

# 2023 Rainbow List for Teens

## Graphic Novels/Manga

The 2023 Rainbow List is selected by the committee of the Rainbow Project, a joint task force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Queer Round Table of the American Library Association. This booklist includes selected titles for teens available in HSPLS. Books with an \*asterisk are "Top Ten Titles." For the complete 2023 Rainbow List, visit [2023 Rainbow Books List](http://2023RainbowBooksList). Some titles may be available in e-formats. Check the catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.



Axelrod, Jadzia and Jess Taylor (illustrator)

### **Galaxy: The Prettiest Star**

YA GN Axelrod or YA GN Galaxy  
Gr. 7 and up

An alien princess is disguised as a young man in order to hide from her enemies, but when a new girl enters her life she finds she no longer wants to hide who she is and desires to reveal her true self as the Galaxy, Crowned Princess from the planet Cyandii. *Fiction-Science Fiction*



Delliquanti, Blue

### **Across a Field of Starlight**

YA GN Delliquanti or YA GN Across a Field  
Gr. 6 and up

Two nonbinary teens are caught up in a cosmic war, in this sweeping sci-fi graphic novel adventure. Fassen, a soldier in training, and Lu, a scientist from a pacifist colony, meet by chance as children. Against all odds, they stay in touch, but when they meet again, they find themselves on opposing sides of an interstellar conflict. *Fiction - Science Fiction*



Gao, Laura

### **Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American**

YA GN 973.04951 Gao Ga or YA GN B Gao Ga  
Gr. 8 and up

Author Laura Gao shares her first generation immigrant experience, detailing her childhood spent with her grandparents and cousins in Wuhan, China, and her school-years in Texas with her parents and younger brother. As one of the only Asians in her class, Gao struggles to fit in with her white peers and doesn't feel she belongs until she meets other Asian-American immigrants and LGBTQ+ folks in college. *Nonfiction-Memoir*



Gillman, Melanie

### **Other Ever Afters: New Queer Fairy Tales**

A GN Gillman or YA GN Other Ever Afters Gr. 6 and up

A collection of new fairy tales that capture the magic of the classics while subverting many of the outdated tropes of the genre. These new tales bring a fresh, diverse cast of characters that many readers can relate to. *Fiction-Fairy Tales*



Hinekure, Wataru and Aruko

### **My Love Mix-Up!**

YA GN Hinekure or YA GN My Love Mix Up  
Gr. 7 and up

Trying to save the girl he likes from the embarrassment of Ida finding out she has a crush on him, Aoki pretends that he's the one with feelings for Ida. Ida takes Aoki's confession seriously and promises to seriously consider the two of them having a relationship. Through a series of mix-ups, both Aoki and Ida find themselves unsure of where they stand with each other; are they becoming *good friends*? Or

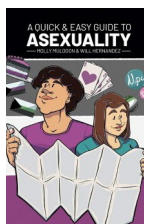
is this leading to something more? *Manga, Fiction-Romance*



Kao Studios  
**Magical Boy**

YA GN Kao Studios or YA GN Magical Boy Gr. 6 and up

Max, a young trans man, has his hands full with high school, coming out, and dealing with his un-accepting mother. Soon Max has even more to deal with when he learns that he is from a long line of Magical Girls and that their family cat, Walnut, is his magical talking sidekick. Is it possible for Max to fulfill his destiny and save the world while being true to himself? *Fiction-Fantasy*



Muldoon, Molly and Will Hernandez (illustrator)

### **A Quick & Easy Guide to Asexuality**

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Gr. 7 and up

This short comic gives a comprehensive guide to orientations under the asexual umbrella including asexuality and demisexuality. *Nonfiction-Informational*

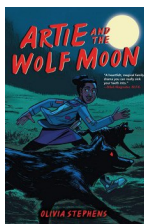


Searle, Sarah Winifred

### **The Greatest Thing**

YA GN Searle or YA Greatest Thing Gr. 8 and up

Winifred and her two best friends cope with the pressures of mental illness, eating disorders, and figuring out their sexualities during high school by co-creating comics and zines in this rich slice-of- life graphic novel. *Fiction-Realistic*



Stephens, Olivia

### **\*Artie and the Wolf Moon**

YA GN Artie  
Gr. 6 and up

Graphic Novel, Fiction-Fantasy

Artie is excited to discover she comes from a family of werewolves. Her mom relies on their community to help Artie learn about being a werewolf and her father.



Wyatt, Jake and Choo (illustrator)

### **The Well**

YA GN Wyatt or YA GN Well Gr. 8 and up

Upon stealing a handful of coins from a wishing well to end her debt, Lilly is instantly cursed. The well does not require repayment in coin, but instead in wishes sending the young woman on a journey to fulfill the hidden wishes of the coins she stole. *Fiction-Fantasy*

The complete 2023 Rainbow List, lists from previous years, and information about the Rainbow Project may be found at:

<http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks>

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