The Music of What Happens
by Bill Konigsberg
YA FIC KON

Max: Gay and not a big deal, not to him, not to his mom, not to his buddies. And a secret: An encounter with an older kid that makes it hard to breathe, one that he doesn’t want to think about, ever.

Jordan: Never been kissed and searching for Mr. Right, who probably won’t like him anyway. And a secret: A spiraling out of control mother, and the knowledge that he’s the only one who can keep the family from falling apart.

Over the course of one summer, two boys will have to face their biggest fears and decide what they’re willing to risk to get the thing they want the most.

They Both Die at the End
by Adam Silvera
YA FIC SIL

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

We Contain Multitudes
by Sarah Henstra
YA FIC HEN

As penpals for a high school English assignment, poetry-loving sophomore Jonathan and popular-athlete senior Adam explore their growing relationship through a series of letters.

What If It’s Us
by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera
YA FIC ALB

Told in two voices, when Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart.

The Past and Other Things That Should Stay Buried
by Shaun David Hutchinson
YA FIC HUT

Dino doesn’t mind spending time with the dead. His parents own a funeral home, and death is literally the family business. He’s just not used to them talking back. Until Dino’s ex-best friend July dies suddenly—and then comes back to life. Except not exactly.

As Dino and July attempt to figure out what’s happening, they must confront why and how their friendship ended so badly, and what they have left to understand about themselves, each other, and all those grand mysteries of life.

Something Like Gravity
by Amber Smith
YA FIC SMI

After coming out as transgender, Chris is still processing a frightening assault he survived the year before.

Maia, grieving the loss of her older sister, is trying to find her place in the world, which makes falling in love the furthest thing on their minds—until it is not.
And She Was
by Jessica Verdi
YA FIC VER

When Dara finds her birth certificate, she is puzzled to find two strange names on it. When her mother reveals that she is transgender and transitioned soon after Dara's biological mother died, Dara is stunned and angry. She sets off with her friend in search of the grandparents she never knew existed and the family secrets she can only guess at.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe
by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
YA FIC SAE

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all with an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet, they seem to have nothing in common. But as they start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.

The Art of Being Normal
by Lisa Williamson
YA FIC WIL

Hiding the truth about his transgender identity from his parents and bullying peers, David forges an unlikely friendship with attractive newcomer Leo, whose secret past as a girl compels David to come out and stand up for himself.

Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit
by Jaye Robin Brown
YA FIC BRO

When Jo Gordon and her evangelist father move to small-town Rome, Georgia, she hides her sexuality to fit in with her new stepfamily until she falls for popular girl Mary Carlson, who proves to be the ultimate temptation.

Hot Dog Girl
by Jennifer Dugan
YA FIC DUG

A lovesick Elouise Parker enlists the help of her best friend and schemes to win the heart of her crush at their amusement park summer job, all while dressed as a hot dog.

How (Not) to Ask a Boy to Prom
by S.J. Goslee
YA FIC GOS

Nolan Grant has never had a boyfriend, or even been kissed. It’s not like Penn Valley is brimming with prospects. And when his big sister stages an elaborate “prom-posa” so Nolan can ask out his not-so-secret crush, Nolan freezes. He’s saved from further embarrassment by bad boy Bern, who, for his own reasons, offers to fake-date Nolan.

I Wish You All the Best
by Mason Deaver
YA FIC DEA

When Ben comes out to their parents as nonbinary, they’re thrown out of their house and forced to move in with their estranged sister, Hannah, and her husband, Thomas.

The Meaning of Birds
by Jaye Robin Brown
YA FIC BRO

Before, Jessica has always struggled with anger issues, but come sophomore year, that all changes when Vivi crashes into her life. Vivi not only helps Jess deal with her pain, she also encourages her to embrace her talent as an artist. And for the first time, it feels like the future is filled with possibilities.

In the midst of senior year, Jess’s perfect world is erased when Vivi passes away. Reeling from the loss, Jess pushes everyone away, and throws out her plans to go to art school. Because art is Vivi and Vivi is gone forever.

If I Was Your Girl
by Meredith Russo
YA FIC RUS

Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.

Get It Together, Delilah!
by Erin Gough
YA FIC GOU

17-year-old Delilah Green is running the family café by herself because her father is on a vacation trying to get over his wife deserting him. Meanwhile, she’s getting flack at school because she’s a lesbian, and one of the “in-girls” has started to come on to her, and she is hopelessly attracted to a girl named Rosa.

Kings, Queens, and In-betweens
by Tanya Boteju
YA FIC BOT

After a bewildering encounter at her small town’s annual summer festival, 17-year-old biracial, queer Nima plunges into the world of drag, where she has the chance to explore questions of identity, acceptance, self-expression, and love.

The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali
by Sabina Khan
YA FIC KHA

17-year-old Rukhsana Ali is looking forward to going to Caltech and getting away from her conservative Muslim parents’ expectation that she will marry, especially since she is in love with her girlfriend Ariana—but when her parents catch her kissing Ariana, they whisk Rukhsana off to Bangladesh and a world of tradition and arranged marriages, and she must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path.

Bananas, Thorns, and In-Betweens
by Jaye Robin Brown
YA FIC BAN

Ben’s relationship with his girlfriend4's estranged sister, Hannah, thwarts his attempts to date Nolan. Realizing that he needs to come out to his parents as nonbinary, Ben must decide whether or not to do it. Hannah, who is struggling with her own identity, also comes out as bisexual, which changes everything for Ben.

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Perfume and Pretties
by Jennifer Fixman
YA FIC FIX

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