Sexual Health Education – Non-fiction Texts – Elementary Level

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*Human Body Theater*, by Maris Wicks – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-7)

*It’s So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies and Families*, by Robie Harris and Micheal Emberley– reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 2-6)

*Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU*, by Cory Silverberg– School Library Journal starred review (grades 2-6)


*Who Has What? All About Girls’ Bodies and Boys’ Bodies* by Robie Harris —School Library Journal starred review (grades preK-3)


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What’s Going On Down There?: Answers to Questions Boys Find Hard to Ask, by Karen Gravelle – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 5-10)

What’s Happening to my Body? Book for Boys, by Lynda Madaras – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 5-9); also available in Spanish

What’s Happening to my Body? Book for Girls, by Lynda Madaras – Best Book for Young Adults by the American Library Association (grades 5-9); also available in Spanish

Your Body Belongs to You, by Cornelia Spelman – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades PreK-2)


It’s Not the Stork! A Book about Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families, and Friends, by Robie Harris and Micheal Emberley– reviewed by School Library Journal (ages 4 and up)

It’s So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies and Families, by Robie Harris and Micheal Emberley– reviewed by School Library Journal (ages 7 and up)

Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU, by Cory Silverberg– School Library Journal starred review (grades 2-6)

What Makes a Baby by Cory Silverberg– reviewed by School Library Journal (preK-grade 2)


A Kid’s Guide to AIDS and HIV: Understanding Disease and Wellness: Kids’ Guides to Why People Get Sick and How They Can Stay Well (Volume 13), by Rae Simons– Mom’s Choice Award Honoring Excellence (grades 3-7)

Be a Friend: Children Who Live with HIV Speak, by Lori Wiener – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4 and up)

You Can Call Me Willy: A Story for Children about AIDS, by Joan C. Verniero – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades K-3)

**Self-Identity (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se5.K-5):**

*10,000 dresses*, by Marcus Ewert; Rex Ray– 2010 Rainbow Book List (grades K-4)

All Families are Different, by Sol Gordon – reviewed by Children’s Literature (grades preK-3)

And Tango Makes Three, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell – ALA Notable Children’s Book Nominee, School Library Journal starred review (grades preK-3)

*B in the World*, by Sharon Mentyka – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 1-3)

*The Boy and the Bind*, by Vivek Shraya – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades K-2, teacher’s guide available)

Families, by Susan Kuklin – School Library Journal starred review (grades K-4)

Families, by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly– reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-5)

The Family Book, by Todd Parr – reviewed by School Library Journal (preK-grade 2)


*George*, by Alex Gino– reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-6)

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Girls Who Looked Under Rocks, by Jeannine Atkins – selection by the Children's Book Council & National Science Teacher's Association (grades 5-12)

The Great Big Book of Families, by Mary Hoffman – School Library Journal starred review (grades preK-3)

I am Jazz, by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings – 2015 Rainbow Book List (grades preK-4)

*I Look Like a Girl, by Sheila Hamanaka – School Library Journal starred review (grades preK-3)

*Introducing Teddy, by Jessica Walton – 2017 Rainbow Project Book List (grades pre-K-1)

*Jacob's New Dress, by Sarah and Ian Hoffman – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-3)

My Princess Boy, by Cheryl Kilodavis – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-3)

One Family, by George Shannon – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-2)

*One of a Kind Like Me/Único Como Yo, by Laurin Mayeno – reviewed by Latinxs in Kid Lit (grades preK-2, teacher’s guide available)


Sex Is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU, by Cory Silverberg – School Library Journal starred review (grades 2-6)

*Stella Brings the Family, by Miriam B. Schiffer – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades K-2)

**Healthy Relationships (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se6.K-5):**

Growing UP, Inside and out, by Kira Vermond – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-8)

I’m Like You, You’re Like Me: A Book About Understanding and Appreciating Each Other, by Cindy Gainer reviewed by School Library Journal (preK-K)

Making Choices and Making Friends: The Social Competencies Assets, by Pamela Espeland – Association of Educational Publishers Distinguished Achievement Award (grades 3-6)

My Body Belongs to Me, by Jill Starishevsky – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-2)


One, by Kathryn Otashi – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-K)

*Our Friendship Rules, by Peggy Moss and Dee Dee Tardiff – Moonbeam Children's Book Awards Gold Medal Winner (grades 2-6)

Stick and Stone, by Beth Ferry – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-1)

