

RECOMMENDED MOVIES AND TELEVISION SERIES

With lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning characters and themes

As with selecting any media, we encourage you to use this list as the beginning guide to choosing movies. Showing movies and TV series with diverse characters helps young people see different worldviews and connect with characters that might be more like them, or less like them. While some of the movies and TV shows on this list have important stories to tell, others are just comedies, animated films, action movies, science fiction, or general movies and shows that happen to have LGBTQ characters in them.

Some R rated movies and TV-14 shows are included in this list. Please be aware that sometimes movies are and have been historically rated R simply because they have LGBTQ characters. You should always preview a movie or TV show before showing it to assess whether it is appropriate for the audience. We have indicated potentially sensitive topics and some ideas for utilizing the movie for educational purposes.

† - A cross indicates that the movie is highly recommended from the organizers of this list.

MOVIES			
TITLE AND RATING	YEAR AND DIRECTOR	DESCRIPTION (FROM IMDB.COM)	THEMES TO BE AWARE OF AND IDEAS FOR USE
And the Band Played On PG	1993 Roger Spottiswoode	The story of the discovery of the AIDS epidemic and the political infighting of the scientific community hampering the early fight with it.	People shown with HIV/AIDS getting sick and eventually dying Useful to show historical context of HIV/AIDS and discrimination of the gay community.
Beautiful Boxer † Not Rated	2003 Ekachai Uekrongtham	Based on the real life story of Parinya Chareonphol, a Thai transgender boxer. The movie follows her life from a young person enamored with lipstick and flowers to her career as a kickboxer.	Some subtitles, kickboxing fights, anti-transgender harassment This movie would be perfect for anyone interested in martial arts. A powerful story based on real life.
Billy Elliot PG-13	2000 Stephen Daldry	A talented young boy becomes torn between his unexpected love of dance and the disintegration of his family	Drinking, alcoholism, language
Brother Outsider † Not Rated	2003 Nancy D. Kates and Bennet Singer	One of the first “freedom riders,” an advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and organizer of the March on Washington, Bayard Rustin was a key organizer during the Civil Rights Movement but never received public acknowledgment because he was an openly gay black man.	Discussion of the Civil Rights Movement and violence against protesters and activists This documentary is perfect for an educational setting to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement and LGBTQ rights movement.
Bully PG-13	2011 Lee Hirsch	A documentary on peer-to-peer bullying in schools across America.	Suicide, references to abuse, self harm, guns This is a powerful movie that should be previewed before being shown and debriefed after showing.

But I'm a Cheerleader R	1999 Jamie Babbit	A naïve teenager is sent to rehab camp when her parents and friends suspect her of being a lesbian.	Sex scene without nudity, kissing, masturbation happens without being shown (character uses pain to masturbate), a boy and girl are coerced into lying on top of each other, smoking, scene in a bar called "The C*cksucker", family rejection This movie portrays reparative therapy in a humorous way but should be carefully previewed.
Call Me Kuchu Not Rated	2012 Katherine Fairfax Wright and Malika Zouhali-Worrall	In Uganda, a new bill threatens to make homosexuality punishable by death. David Kato – Uganda's first openly gay man – and his fellow activists work against the clock to defeat the legislation while combating vicious persecution in their daily lives.	Discussion of sexual experiences, a woman describes being raped, a man is murdered but violence is not shown, anti-gay harassment and language, shoving fights and protests, some subtitles This movie is helpful for looking at issues for LGBTQ people in a global context.
CAMP PG-13	2003 Todd Graff	A musical about a camp for young artists, many are LGBTQ.	Drinking, smoking, sexual discussions, one character is beaten up, a girl's makeup is sabotaged and harms her skin, language – f-word and s-word
D.E.B.S. † PG-13	2004 Angela Robinson	A romantic comedy about a spy who falls for her arch-nemesis.	Alcohol, smoking, ableist slur r-word
De-Lovely PG-13	2004 Irwin Winkler	Inspecting a magical biographical stage musical, composer Cole Porter reviews his life and career with his wife, Linda.	A horse lands on a character's legs with some blood shown, smoking
Easy A † PG-13	2010 Will Gluck	A clean-cut high school student relies on the school's rumor mill to advance her social and financial standing.	Sexual references Useful for discussion around rumors and sexual double standards between boys and girls.
Fagbug Not Rated	2009 Erin Davies	Erin Davies' car was defaced with anti-gay slurs, so she decides to drive her car across the country and record people's responses.	Anti-LGBTQ harassment, language – anti-gay slur f-word Can be a good conversation starter about anti-LGBTQ harassment and its larger impacts on a community. A follow up documentary called <i>Fagbug Nation</i> came out in 2014 and could be useful, as well.
Fried Green Tomatoes † PG-13	1991 Jon Avnet	A housewife who is unhappy with her life befriends an old lady in a nursing home and is enthralled by the tales she tells of people she used to know.	Sexual discussions, a character is killed without blood shown, domestic violence, character killed by a train, white supremacy group – KKK – beats up a man, cancer, language – s-word and racial slurs, drinking and alcoholism, smoking
Geography Club † PG-13	2013 Gary Entin	At Goodkind High School, a group of students of varying identities form an after-school club as a discreet way to share their feelings and experiences.	Bullying, drinking, sexual discussion, language This movie may feel dated for some, since many high schools in MA have Gay-Straight Alliances, but can be a useful

