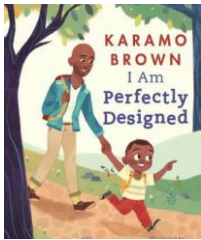


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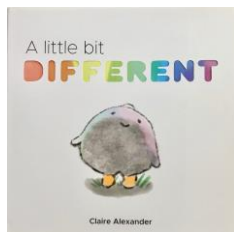


Karamo Brown – I am perfectly designed

Picture Book This empowering story sees a boy and his father take a walk through the city chatting about all the ways in which they are perfectly designed for each other. From playing in the park and getting ice cream to dressing up for Halloween and staring at the moon, the father and son remember past events and look forward to the future together. Funny and warm, with bright and lively pictures, this is a book for families of all kinds, everywhere.

Lucy Rowland & Ben Mantle – Dracula spectacular

Picture Book It's tough being a vampire when you're more giggles and glitter than beastly and bitter. But will Dracula Boy dare to follow his heart and live life in technicolour? Full of spooks and sparkles, 'Dracula Spectacular' is a heart-warming story about learning to be brave, kind and above all, proud to be yourself.

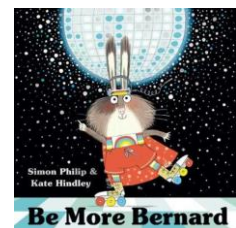


Claire Alexander – A little bit different

Picture Book Meet the ploofers. They're going to do something together, all the same, all at the same time - but wait! Who did that? Who was different? A simple and joyful story about accepting and celebrating our differences.

Simon Philip & Kate Hindley – Be more Bernard

Picture Book Bernard has decided that he's not going to be like all the other bunnies any more. He's not going to twitch his nose and prick his ears. And while others might dream of carrots, Bernard's dreams are altogether more...disco! He starts small, but when he finally gets to groove with grace and jive with joy at Bertie and Brenda's Bunny Ball, Bernard shows the world that being yourself is the very best thing a bunny can be.

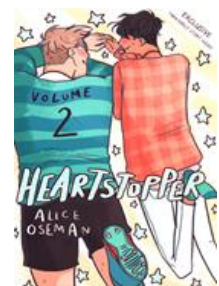


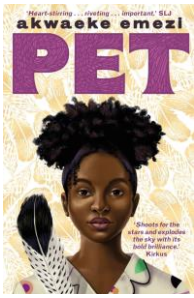
Anita Ganeri – All kinds of families

Early Information There are all kinds of families. Families can be big or small and they can change over time. Some families live together and others live apart. They can have one or two or no mums or dads. In every family there are people who love each other. Who's in your family? This non-fiction picture book celebrates the rich variety of families that exist in the world.

Alice Oseman – Heartstopper 2

Young Adult Graphic novel Nick and Charlie are best friends. Nick knows Charlie's gay, and Charlie is sure that Nick isn't. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is discovering all kinds of things about his friends, his family - and himself. 'Heartstopper' is about friendship, loyalty, and mental illness. It encompasses all the small stories of Nick and Charlie's lives that together make up something larger, which speaks to all of us.



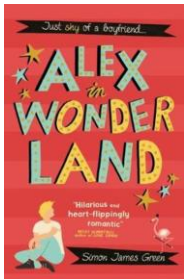
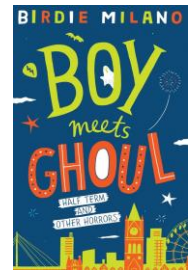


Akwaeke Emezi - Pet

Young Adult Fiction There are no more monsters anymore, or so the children in the city of Lucille are taught. With doting parents and a best friend named Redemption, Jam has grown up with this lesson all her life. But when she meets Pet, a creature made of horns and colours and claws, who emerges from one of her mother's paintings and a drop of Jam's blood, she must reconsider what she's been told. Pet has come to hunt a monster, and the shadow of something grim lurks in Redemption's house. Jam must fight not only to protect her best friend, but also to uncover the truth.

Birdie Milano – Boy meets ghou!

Young Adult Fiction It's October half-term, and Dylan Kershaw's dreams of a reunion with Leo, the gorgeous boy he met over the summer, are dashed when his sports-mad dad whisks him off to football camp in Manchester instead. What's worse, dancer Leo seems to be too busy practicing his pirouettes to care. At least Dylan's best friend Kayla is along for the trip, on a quest to win exclusive tickets to see her favourite band, the Deathsplash Nightmares. It all looks set to be a tedious trip, until Dylan's long-time crush Freddie Alton shows up at football camp and Kayla discovers that the Nightmares are staying in the very same hotel.

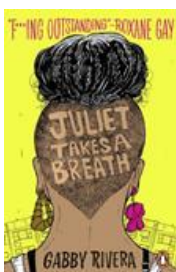


Simon James Green – Alex in Wonderland

Young Adult Fiction Painfully shy Alex lands a summer job at Wonderland, a run-down seaside arcade. He gets to know the other teen misfits who work there, and he even starts developing feelings for co-worker Ben. Then, as debtors close in, Alex and his new friends take it on themselves to save their employer. But in Wonderland nothing is quite what it seems. And in life, and love, sometimes you have to make your own luck.

Sandra Mitchell – The prom

Young Adult Fiction Emma knows better than anyone that Edgewater, Indiana, is not a great place to be gay. But she's had enough of high school homophobia and really wants to take her girlfriend - the popular, closeted It Girl Alyssa to prom. How big a deal could that really be? But when their classmates find out, the backlash exceeds Emma's worst nightmares. Meanwhile, in Manhattan, Barry and Dee Dee are Broadway stars of yesteryear. When their new show bombs, they need some good publicity - fast. So when they happen to hear about Emma's plight, they decide to step in and create a prom for everyone.



Gabby Rivera – Juliet takes a breath

Young Adult Fiction Juliet's head is spinning with questions. Will her beautiful, chaotic Puerto Rican family still love her when they find out she's gay? Will an internship with her favourite author help her understand what kind of feminist she wants to be? And why won't her girlfriend return her calls? In a summer full of queer dance parties, a fling with a motorcycling librarian and intense explorations of sexuality and identity, Juliet's about to learn what it means to really come out - to the world, to her family, to herself.

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