



NOVELS AND STORIES

These texts may be relevant to various English classes that are addressing issues such as sexual diversity, discrimination or difference. At least a few of them should be available for interested students in the library. They are suitable for a range of ages. These books are available from the following bookstores **(as marked by initial code)**:

Hares & Hyenas Bookstore (H):
(03) 9824 0110
Commercial Road, South Yarra

Readings Bookstore (R):
(03) 9347 6633
Stores in Carlton, Malvern, Hawthorn and Port Melbourne

Borders (B):
(03) 9824 2299: Stores in South Yarra, Knox & Chadstone.

- Brock, Paula. 1998 **Dare Truth or Promise**, Hyland House, South Melbourne.

Tells the story of Louie and Willa, young hopeful for the future and in love. Written with warmth, sensitivity and insight the book breaks down stereotypes and affirms young lesbian experience. Aimed at mid-late teens.

(Available: H & R)

- Conigrave, T 1995, **Holding the Man**, McPhee Gribble, Melbourne.

The true story of Tim and John who were lovers for 15 years after meeting at a Melbourne high school. The book covers this time as well as their struggle with HIV and eventually their deaths.

(Available: H, B & R)

- Gleitzman, M 1993, **Two Weeks with the Queen**, Puffin, Ringwood, Victoria.

A 12 year old Australian boy is sent to London because his brother is dying. While he is there he meets a gay man whose lover is dying and they become good friends

(Available: H, B & R)

- Heron, A 1994, **Two Teenagers in Twenty: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth**, Alyson Publications, Boston.

Biographical stories from gay and lesbian youth aim to break down isolation and despair. Aimed at teenagers, their educators and those who support them, these stories shed light on the difficulties and importance of coming out.

(Available: H)

- Johns, Catherine 1994, **Me Mum's a Queer**

Manny is 16 and decides to tell her friends that her mum is a lesbian. The consequences of this are told in a number of short stories that look at Manny's life in Victoria and rural South Australia. Aimed at late teens and their parents.

(Available H)

- Macleod, M (ed) 1996, **Ready or Not: Stories of Young Adult Sexuality**, Random House, Australia.

(Available: H & R)

- Martino, Wayne & Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli, **Boy's Stuff: Boys Talking about What Matters**

Boys tell their view of issues such as growing up, friends, sex, sport, drugs without censoring themselves.

(available H)

- Pausaker, Jenny. 1994, **Mr Enigmatic**, Mammoth, Port Melbourne.

(Available: H, B & R)

- Pausacker, Jenny. 1995, **What are Ya?** Mammoth. Port Melbourne.

Tells the story of the 16-year-old friends Leith and Barbara. Looks at friendship, same sex desire and urban adolescent life. Aimed at late teens.
(Available: H & R)

- Pallotta-Chiaroli, Maria. 1989, **Girl's Talk.**

Collection of writings on young women by young women on relationships, sex, families, school, independence and prejudice.
(available H)

- Shale, Erin (ed) 1999, **Inside Out: Australian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People Write about Their Lives.** Bookman Press, Melbourne.

Anthology of coming out stories from both well known Australians and general members of the community. Includes comedian Sue-Ann Post, singer Monique Brumby, Senator Bob Brown and rugby league player Ian Roberts.
(Available: H, B & R)

- Walker, Kate, 1991, **Peter,** Norwood, South Australia.

A 15 year old discovers he has feelings for his best brother's best friend who is openly gay.
(Available: H)

- Walker, Sarah. **The Year of Freaking Out,** Pan MacMillan, Australia. (Available: H & R)

- Wheat, Chris. **Looselips.** Hyland House, South Melbourne.

A book for those who blurt out their secrets at the most inappropriate times. Centering around a group of 16 year-olds, it is a story about that includes gay young people and their adventures.
(Available H & R)