

LGBTQ+ YA Fantasy Book List by Kate McClintock

1. *Ash* by Malinda Lo (L)

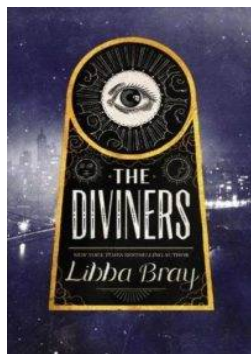


A retelling of the common Cinderella fairytale, the main character Ash is a lesbian teen who falls in

love with Kaisa, the King's Huntress.

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2. *The Diviners* by Libba Bray (GA)



Set in Manhattan in the 1920s, this first installment of a four-book series follows the Diviners, a group of

teens with super powers. Contains both a gay character and an asexual character.

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3. *Labyrinth Lost* by Zoraida Córdova (B)



Featuring a bisexual Latinx main character, this book follows a bruja named Alex, a magical witch who... hates

magic.

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4. *Pantomime* by Laura Lam (BTI)

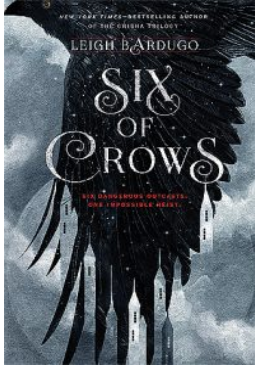
In addition to discovering she has magical abilities, Gene realizes she is intersex, and runs away from



home, changes her name, and joins the circus.

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5. *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo (GBQ)



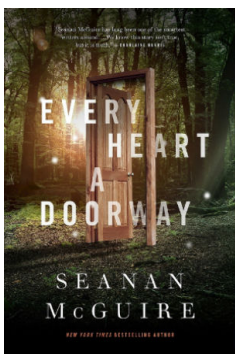
Set in a fantasy world called Ketterdam, queer sexuality “fits seamlessly”

(Aderhold, 2018) into

this story of a difficult, deadly heist that six outcasts attempt to undertake - which could end up saving the world.

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6. *Every Heart is a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire (LTA)

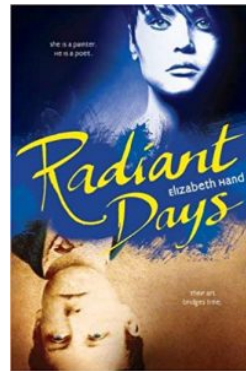


Book 1 in the *Wayward Children* series, this series represents asexuality, lesbian and

transgender characters who are accepted without judgment as they find doorways to worlds where they can feel like they belong.

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7. *Radiant Days* by Elizabeth Hand (LG)

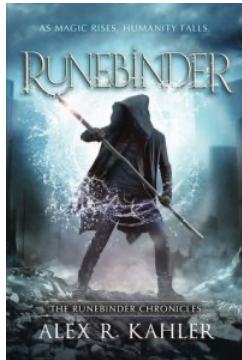


This story takes place in two eras: the 1970s and 1870s, yet words and art allow the main characters to transcend the years and enter each other’s worlds.

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8. *Runebinder* by Alex R. Kahler (G)



In a world where magic is used for evil by corrupt necromancers, a war ensues between Howls (once-human monsters) and Hunters. Tenn, a gay Hunter, has a pivotal role in this storyline.

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