express their gender identity. The author gracefully explores the diversity that exists within genders and how fluid the term should be used. This book touches upon LGBTQ themes and the questions that arise when our bodies and feelings do no match what society tells us is normal.

WORM LOVES WORM

AUTHOR: J.J AUSTRIAN ILLUSTRATOR: MIKE CURATO

Worm and worm fall and love and decide to get married. Simple right? Soon questions arise about who is wearing the dress and who is wearing the suit. This book successfully touches on themes of equality and acceptance for all. Love is love and *Worm Loves Worm* teaches children that there is no one way or normal way for people to express their love.

MOMMY, MAMMA AND ME

AUTHOR: LESLEA NEWMAN ILLUSTRATOR: CAROL THOMPSON

This short children's book (ages 1-3) is a short story that embraces a family with same sex parents. The gender ambiguous toddler, who narrates the story, reveals her favorite things she does with her Mommy and Mamma. Although this is a book for babies, *Mommy, Mamma and Me* illustrates a simple yet effective way for parents and classrooms to show show diversity and acceptance in the curriculum.

MOLLY'S FAMILY

AUTHOR: NANCY GARDEN ILLUSTRATOR: SHARON WOODING

Its Open School Night is fast approaching at Molly's school and her class is making pictures of their families to hang on the way. Molly draws her family, which consists of Molly, her and Mama Lu and Sam. When a boy tells Molly that her family is not a family and she can't have two moms, Molly becomes angry and questions whether he may have been right.

STELLA BRINGS THE FAMILY

AUTHOR: MIRIAM B. SCHIFFER ILLUSTRATOR: HOLLY CLIFTON-BROWN

Its time to celebrate Mother's day in Stella's classroom and unlike the other classmates, she has two dads. When Stella expresses her concern and contempt when she must bring in a special guest for the upcoming celebration. Stella ends up bringing both of her dads as her special guests and the party was better than she could have imagined

HEATHER HAS TWO MOMMIES

AUTHOR: LESLEA NEWMAN ILLUSTRATOR: LAURA CORNELL

Heather Has Two Mommies was first published in 1989 and is considered the first lesbian themed children's book ever. This children's book is about Heather and her Mama Kate and Mama Jane. Heather Has Two Mommies was ranked the 11th most frequently challenged book in the United States by the American Library Association in the 1990s. Today this book can serve as an example for how to discuss and introduce family diversity.

AND TANGO MAKES THREE

AUTHOR: JUSTIN RICHARDSON AND PETER PARNELL. ILLUSTRATOR: HENRY COLE

It's a true story! Roy and Silo are real male penguins that lived at the central park zoo years ago. The Central Park Zookeeper noticed the two penguins building a nest together even though they had no eggs to lay or take care of. One day the zookeeper brought the two male penguins an egg that needed incubating and eventually, after taking turns sitting on the egg, Roy and Silo become fathers to a baby penguin.