			introduction to discussing anti-LGBTQ bullying and harassment.
Home for the Holidays PG-13	1995 Jodie Foster	After losing her job, making out with her soon-to-be former boss and finding out that her daughter plans to spend Thanksgiving with her boyfriend, Claudia faces spending the holiday with her family.	Language – s-word and “c*cksucker”
How to Train Your Dragon 2 PG	2014 Dean DeBlois	When Hiccup and Toothless discover an ice cave that is home to hundreds of new wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider, the two friends find themselves at the center of a battle to protect the peace.	War and battles This movie shows a character who implies that he is gay but is not a major plot point.
Imagine Me and You R	2005 Ol Parker	A bride finds herself attracted to the woman in charge of the floral arrangements at her wedding.	Sexual noises can be heard when a character watches pornography, but no images are seen, drinking, language – f-word and s-word
In & Out PG-13	1997 Frank Oz	A Midwestern teacher questions his sexuality after a student makes a comment about him at the Academy Awards.	Kissing, drinking, language – “pussy boy”, mention of disordered eating, assumed threat of sexual assault This movie is a little dated, but still humorous and useful. Could be paired well with <i>The Children’s Hour</i> for a discussion on rumors on sexual orientation in different time periods.
Kinky Boots † PG-13	2005 Julian Jarrold	A drag queen comes to the rescue of a man who, after inheriting his father’s shoe factory, needs to diversify his product to keep the business afloat	Drinking
Leave It on the Floor Not Rated	2011 Sheldon Larry	A musical set in the ballroom world memorialized by the documentary <i>Paris is Burning</i> . A character is kicked out of his home for being gay and finds a community of ballroom and drag performers.	Drinking, drug use, family rejection, sexual discussions, sexual behavior but not shown, car accident with one character dying Needs to be screened carefully for appropriateness, but the ball community is not often shown in movies or TV and is a large support community.
Let’s Get Real † Not Rated	2004 Debra Chasnoff	Examines issues that lead to taunting and bullying, including racial differences, perceived sexual orientation, learning disabilities, religious differences, sexual harassment and others.	Bullying, racism, anti-LGBTQ harassment, ableism, religious discrimination, sexual harassment This is a really great movie that features only youth telling their experiences. Discussion of bullying, and there is a discussion guide at groundspark.org .
Ma Vie En Rose (My Life in Pink) † R	1997 Alain Berliner	A transgender girl comes out to her family by dressing and acting feminine while her family struggles with her identity.	Entirely in subtitles with mild language It is unclear as to why this movie is rated R.

