RECOMMENDED READINGS: THE BASICS

This is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids *
By Danielle Owens-Reid And Kristin Russo

“Written in an accessible Q&A format, here, finally, is the go-to resource for parents hoping to understand and communicate with their gay child.”

Raising the Transgender Child ✦
By Michele Angello and Ali Bowman

“With specific and actionable advice including coming-out letters, identity challenges, school and caregiver communications, and more, this comprehensive guide provides a wealth of science-backed information alongside friendly and practical wisdom.”

A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns ✦
By Brynn Tannehill

“Longtime best friends team up in this short and fun comic guide that explains what pronouns are, why they matter, and how to use them. They also include what to do if you make a mistake, and some tips-and-tricks for those who identify outside of the binary to keep themselves safe in this binary-centric world.”

Transgender 101: A Simple Guide to a Complex Issue ✦
By Nicholas Teich

“Chapters introduce transgenderism and its psychological, physical, and social processes. They describe the coming out process and its effect on family and friends, the relationship between sexual orientation, and gender and the differences between transsexualism and lesser-known types of transgenderism.”

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RECOMMENDED READINGS: FOR THE FAITHFUL

God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships

By Matthew Vines

“Unique in its affirmation of both an orthodox faith and sexual diversity, God and the Gay Christian answers questions like: Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not?”

Homosexuality in Islam: Critical Reflection on Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Muslims

By Scott Siraj al-Haqq Kugle

“This is the first book length treatment to offer a detailed analysis of how Islamic scripture, jurisprudence, and Hadith, can not only accommodate a sexually sensitive Islam, but actively endorse it.”

Wrestling with God and Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition

By Steven Greenberg

“Wrestling with God and Men is the product of Rabbi Steven Greenberg’s ten-year struggle to reconcile his homosexuality with Orthodox Judaism.”

God vs. Gay?: The Religious Case for Equality

By Jay Michaelson

“With close readings of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, the latest data on the science of sexual orientation, and a sympathetic, accessible, and ecumenical approach to religious faith, Michaelson makes the case that sexual diversity is part of the beauty of nature. The recognition of same-sex families will strengthen, not threaten, the values religious people hold dear.”
**RECOMMENDED READINGS: FROM OTHER PARENTS**

**Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children**  
By Rachel Pepper

"Here is the first book to ever invite mothers of transgender and gender variant children of all ages to tell their own stories about their child's gender transition."

**Embracing the Journey: A Christian Parents’ Blueprint to Loving Your LGBTQ+ Child**  
By Greg McDonald

"Written in an unvarnished, honest, reassuring, and relatable voice, this is a practical guide for parents and a roadmap to learning to love God, the people He created, and the church, even when they seem to be at odds."

**Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians**  
By Louise Rafkin

"In Different Daughters, thirty mothers of lesbians come together to trace their journeys towards acceptance of their daughters. Facing their fears and confusion, prejudice and misunderstandings, they speak honesty and bravely about the difficulties and joys of life with their "different daughters."

**The Family Heart: A Memoir Of When Our Son Came Out**  
By Rob Forman Dew

"Novelist Robb Forman Dew tells the story of what happen to her--and her family--after her son Stephen came out. What is daring, and surprising, about Dew’s story is that the moral weight is not upon Stephen to deal with the confused reactions of his parents, but upon the parents to deal with their own mixed emotions and the negative reactions of their friends."
**RECOMMENDED VIEWING**

**Lead With Love from the University of Utah**

"What do I do if my child is gay?"

Lead with Love is a 35-minute documentary created to help answer that question. Its goal is to provide comfort, information, and guidance for parents who have recently learned that their son or daughter is lesbian, gay, or bisexual by telling the stories of 4 families.

**Tres Gotas de Agua from Somos Familia**

*(Three Drops of Water)* is a short documentary in which three Latina immigrant mothers talk about their children’s coming out processes, convey powerful messages about unconditional love, and share responsibility and acceptance of LGBTQ people as part of Latinx families.

**El Canto del Colibrí from Somos Familia**

An intimate and deeply personal documentary where immigrant Latino fathers across the U.S. recount the impact of their children’s coming out. Through raw, heartfelt testimonies, these families delve deeply into issues of immigration, prejudice, and isolation.

**For the Bible Tells Me So from First Run Features**

Through the experiences of five Christian American families we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member.

**Tip!** If you’re reading this online, click on any of the titles above to be brought directly to the film.