Recommended Children's Picture Books with LGBT Characters

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Picture Books with Gay Characters

My Two Uncles by Judith Vigna. 1995. Albert Whitman & Co.

Too Far Away to Touch by Leslea Newman. Illustrated by Catherine Stock. 1995. Clarion.

A Name on the Quilt by Jeannine Atkins. Illustrated by Tad Hills. 1999. Atheneum.

King and King by Linda de Haan. Illustrated by Stern Nijland. 2000. Tricycle Press.

The Harvey Milk Story by Kari Krakow. Illustrated by David Gardner. 2001. Two Lives Publishing.

And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. Illustrated by Henry Cole. 2005. Simon & Schuster Books.

Mini Mia and Her Darling Uncle by Pija Lindenbaum. 2007. R&S.

Uncle Bobby's Wedding by Sarah S. Brannen. 2008. Putnam.

Picture Books with Lesbian Characters

Zack's Story by Keith Elliot Greenberg. Illustrated by Carol Halebian. 1996. Lerner.

Best Best Colors/Los Mejores Colores by Eric Hoffman. Illustrated by Celeste Henriquez. 1999. Redleaf Press.

Felicia's Favorite Story by Leslea Newman. Illustrated by Adriana Romo. 2002. Two Lives Pub.

Mom and Mum Are Getting Married! by Ken Setterington. Illustrated by Alice Priestley. 2004. Second Story Press.

Molly's Family by Nancy Garden. Illustrated by Sharon Wooding. 2004. Farrar Straus Giroux.

Antonio's Card/La Tarjeta de Antonio by Rigoberto Gonzalez. Illustrated by Cecilia Concepcion Alvarez. 2005. Children's Book Press.

Manu se va a la cama/Manu's Bedtime by Lucía Moreno Velo. Illustrated by Javier Termenón Delgado. 2006. Topka

El amor de todos los colores/The Many-Colored Love by Lucía Moreno Velo. Illustrated by Javier Termenón. Translated by Gwynth Box. 2007. Topka.

Dear Child by John Farrell. Illustrated by Maurie J. Manning. 2008. Boyds Mill Press.

In Our Mother's House by Patricia Polacco. 2009.

Picture Books with Transgender Characters

10,000 Dresses by Marcus Ewert. Illustrated by Rex Ray. 2008. Seven Stories Press.

Picture Books about Families Including LGBT Parents

1 2 3 A Family Counting Book by Bobbie Combs. Illustrated by Danamarie Hosler. 2000. Two Lives Pub.

ABC A Family Alphabet Book by Bobbie Combs. Illustrated by Desiree Keane & Brian Rappa. 2000. Two Lives Pub.

The White Swan Express by Jean Davies Okimoto & Elain M. Aoki. Illustrated by Meilo So. 2002. Clarion.

The Family Book by Todd Parr. 2003. Little Brown & Co.

Families by Susan Kuklin. 2006. Hyperion.

Picture Books that Can Be Read as Gay or Straight

Oliver Button Is a Sissy by Tomie dePaola. 1979. Harcourt.

The Straight Line Wonder by Mem Fox. Illustrated by Marc Rosenthal. 1997. Hyperion.

Like Likes Like by Chris Raschka. 1999. Turtleback Books.

The Sissy Duckling by Harvey Fierstein. Illustrated by Henry Cole. 2002. Simon & Schuster.

Hello Sailor by Ingrid Gordon. 2004. McMillan UK.

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