

Lockdown Library Pride Month

“Treating somebody differently because of their race, religion, gender or sexuality (for example, for being gay) is called discrimination”

This month is Pride Month and in light of recent events education around inclusion and diversity is particularly important.

A Brief History of Pride

This year marks 50 years since the first Pride March which took place in America one year after The Stonewall Riots, the protests which changed gay rights for lots of people in America and beyond. A police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a bar in a gay area of New York in June 1969, triggered a week of rioting and violent protest by many in the gay community. They were sick of being victimised and harassed and fought back against the police.

Pride month is about teaching tolerance, education in pride history and continuing to move forward in equality.

You can read more about the Pride Movement here –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52872693>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40459213>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/pride-history-quiz#comments>

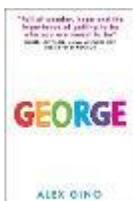
Suggested reading

Empathy day is also celebrated in June. This is a day that encourages reading books as a way to step into someone else’s shoes. The more you empathise with characters in stories, the more you understand other people’s feelings. You can find out more about the benefits of reading to build empathy here <https://www.empathylab.uk/empathy-day>.

To help build empathy and understanding during Pride Month, The Reading Agency have put together a booklist for children and young people (see separate document).

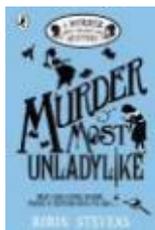
Below is shorter version of this list with links to extracts and audio clips from the books.

Children



When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part ...because she's a boy.

[Extract and audio extract](#)



At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any real crimes to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. To add to the mystery, when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

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Young People



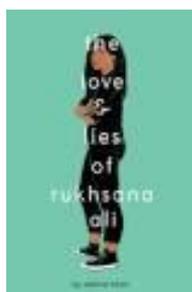
Michael waits in the stage wings, wearing a pink wig, pink fluffy coat and black heels.

One more step will see him illuminated by spotlight.

He has been on a journey of bravery to get here, and he is almost ready to show himself to the world in bold colours ...

Can he emerge as The Black Flamingo?

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Seventeen-year-old Rukhsana Ali tries her hardest to live up to her conservative Muslim parents' expectations, but lately she's finding that impossible to do. She rolls her eyes when they blatantly favour her brother and saves her crop tops and makeup for parties her parents don't know about.

If she can just hold out another few months, Rukhsana will be out of her familial home and away from her parents' ever-watchful eyes at Caltech, a place where she thinks she can finally be herself. But when she is caught kissing her girlfriend Ariana, her devastated parents take Rukhsana to Bangladesh, where everything she had been planning is out of reach.

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