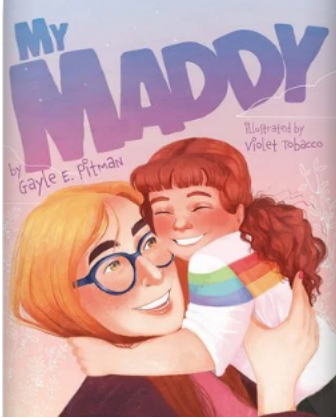
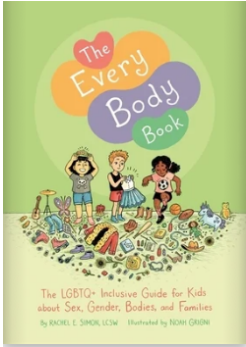
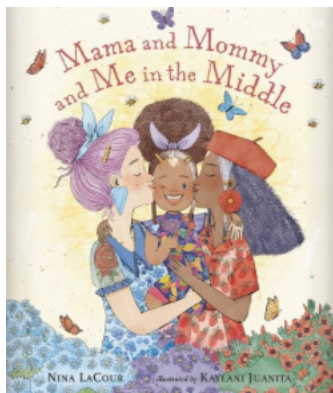


## 18 Children's Books to Celebrate ALL Families

Golden Libraries celebrates ALL families in 2024. This list is by no means exhaustive. At the very end, you can see some of the sources that we used to compile our list as well as information on age appropriateness.

<p><b>“My Maddy”</b></p>  <p><b>Author:</b> Gayle E. Pitman <b>Illustrator:</b> Violet Tobacco</p>	<p><b>Age/Grade:</b> 3-7</p> <p><b>Publisher:</b> Magination Press</p> <p><b>ISBN:</b> 9781433830440</p> <p><b>Publication Year:</b> 2020</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens (2011-2024)</p> <p><a href="#">Summary</a>   <a href="#">Purchase</a></p>
<p><b>“The Every Body Book”</b></p>  <p><b>Author:</b> Rachel E. Simon <b>Illustrator:</b> Noah Grigni</p>	<p><b>Age:</b> 6-12</p> <p><b>Publisher:</b> Jessica Kingsley Publishers</p> <p><b>ISBN:</b> 9781787751736</p> <p><b>Publication Year:</b> 2020</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens (2011-2024).</p> <p><a href="#">Summary</a>   <a href="#">Purchase</a></p>

**“Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle”**



**Author:** Nina LaCour  
**Illustrator:** Kaylani Juanita

**Age:** 3-7

**Publisher:** Candlewick Press

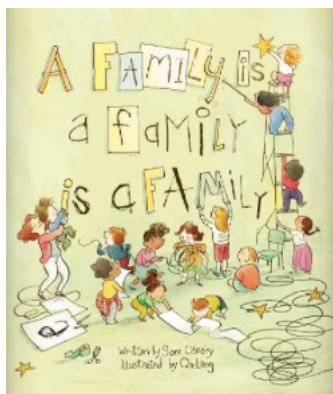
**ISBN:** 9781536211511

**Publication Year:** 2022

**Awards:** Lambda Literary Award, 1992-2024;  
Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens (2011-2024).

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**“A Family is a Family is a Family”**



**Author:** Sara O'Leary  
**Illustrator:** Qin Leng

**Age:** 5-8

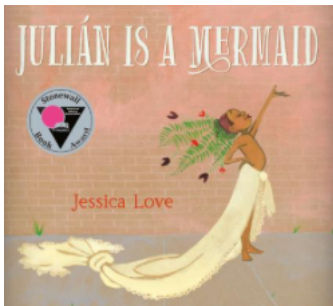
**Publisher:** Groundwood Books

**ISBN:** 9781554987948

**Publication Year:** 2016

**Awards:** USBBY Outstanding International Books

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**“Julián is a Mermaid”**

**Author/Illustrator:**  
Jessica Love

**Age:** 6-12

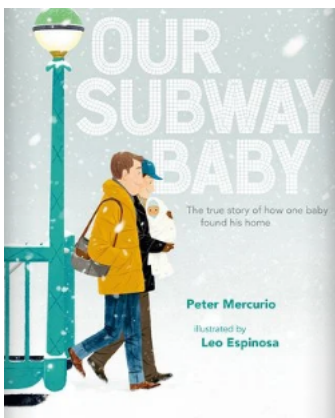
**Publisher:** Candlewick Press

**ISBN:** 9780763690458

**Publication Year:** 2018

**Awards:** Ezra Jack Keats Award (1986-2024); Jane Addams Children’s Book Awards (1953-2024); Publishers Weekly Best Books (2010-2023); +9