Stick Up for Yourself, by Gershen Kaufman, Lev Raphael, Pamela Espeland – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-6)

The Survival Guide to Bullying, by Aija Mayrock – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-7)


Two, by Kathryn Otoshi – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades K-2)

We Can Work it Out: Conflict Resolution for Children, by Barbara Kay Polland – reviewed by Children's Literature (grades K-4)


Your Body Belongs to You, by Cornelia Spelman – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades preK-2)

Zero, by Kathryn Otoshi – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades K-2)

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Anatomy, Reproduction, and Pregnancy (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se1.6-HS):

Below Your Belt: How to be Queen of Your Pelvic Region, by Missy Lavender and Jeni Donatelli– reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-8)


Human Body Theater, by Maris Wicks – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-7)

Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU, by Cory Silverberg– School Library Journal starred review (grades 2-6)


Puberty and Development (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se2.6-HS):

Below Your Belt: How to be Queen of Your Pelvic Region, by Missy Lavender and Jeni Donatelli– reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-8)


Does This Happen to Everyone? A Budding Adult’s Guide to Puberty, by Antje Helms, tr. from German by Jen Metcalf. adapt. by Jen Horan – reviewed by School Library Journal, The School Librarian (grades 5-9)


Growing UP, Inside and Out, by Kira Vermond – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-8)

Human Body Theater, by Maris Wicks – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-7)

It’s Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health, by Robie Harris, Illustrated by Michael Emberley – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 6-8)

On Your Mark, Get Set, Grow! by Lynda Madaras – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 3-6)

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**Self-Identity (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se3.6-HS):**


Gay America: Struggle for Equality, by Linas Alsenas – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 7-10)

The Gender Quest Workbook: A Guide for Teens and Young Adults Exploring Gender Identity, by Rylan Jay Testa PhD – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 9-12)

*George*, by Alex Gino– reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-6)

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women, by Catherine Thimmesh – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 5-8)

Girls Who Looked Under Rocks, by Jeannine Atkins – selection by the Children’s Book Council & National Science Teacher’s Association (grades 5-12)


Kicked Out, by Sassafras Lowrey – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 9-12)

Sex Is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU, by Cory Silverberg– School Library Journal starred review (grades 2-6)


This Book Is Gay, by James Dawson – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 10-12)

Where’s MY Book? A Guide for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth, Their Parents, & Everyone Else, by Linda Gromko – IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award, 2016 (grades 9-12)

**Prevention (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se4.6-HS):**

Be a Friend: Children Who Live with HIV Speak, by Lori Wiener – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-12)


Global HIV & Tuberculosis, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: [http://www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb/](http://www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb/) (grades 6-12)

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Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World, Tracy Kidder & Michael French – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 9-12)

Our Stories, Our Songs: African Children Talk about AIDS, by Deborah Ellis – School Library Journal Starred Review (grades 6-12)

Positive: A Memoir, by Paige Rawl and Benjamin Ali – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 8-12)

The Race to Discover the AIDS Virus: Luc Montagnier vs. Robert Gallo, by Stuart Kallen – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 8-12)

When Plague Strikes, by James Giblin – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 7-12)

**Healthy Relationships (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se6.6-HS):**

Asking for It: The Alarming Rise of Rape Culture – and What We Can Do About It, by Kate Harding – reviewed by YALSA (grades 10-12)


Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories, by Megan Kelly Hall and Carrie Jones, ed. – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 7-12)

Girls against Girls: Why We are Mean to Each Other and How We Can Change, by Bonnie Burton – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 6-10)

Growing UP, Inside and Out, by Kira Vermond – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-8)

In Love and Danger: A Teen's Guide to Breaking Free of Abusive Relationships, by Barrie Levy – reviewed by YALSA (grades 6-12)

*Speak*, by Laurie Halse Anderson – reviewed by YALSA, Printz Honor Book (grades 9-12)

Stick Up for Yourself, by Gershen Kaufman, Lev Raphael, Pamela Espeland – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-6)

The Survival Guide to Bullying, by Aija Mayrock – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 4-7)

Teen Cyberbullying Investigated: Where do Your Rights End and Consequences Begin? By Tom Jacobs – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 7-12)

UnSlut: A Diary and a Memoir, by Emily Lindin – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 9-12)

We Want You to Know: Kids Talk about Bullying, by Deborah Ellis – reviewed by School Library Journal (grades 5-9)

**WA State Laws (Health Standard/Outcome H1.Se6.6-HS):**

Providing Health Care to Minors Under WA State Laws–


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