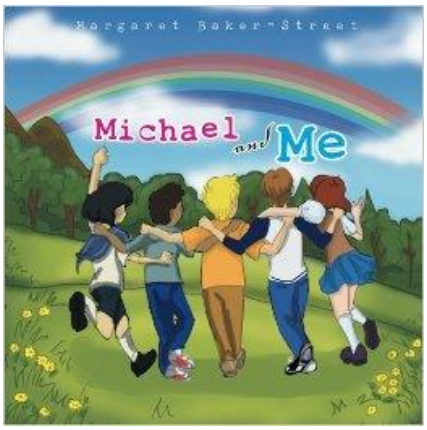
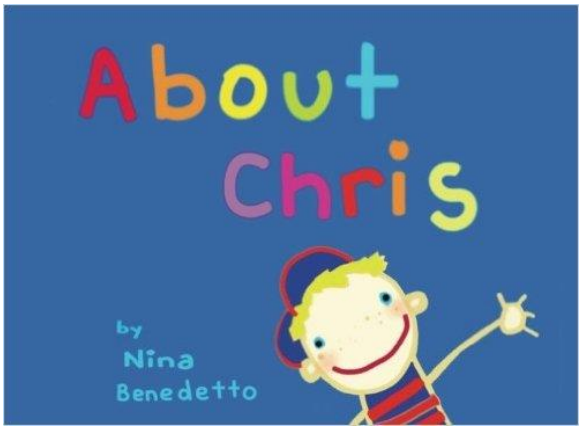
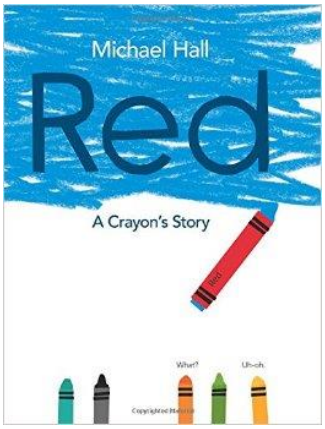


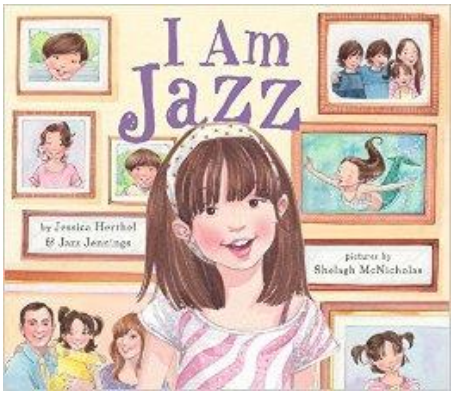
Michael and Me by Margaret Baker-Street: Told from the perspective of a second grade classmate of a transgender boy, this well-illustrated book is helpful for parents and teachers in explaining the transgender experience. This book affirms gender identity for transgender individuals and for classmates, alike.



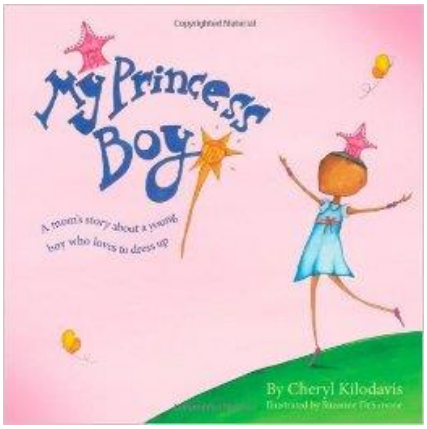
About Chris by Nina Benedetto: Chris, a young transgender boy, feels alone in the world and at school until an insightful teacher realizes his dilemma. Through her recognition, kindness, acceptance, and support, Chris learns to love and accept himself.



Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall: Red is a crayon that cannot color anything correctly. His work does not look like the work of his classmates. The reason that red is challenged is that Red is red on the outside, but blue on the inside. When Red finally reveals his true color, he draws amazing and beautiful images; others realize that one cannot always tell what a person is like from outside appearances and that true beauty comes from within.



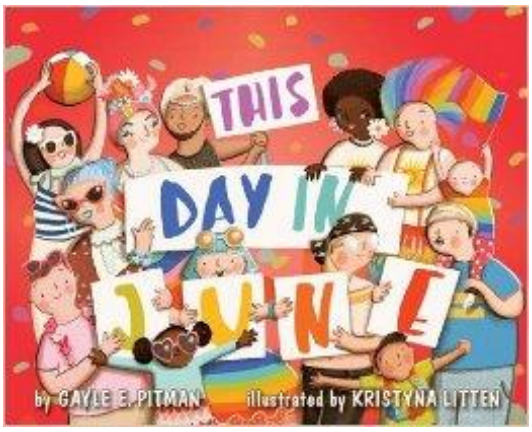
I Am Jazz: by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. Jazz, now a teenager and television personality, is a spokesperson for all transpersons and one of Time Magazine's 25 most influential teens. Jazz knew from the time she was a toddler that she was a girl. She found relief and hope by dressing in tutu's and wearing mermaid costumes. This simple, beautiful book will inspire and enlighten children and adults, alike.



My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis: A young transgender girl, who is assigned a boy's body, enjoys the freedom that the outdoor world provides. She runs through the trees and finds beauty in the uniqueness and splendor of nature. In nature, she becomes her true self; a lovely girl who wears Princess outfits, carries a magic wand, and finds the promise for tomorrow by living freely today.



It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr: This colorful and book acknowledges and celebrates differences: Short, tall, black, white, Latino, Asian, boy, girl, gay, transgender, older, younger, shy, friendly. The message provides an excellent foundation for more in-depth readings about various types of diversity and the qualities that make each of us special and unique.



This Day in June by Gayle E. Pitman: Readers discover a pride celebration in this colorful and whimsical portrayal of the LGBT community. This colorful book contains a Reading Guide about LGBT history as well as a message to parents and caregivers about the sensitive and appropriate handling of gender identity and sexual orientation.