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**“Our Subway Baby”**

**Author:** Peter Mercurio  
**Illustrator:** Leo Espinosa

**Age:** 4-8

**Publisher:** Dial Books

**ISBN:** 9780525427544

**Publication Year:** 2020

**Awards:** Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens (2011-2024); Lambda Literary Award (1992-2024).

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### “Papa, Daddy, & Riley”



**Author:** Seamus Kirst  
**Illustrator:** Devon Holzwarth

**Age:** 4-8

**Publisher:** Magination Press

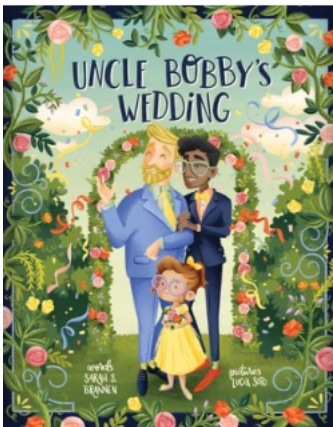
**ISBN:** 9781433832390

**Publication Year:** 2020

**Awards:** Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens (2011-2024); NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book.

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### “Uncle Bobby’s Wedding”



**Author:** Sarah S. Brannen  
**Illustrator:** Lucia Soto

**Age:** 4-12

**Publisher:** Little Bee Books

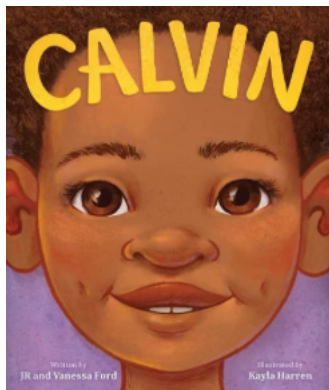
**ISBN:** 9781499810080

**Publication Year:** 2020

**Awards:** Bank Street’s Best Books of the Year; Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens, 2011-2024.

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### “Calvin”



**Author:** Vanessa Ford  
**Author:** JR Ford  
**Illustrator:** Kayla Harren

**Age:** 4-8

**Publisher:** G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

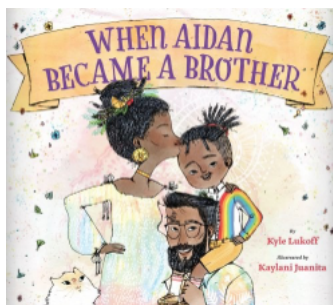
**ISBN:** 9780593108673

**Publication Year:** 2021

**Awards:** Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens, 2011-2024; Lambda Literary Award.

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### “When Aidan Became a Brother”



**Author:** Kyle Lukoff  
**Illustrator:** Kaylani Juanita

**Age:** 5-8

**Publisher:** Lee & Low Books

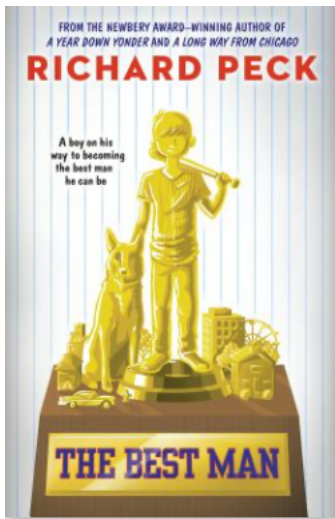
**ISBN:** 9781620148372

**Publication Year:** 2019

**Awards:** Charlotte Huck Award, 2015-2024; Rainbow List, 2011-2024; ALSC Notable Children’s Books, 1995-2024; CCBC Choices; SLJ Best Books of the Year, 2010-2023.

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### “The Best Man”



**Author:** Richard Peck

**Age:** 9-12

**Publisher:** Dial Books for Young Readers

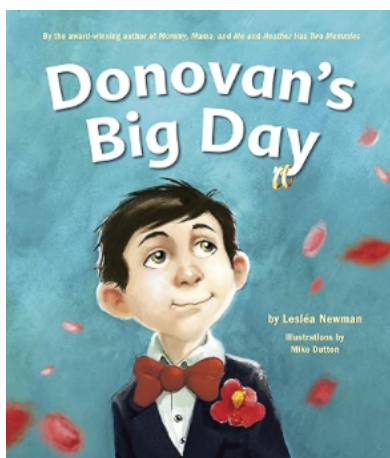
**ISBN:** 9780147515797

**Publication Year:** 2016

**Awards:** Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards, 1967-2023; ALSC Notable Children’s Books, 1995-2024; Publishers Weekly Best Books, 2010-2023; SLJ Best Books of the Year, 2010-2023.

