



Using Virtual Meetings for Community Education: Organizing a Book Club

As your chapter launches virtual meetings and events, you'll need ways to continue the work your chapter has done to educate your community about LGBTQ+ equality, just in a new format.

One of the best ways to learn about different experiences is through reading. So why not start a book club? There are countless LGBTQ+ titles to consider in a variety of genres. Invite your PFLAG network to participate in a book club that will help you all become better allies and stronger advocates for LGBTQ+ equality.

A few tips:

1. Follow all of the same safety and security precautions your chapter has put into place for your support group meetings.
2. Invite PFLAG chapter members, supporters, and community partners to participate in your book club.
3. Select and share the first two or three titles that your book club will discuss. Be sure to consider titles that are available for e-readers.
4. Highlight stories from multiple genres including fiction, non-fiction, plays, and short stories with diverse characters and perspectives.

Not sure where to start? Check out the titles recommended by PFLAG National available on page two-five of this document as well as at pflag.org/pflag-connects/books.



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Thinking about hosting a virtual book club? This list will help you get started. While we've included links for purchase, PFLAG National also recommends checking out [Open Library](#), where many of these titles can be borrowed for free by those who sign up!

[35 Dumb Things Well Intended People Say](#) by Dr. Maura Cullen

[And The Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic](#) by Randy Shilts

[Angels in America](#) by Tony Kushner

[Becoming A Visible Man](#) by Jamison Green, Ph.D.

[Bent](#) by Martin Sherman

[Blood, Marriage, Wine, & Glitter](#) by S. Bear Bergman

[Boys in the Band](#) by Mart Crowley

[Coming Out, Coming Home: Helping Families Adjust to a Gay or Lesbian Child](#) by Michael LaSala

[Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas](#) by Dale Carpenter

[For Colored Boys Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Not Enough](#) by Keith Boykin

[Gay Rights At the Ballot Box](#) by Amy L. Stone

[Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising Healthy Gender-Nonconforming Children](#) by Diane Ehrensaft, Ph.D

[The Gender Creative Child](#) by Diane Ehrensaft

[Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women and the Rest of Us](#) by Kate Bornstein

[Giovanni's Room](#) by James Baldwin

[God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality](#) by Jay Michaelson

[Helping Your Transgender Teen: A guide for parents](#) by Irwin Krieger

[He's My Daughter: A Mother's Journey to Acceptance](#) by Eve Langley

[It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living](#) by Dan Savage and Terry Miller

[The Inheritance](#) by Matthew Lopez

[The Laramie Project](#) by Moises Kaufman

[The Last Time I Wore A Dress](#) by Daphne Scholinski

[Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin](#) by John D'Emilio

[Love, Ellen: A Mother/Daughter Journey](#) by Betty DeGeneres

[M. Butterfly](#) by David Henry Hwang

[Making Gay History](#) by Eric Marcus

[My Husband Betty](#) by Helen Boyd

[My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family](#) by Zach Wahls

[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander

[The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me](#) by David Drake

[The Normal Heart](#) by Larry Kramer

[On the Couch with Dr. Angello: Raising & Supporting Transgender Youth](#) by Dr. Michele Angello

[Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit](#) by Jeannette Winterston

[Out Law: What LGBT Youth Should Know about Their Legal Rights](#) by Dale Carpenter

[Queer Brown Voices: Personal Narratives of Latino/a Activism](#) edited by Uriel Quesada, Letitia Gomez, and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz

[Queerly Beloved](#) by Diane and Jacob Anderson-Minshall

[Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son](#) by Lori Duron

[Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More](#) by Janet Mock

[The Right To Be Out: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in America's Public Schools](#) by Stuart Biegel

[Same Sex Marriage: Pro and Con](#) by Andrew Sullivan

[She's Not the Man I Married: My Life with a Transgender Husband](#) by Helen Boyd

[She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders](#) by Jennifer Finney Boylan

[Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches](#) by Audre Lorde

[The Social Justice Advocate's Handbook: A Guide to Gender](#) by Sam Killerman

[Stone Butch Blues](#) by Leslie Feinberg

[Stonewall: The Riots That Sparked the Gay Revolution](#) by David Carter

[Straightforward: How to Mobilize Heterosexual Support for Gay Rights](#) by Ian Ayres and Jennifer Gerarda Brown

[Straight Parents, Gay Children: Keeping Families Together](#) by Robert Bernstein

[Tales of the City](#) by Armistead Maupin

[This is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids: A Question and Answer Guide to Everyday Life](#) by Danielle Owens-Reid and Kristin Russo

[Torch Song Trilogy](#) by Harvey Fierstein

[Transgender 101: A Simple Guide to a Complex Issue](#) by Nicholas M Teich

[Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community](#) edited by Laura Erickson-Schroth

[The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals](#) by Stephanie A. Brill

[Transgender Children and Youth: Cultivating Pride and Joy with Families in Transition](#) by Elijah Neely

[Transgender Family Law: A Guide to Effective Advocacy](#) by Jennifer Levi & Elizabeth E. Monnin-Browder

[Trans-Kin: A Guide for Family and Friends of Transgender People \(Volume 1\)](#) by Dr. Eleanor A. Hubbard (Editor), Cameron T. Whitley (Editor)

[Transgender Employment Experiences: Gendered Perceptions and the Law](#) by Kyla Bender-Baird

[Transgender History](#) by Susan Stryke

[Transgender Warriors: The Making of History from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman](#) by Leslie Feinberg

[Transgender Workplace Diversity: Policy Tools, Training Issues and Communication Strategies for HR and Legal Professionals](#) by Jillian T. Weiss, J.D., Ph.D.

[Transitions of the Heart](#) edited by Rachel Pepper

[Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son, and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance](#) by Marsha Aizumi with Aiden Aizumi

[When I Knew](#) by Robert Trachtenberg

[Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity](#) by Julia Serano

[Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria](#) by Beverly Daniel Tatum

This is not a comprehensive list, and when it comes to good books, the possibilities truly are endless. If you have a book you'd like to suggest please contact Jamie Henkel (jhenkel@pflag.org).

BONUS CONTENT:

Not sure what questions to ask as part of your book club program? Start by asking your readers if anyone would like to lead the conversation – someone who loves your selection might have great ideas for discussion. If not, here are a few general questions that can get any book club discussion rolling.

- What did you like best about this book?
- What did you dislike, or like least about the book?
- If you could ask the author of this book one question, what would it be?
- What feelings did reading this evoke for you?
- Would you suggest this book to someone? Why or why not?
- What do you think the author's intention was when writing the book?