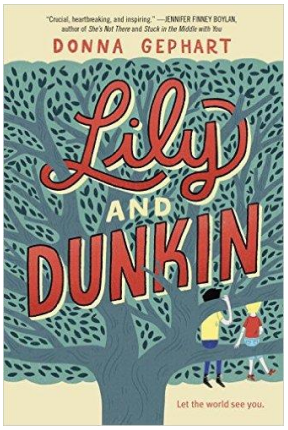
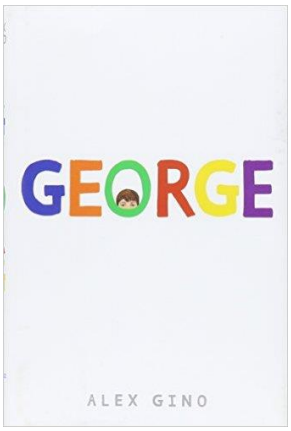


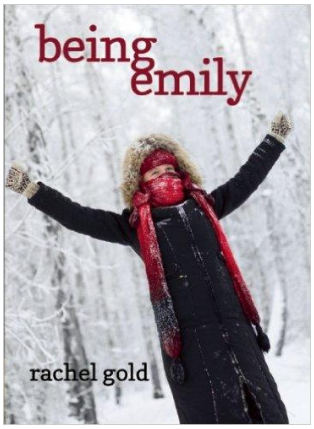
Some Assembly Required by Arin Andrews: In this memoir, seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews, a transgender male, shares the hilarious and painful details of undergoing sex reassignment surgery while a high school junior. The book includes a helpful Reading Group Guide for post-reading discussions.



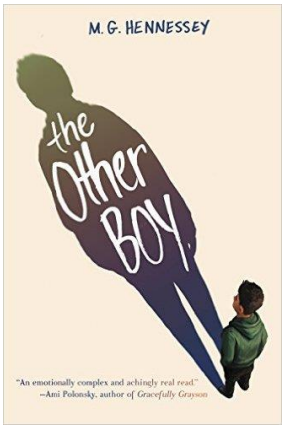
Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart: Lily, a transgender girl, is born with a boy's anatomy. Dunkin suffers from bi-polar disorder. The two form a friendship that is strengthened when town officials decide to chop down Lily's favorite tree to build a playground. Told in two-person narrative, the reader gleans new perspectives regarding both the transgender experience and living with a disability.



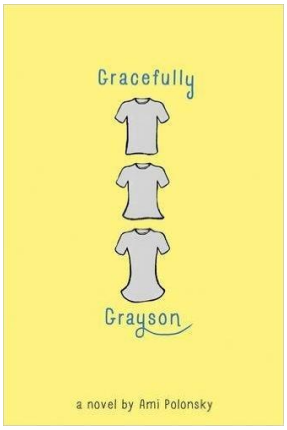
George by Alex Gino: This story about a class performing a play, "Charlotte's Web," is a heartwarming account of a brave transgender girl named George who reveals her true gender identity by unexpectedly and bravely becoming Charlotte, the (female) spider protagonist in the play. The plot reveals the agony and inner turmoil experienced by transgender children and youth and imparts the message that, when it comes to revealing oneself, "earlier is better."



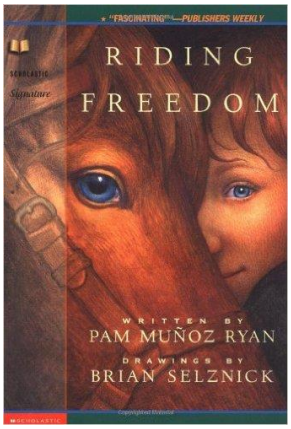
Being Emily by Rachel Gold: Emily was Christopher, but always believed in being honest and true to herself. As a result, she reveals her true identity to her parents who take Emily to a therapist. The ill-informed therapist shatters Emily's dreams when he tells her that Christopher is normal and Emily is sick. Emily must find a way to convince her family and friends that sometimes God does make mistakes.



The Other Boy by M. G. Hennessey: When Shane moves to a new school, he feels free to become the boy whom he knows lives inside. However, his deep secret is revealed by the class bully, and Shane must deal with the shame, despair, and humiliation that accompany the discovery of his previous identity. Through a caring best friend and the support of his baseball coach and teammates, Shane faces and overcomes his fears, happily continuing on his journey as an accepted transgender boy.



Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky: Grayson is a girl on the inside but a boy on the outside. This inspiring story reveals the powerful influence of supportive friends and teachers on youth whose bodies do not match their gender identities.



Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan: In this true story, Charley Parkhurst, a transgender male, lives unhappily in an orphanage where he is called Charlotte. He runs away and lives as a boy, and then moves to California and becomes a successful stagecoach driver. In the face of adversity, Charley reveals courage, imagination, and determination.