Mean Girls † PG-13	2004 Mark Waters	Cady Heron is a hit with The Plastics, the A-list, girl clique at her new school, until she makes the mistake of falling for the ex-boyfriend of the alpha Plastic.	Kissing, mention of condoms, bullying, fighting, a girl is hit by a bus, language – “slut” and “whore”, “mother-f”, and n-word, drinking, discussion about drugs (cocaine)
Milk R	2008 Gus Van Sant	The story of Harvey Milk and his struggles as an American gay activist who became California’s first openly gay elected official.	Murder, anti-gay harassment, suicide, language - use of the word “cocksucking”, s-word, balls, discussion of oral sex, discussion of prostitution, police fight with citizens, a scene with implied oral sex, male nude backside shown in dim light This movie will be inappropriate for some, but could be powerful for the right group with debrief afterwards.
Mosquita y Mari Not Rated	2012 Aurora Guerrero	After being assigned as study partners, two Chicana high school students find a bond that confuses them at times.	Drinking, drug use (marijuana), smoking, sexual discussion, one character considers prostitution This movie is actually a fairly tame coming out story.
Out of the Past R	1998 Jeffrey Dupre	About one girl’s struggle to form a Gay-Straight Alliance in Salt Lake City, Utah, paired with historical information about famous LGBTQ figures.	Discrimination and prejudice experienced by LGBTQ people It is unclear as to why this has an R rating. It is a useful documentary for educational settings.
Paranorman PG	2012 Chris Butler and Sam Fell	A misunderstood boy takes on ghosts, zombies, and grown-ups to save his town from a centuries-old curse.	Bullying, it is revealed that a 10 year old girl was sentenced to death in the past This movie is a great example of integrating an LGBTQ character without the plot focusing around their identity.
Pariah † R	2011 Dee Rees	A Brooklyn teenager juggles conflicting identities and risks friendship, heartbreak, and family in a desperate search for sexual expression.	First 5 or so minutes takes place in an strip club with music with inappropriate lyrics – could be skipped, drinking, marijuana Other than the first scene, this movie could be powerful and useful for the right audience.
Perks of Being a Wallflower † PG-13	2012 Stephen Chbosky	An introvert freshman is taken under the wings of two seniors who welcome him to the real world.	Drinking, drug use (marijuana, hallucinogens), anti-gay harassment, fighting, mention of suicide, suicidal ideation, domestic violence (sister hit by boyfriend), joking about bulimia, discussion of sexuality and sexual experiences, discussion of sexual assault, images of a car accident, bullying, characters dressed in lingerie (for Rocky Horror Picture Show), strong language This is a powerful movie with difficult themes. Many youth read the book this movie is based off of as a part of high school curricula. Will require plenty of time for debriefing of content after viewing. It should be carefully previewed before shown.

			Much of the movie discusses trauma and the ways that people recover from traumatic experiences.
Philadelphia PG-13	1993 Jonathan Demme	Tom Hanks won best actor for his performance opposite Denzel Washington as a gay man suing his law firm for HIV/AIDS discrimination.	HIV/AIDS, death, anti-gay harassment
Prayers for Bobby TV Movie	2009 Russell Mulcahy	True story of Mary Griffith, gay rights activist, whose teenage son committed suicide due to her religious intolerance.	Suicide, family rejection
Pride † R	2014 Matthew Warchus	UK gay activists work to help miners during their lengthy strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984.	A group of women look at a gay pornographic magazine and a dildo briefly, a man is beaten for being gay and his injuries are shown after, brief footage of police fighting with crowds, language – f-word, s-word, anti-gay slur f-word, dyke is used as a reclaimed term, drinking, smoking, HIV/AIDS This movie could be useful to show how marginalized groups can stand in solidarity with each other. With previewing, this could be a good movie for the right audience.
Prom Queen: The Marc Hall Story TV Movie	2004 John L'Ecuyer	A high school senior attempts to bring his boyfriend to his Catholic high school prom with large media attention.	Based on a true story in Canada.
Rent † PG-13	2005 Chris Columbus	Musical about a group of bohemian artists in NYC dealing with life, love, and HIV/AIDS.	Discussion of drug use (heroin, marijuana), drinking, addiction, HIV/AIDS
Saved! † PG-13	2004 Brian Dannelly	Comedy about a Christian girl who gets pregnant trying to save her boyfriend from being gay and finds herself.	Drinking, smoking, short scene involving sex with not much shown, discussion of Christianity
Saving Face R	2004 Alice Wu	A Chinese-American lesbian is surprised to find her single mother on her doorstep, pregnant.	Sexual noises are heard when a character watches pornography, but no images are seen, main characters have sex and breasts can be seen – scene could be skipped, some subtitles This movie is helpful for showing racial and cultural diversity of LGBTQ people.
Scott Pilgrim vs. The World † PG-13	2010 Edgar Wright	Scott Pilgrim must defeat his new girlfriend's seven evil exes in order to win her heart.	A band is named Sex Bob-omb, fighting happens but is comedic and looks like a classic video game, language – “c*ck”, a-word, s-word, drinking, death – but anyone who dies turns into coins This is a movie that has a side bisexual storyline and is enjoyable for anyone interested in video games.

