

Books Centered on the Queer Latinx Experience			
Book Title	Author Name	Quick Summary	Where to buy
Empanada: A Lesbiana Story en Probaditas	Anel I. Flores	Empanada is a collection of vignettes divided into three sections: Food, Religion and Sex exploring cultural and gender identity. Paloma is a young lesbian learning how to exist in a world where she's judged for who she wants to love. Author Anel L. Flores wrote the book as a safe place for herself and also as a way to tell LGBTQ+ stories when so few exist. "There are no LGBT books, queer books, there still aren't books by queer women of color," she told Porter House Review.	Link to Book(Amazon)
Chulito	Charles Rice-Gonzalez	Chulito is a 16-year-old kid from the South Bronx who is starting to feel more than just friendly feelings toward his best friend Carlos. This coming-of-age book explores the struggles of the dichotomous worlds of machismo and queerness as Chulito struggles with his feelings for Carlos and societal pressures of what it means to be a man.	Link to Book(Amazon)
The Mirror Season	Anna-Marie McLemore	Through a story of trauma and healing, two teens discover that they were both sexually assaulted at the same party. The Mirror Season follows Ciela and Lock as they face their truths and regain Ciela's magical gift for knowing the perfect pan dulce for each customer at the family pastelería. "I wrote about Ciela, a queer Latina girl, because that's how I identified when I was assaulted. That was my experience. And it's still part of my experience as a nonbinary survivor," McLemore told DiverseBooks.org. Trigger warning: Depictions of sexual assault	Link to Book(Amazon)
Ordinary Girls: A Memoir	Jaquira Díaz	Jaquira Díaz's debut coming of age memoir focuses on her challenging childhood growing up in the housing projects in Puerto Rico and Miami Beach. With little family structure and her battle with depression, Díaz depicts the raw and triumphant journey of becoming the woman that she is today. The book is written in vignettes depicting difficult moments including her battle with addiction to suicide attempts and coming to terms with her own sexual assault. "This is who I write about and who I write for ... For the girls who never saw themselves in books. For the girls who love other girls, sometimes in secret," she writes in the last essay in the book.	Link to Book(Amazon)
Juliet Takes a Breath	Gabby Rivera	Gabby Rivera's acclaimed and award-winning novel Juliet Takes a Breath follows passionate and charismatic lead Juliet Palante, 19, as she sets out on a journey to figure out the whole "Puerto Rican lesbian" life. She leaves the Bronx and heads to Portland, Oregon to intern with her icon and learns about her identity, family and love along the way.	Link to Book(Amazon)
Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza	Gloria Anzaldúa	Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza by Gloria Anzaldúa is the lived experience of growing up brown, queer, and a woman on the border in Texas. Written in Spanish and English, Gloria Anzaldúa's semi-autobiography examines the layered ideologies of gender, identity, race, and colonialism through her Chicana lens.	Link to Book(Amazon)

Books about Queer History			
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We Are Everywhere	Matthew Riemer and Leighton Brown	Have pride in history. A rich and sweeping photographic history of the Queer Liberation Movement, from the creators and curators of the massively popular Instagram account LGBT History.	Link to Book(Amazon)
How to Survive a Plague	David France	In the late 1980s, members of Act-Up and other AIDS activists battle hostility and indifference to bring attention to the disease and try to reduce the number of victims while hoping to lead the drive to find a cure.	Link to Book(Amazon)
Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution	Rob Sanders	A powerful and timeless true story that will allow young readers to discover the rich and dynamic history of the Stonewall Inn and its role in the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement—a movement that continues to this very day. In the early-morning hours of June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Inn was raided by police in New York City. Though the inn had been raided before, that night would be different. It would be the night when empowered members of the LGBTQ+ community—in and around the Stonewall Inn—began to protest and demand their equal rights as citizens of the United States.	Link to Book(Amazon)