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### “Donovan’s Big Day”



**Author:** Lesléa Newman  
**Illustrator:** Mike Dutton

**Age:** 3-7

**Publisher:** Tricycle Press

**ISBN:** 9781582463322

**Publication Year:** 2011

**Awards:** **Rainbow List:** Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens, 2011-2024.

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**“Federico and All His Families”**



**Author:** Mili Hernández  
**Illustrator:** Gómez

**Age:** 3-7

**Publisher:** Nubeocho

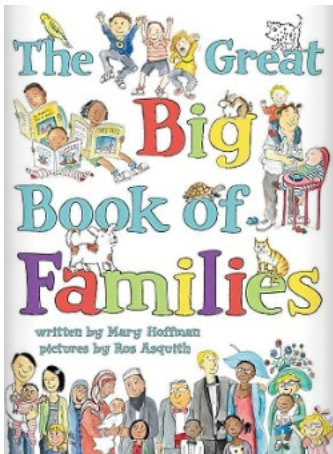
**ISBN:** 9788417673567

**Publication Year:** 2020

**Awards:** California Reads Teacher Recommended Books (2020-2021)

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**“The Great Big Book of Families”**



**Author:** Mary Hoffman  
**Illustrator:** Ros Asquith

**Age:** 4-7

**Publisher:** Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

**ISBN:** 9780803735163

**Publication Year:** 2011

**Awards:** SLA Information Book Award (Under 7s category)

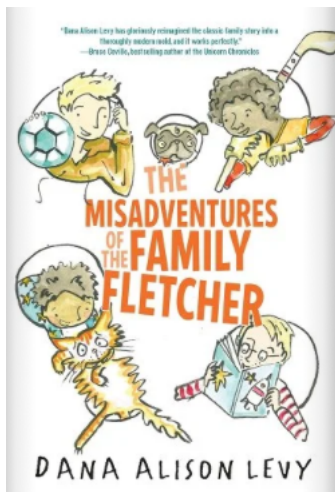
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**“Stella Brings the Family”**

**Author:** Miriam B. Schiffer  
**Illustrator:** Holly Clifton-Brown

**Age:** 4-8**Publisher:** Chronicle Books**ISBN:** 9781452111902**Publication Year:** 2015**Awards:** Rainbow Project Book List

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**“The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher”**

**Author:** Dana Alison Levy

**Age:** 9-12**Publisher:** Yearling Books**ISBN:** 9780385376556**Publication Year:** 2015**Awards:** ALSC Notable Children’s Books (1995-2024); CCBC Choices (2015); Junior Library Guild Selections (2012-2023).

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**“My Mommies Built a Treehouse”**



**Author:** Gareth Peter  
**Illustrator:** Izzy Evans

**Age:** 4-9

**Publisher:** Lantana Publishing

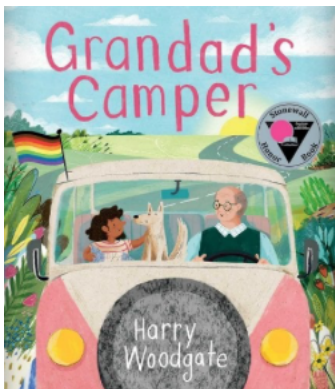
**ISBN:** 9781915244185

**Publication Year:** 2023

**Awards:** Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens, 2011-24; Recent Book Award Winners & Honorees (2024)

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**“Grandad’s Camper”**



**Author:** Harry Woodgate

**Age:** 4-8

**Publisher:** Little Bee Books

**ISBN:** 9781499811933

**Publication Year:** 2021

**Awards:** SLJ Best Books of the Year (2010-2023); Stonewall Children’s and Young Adult Literature (2010-2024); Rainbow List: Top Ten LGBTQ Books for Children and Teens (2011-2024).

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A variety of resources were used to create this list. The most helpful are listed below.

**American Library Association Rainbow Book Lists**

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

**Anti-Defamation League**

<http://adl.org>

**New York Times**

<https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/15-lgbtq-books-for-kids-and-teens/>

**School Library Journal**

<http://slj.com>

**TeachingBooks**

<http://TeachingBooks.net>

**Suggested Ages**

While each book has an age attached to it, we have relied on the organizations, publishers, and author with regard to these choices. As always, though, it is up to the adult in a child's life as to the appropriateness of each book for each situation.

**Additional Book Suggestions**

If you feel that we missed any books that would be appropriate for this list, please let us know at [info@GoldenLibraries.com](mailto:info@GoldenLibraries.com).