Shelter R	2007 Jonah Markowitz	When his college dreams are sidelined by family obligations, a young man finds comfort in surfing with his best friend's brother.	Sexual situations – two characters engage in implied oral sex, two characters briefly fight and it is broken up, language – f-word, s-word, p-word, and anti-gay slur f-word, drinking, smoking, drug use (marijuana)
Stardust PG-13	2007 Matthew Vaughn	In a countryside town bordering on a magical land, a young man makes a promise to his beloved that he'll retrieve a fallen star by venturing into a magical realm.	Assumed threat of sexual assault Shows a character who does not fit in with stereotypes for masculinity in private, he is eventually discovered and supported by his team.
Stonewall Uprising Not Rated	2010 Kate Davis and David Heilbroner	This film tells the story of the massive police raid of Stonewall in June 1969 as well as some of the background history of discrimination against LGBTQ people.	Police brutality, drinking, violence against LGBTQ people
Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up † Not Rated	2009 Debra Chasnoff	A powerful documentary about the lives of teens and young adults as seen through the gender lens. Approaching society's ideas and ideals of gender through clothes, sexuality, sports, dance, safety, consumerism and emotion, the film addresses the complexities of conceptions of masculinity and femininity for youth.	Bullying, discussion on discrimination, anti-LGBTQ harassment This is a great tool for discussing gender identity and gender expression. It is told completely through youth experiences and narrative. It has a discussion guide that can be used with it at groundspark.org .
The Birdcage R	1996 Mike Nichols	A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen partner agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents.	A character dies off screen in the bed of an underage prostitute with other characters calling her a "whore", strong language – including f-word and s-word, drinking, smoking, brief references to drugs This movie is often shown as an edited version on TV. Good for discussion on fairness when people are asked to hide who they are.
The Children's Hour Not Rated	1961 William Wyler	A troublemaking student at a girls' school accuses two teachers of being lesbians.	Bullying, a child is spanked, suicide (a shadow of a rope hanging is shown) This movie can be useful for showing historical discrimination and harassment of LGBTQ people. Can be paired with <i>In and Out</i> to show similar themes at a different time period with different results.
The Family Stone † PG-13	2005 Thomas Bezucha	A man takes his girlfriend home for Christmas to meet his family.	Drinking, drug use (marijuana), sexual discussions, language – s-word, cancer
The Laramie Project Not Rated	2002 Moises Kaufman	Based off the play of the same name and compiled from interviews gathered from citizens	Discussion of hate crime and murder

		of Laramie, WY after the murder of Matthew Shepard.	
The Object of My Affection R	1998 Nicholas Hytner	A romantic comedy about two best friends and their trials through love and dependence on one another.	Drug use (marijuana), kissing that starts to lead towards more sexual activity but stops, language
The Times of Harvey Milk † Not Rated	1984 Rob Epstein	A documentary of the successful career and assassination of San Francisco's first elected gay councilor.	Footage of bodies being brought out of a building and rioting, language – s-word and anti-gay slur f-word, smoking, drinking If the movie <i>Milk</i> is too intense, this is another possible option for learning the history of Harvey Milk.
To Be Takei Not Rated	2014 Jennifer M. Kroot	A look at the many roles played by eclectic 77-year-old actor/activist George Takei, whose wit, humor, and grace have helped him to become an internationally beloved figure and internet phenomenon with 7-million Facebook fans and counting.	Discussion of Japanese American internment, spreading of ashes, discussion of racism This is a sweet movie showing the relationship between George and his husband, Brad. This is great for any Star Trek fan and to show the history of Japanese American internment, and the portrayals of Asian American characters over time.
To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar PG-13	1995 Beeban Kidron	Three drag queens travel cross-country until their car breaks down, leaving them stranded in a small town.	Characters are almost sexually assaulted by a group of men and police officer, but it is stopped, domestic violence, racial and anti-gay remarks, drinking, sexual references
Tomboy Not Rated	2011 Céline Sciamma	A 10-year-old closeted transgender boy moves into a new neighborhood and starts to live as a boy with his friends. The film follows his experience s with new friends, his potential love interest, and his family.	Entirely in subtitles, a child gets out of a bath and their genital area is visible briefly, bullying of transgender boy and teasing of a girl who kissed him, mother slaps her son, a group of kids assault a transgender boy by exposing his genitalia
Transgeneration Not Rated	2005 Jeremy Simmons	Follows four transgender college students in different places in their lives as they deal with various aspects of transitioning.	Great for showing diverse stories, available as a series and as a feature length film.
Victor/Victoria PG-13	1982 Blake Edwards	Julie Andrews stars in this comedy about a woman posing as a gay man who works as a female impersonator.	Drinking, anti-gay language (f-word), scene where a woman is almost sexually assaulted while passed out
Walk on Water R	2004 Eytan Fox	An Israeli hitman is hired to kill an ageing NAZI and befriends the man's family in order to do so.	Some subtitles, suicide happens but isn't shown, mention of a blow job, people are murdered but not violently This is an action movie that might appeal to older youth but should be previewed first.
Were the World Mine Not Rated	2009 Tom Gustafson	A bullied and demoralized gay student at an all-boys school uses a magical flower derived from	Bullying, family rejection, language – f-word, s-word, anti-gay slur f-word, drinking, lack of consent issues

		Shakespeare's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> to turn many in his community gay.	
White Frog † Not Rated	2012 Quentin Lee	A neglected boy on the autistic spectrum tries to make sense of his brother's death and life.	A character dies but it is not shown

TELEVISION SHOWS

TITLE	YEARS BROADCASTED	DESCRIPTION (FROM IMDB.COM)	THEMES TO BE AWARE OF AND IDEAS FOR USE
Battlestar Galactica TV-14	2004 – 2009	When an old enemy, the Cylons, resurfaces and obliterate the 12 colonies, the crew of the aged Galactica protects a small civilian fleet – the last of humanity – as they journey toward the fabled 13 colony of Earth.	War, sexuality – kissing and sex scenes (including one sex scene with between partners), language – b-word and a-word Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. This show is an example of having LGBTQ characters where the plot doesn't focus around their identity entirely.
Brooklyn Nine-Nine TV-14	2013 – current	Jake Peralta, an immature but talented NYPD detective in Brooklyn's 99 th Precinct, comes into immediate conflict with his new commanding officer, the stern and serious Captain Ray Holt.	Drinking, sexual innuendo, language – a-word Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. This show has an interracial marriage between two men.
Buffy the Vampire Slayer † TV-14	1997 – 2003	A young girl, destined to slay vampires, demons and other infernal creatures, deals with her life fighting evil, with the help of her friends	Discussion of sexuality, some brief sex scenes with no nudity, violence and fighting with vampires and demons, language – b-word and a-word, drinking, smoking, series becomes more intense as it progresses Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. Two female characters date in later seasons.
The Carrie Diaries TV-PG	2013 – 2014	Carrie Bradshaw is in the junior year of high school in the early 1980s. She asks her first questions about love, sex, friendship and family while navigating the worlds of high school and Manhattan.	Discussions around sexuality, kissing, language – b-word, drinking, drug use (marijuana), relationship with an older man Not appropriate for younger audiences. Features a character questioning his sexuality and, in season 2, dating. It is the prequel to <i>Sex and the City</i> – so it has frank discussions.
Dawson's Creek TV-14	1998 – 2003	Four friends in a small coastal town help each other cope with adolescence.	Discussions around sexuality, sex scenes but are cut before showing much, kissing, drinking, death, cancer, language – anti-gay slur f-word, a-word, b-word, “slut” and “whore”, drug use (ecstasy) Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. Has a storyline of a character coming out and his family struggling to

			support him.
Degrassi: The Next Generation † TV-PG	2001 – current	The lives of the kids at Degrassi Community School dealing with the serious and sometimes taboo issues that teenagers experience.	<p>Sex scenes without showing nudity and cut early, kissing, rape, abortion, sexual predators, physical and verbal fights, injuries from fighting or assault, school shooting, stabbing, a character is shot, self injury with blood shown, language – b-word, a-word, “slut”, drinking, drug use (marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy), alcoholism, partner abuse</p> <p>This is a show that deals with heavy themes with a semi-soap opera feel. Each episode usually focuses on difficult but real issues that teenagers experience. There are often LGBTQ characters with an especially good representation of a young trans boy. Some episodes could be used for educational purposes.</p>
Dr. Who TV-PG	2005 – current	Originally a series from the 1960s, this show continued in 2005 to show the adventures of a time traveling alien adventurer and his companions.	<p>Sexual references, kissing, fighting, death, small amounts of blood, an episode where people are eaten by a werewolf, shooting, language – a-word, b-word, racism, drinking, smoking</p> <p>This show has some intense scenes that might not be appropriate. Should be previewed first before showing.</p>
Glee TV-PG	2009 – 2015	A group of ambitious misfits try to escape the harsh realities of high school by joining a glee club, where they find strength, acceptance and, ultimately, their voice, while working to pursue dreams of their own.	<p>Discussion of sexuality, an adult pursues a relationship with a student, kissing, bullying, anti-gay discrimination, suicide attempt, language – b-word, a-word, “slut”, drinking, drug use (medication used against directions), smoking, death, domestic violence, disordered eating, school shooting but no one is hurt</p> <p>Characters question sexual orientation and gender identity, come out, and have relationships.</p>
Grey’s Anatomy TV-14	2005 – current	A drama centered on the personal and professional lives of five surgical interns and their supervisors.	<p>Sex scenes with no nudity, surgery scenes, language – b-word, a-word, drinking, smoking, some scenes maybe too graphic – especially when doctors are responding to trauma</p> <p>Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. This should be heavily pre-viewed first.</p>
House M.D. TV-14	2004 – 2012	An antisocial maverick doctor who specializes in diagnostic medicine does whatever it takes to solve puzzling cases that come his way using his crack team of doctors and his wits.	<p>Sex scenes with no nudity shown, adult entertainers, some scenes may be too graphic – surgery scenes and medical problems, death, murder, suicide, language – b-word, a-word, “slut” and “whore”, anti-gay slur f-word, racist and anti-Semitic comments, drug use (opiates, meth, LSD, methadone,</p>

			<p>amphetamine), drinking, alcoholism, drug addiction</p> <p>Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. This show should be heavily pre-viewed first.</p> <p>Kissing, fighting, death, murder, suicide (through explosion), characters in pain, drinking</p>
Legend of Korra TV-Y7	2012 – 2014	Avatar Korra fights to keep Republic City safe from the evil forces of both the physical and spiritual worlds.	
Modern Family TV-PG	2009 – current	Three different, but related families face trials and tribulations in their own uniquely comedic ways.	<p>Sexual references, language – b-word, a-word, “whore”, drinking (including underage drinking in one episode), discussion of drug use (marijuana), show has been criticized for jokes that are racist</p> <p>This show is good for showing different family structures and often has a moral.</p>
My So-Called Life TV-PG	1994 – 1995	A 15-year-old girl and her trials and tribulations of being a teenager and dealing with friends, guys, parents, and school.	<p>Sexual objectification of girls, language – “slut”, discussion of sexual experiences, sexual assault – boys trying to force girls into sex, drinking, drug abuse, alcoholism</p> <p>Could be rated TV-14 or older, only appropriate for older youth. This show should be pre-viewed first. Might be too dated for some to find relevant.</p>
Pretty Little Liars TV-14	2010 – current	Four friends band together against an anonymous foe who threatens to reveal their darkest secrets, while unraveling the mystery of the murder of their best friend.	<p>Kissing, sexual references, murder, stabbing, fighting, hit-and-run, death, shooting, dead bodies, language – b-word, a-word, “slut”, drug use (marijuana), drinking</p> <p>Note the rating – TV-14, only appropriate for older youth. This show should be pre-viewed and contains violence.</p>
Princess Jellyfish TV-14	2010	A Japanese animation series about a timid artist living with other social misfits in a women-only apartment is friends with a man who cross-dresses.	Discussions around sex, a character is drugged and then blackmailed, sexual harassment, drinking, subtitles
RuPaul’s Drag Race † TV-14	2009 – current	RuPaul searches for America’s next drag superstar in this reality competition show. Related shows are RuPaul’s Drag U and RuPaul’s Drag Race All-Stars.	<p>Sexual objectification of men, sexual references and innuendo, language – b-word (curses are bleeped), some earlier seasons may have t-word and use “she-mail” as a reference to “she-male” (anti-transgender slurs)</p> <p>This show covers the world of drag with references to the ball scene.</p>
RuPaul’s Drag U TV-14	2010 - current	Previous contestants from RuPaul’s Drag Race give drag queen makeovers to contestants to boost self-esteem and confidence.	Sexual objectification of men, sexual references and innuendo, language – b-word (curses are bleeped)

Sailor Moon TV-14	1995 – 2000	A Japanese animation series about a teenage girl who learns of her destiny as the legendary warrior Sailor Moon and must band together with other Sailor Soldiers to defend the Earth and Galaxy.	Kissing, fighting with limited blood, death In the Japanese version, two female characters are a couple, but in the English version they are cousins. This could possibly be appropriate for younger audiences (as young as 10).
South of Nowhere † TV-PG	2005 – 2008	A family moves from Ohio to Los Angeles, where they find themselves unprepared for the city's fast pace, and the overcrowded public school that their three teenagers will attend.	Discussions around sex, bullying, language, death Has storylines around coming out and questioning sexuality.
Steven Universe † TV-PG	2013 - current	A young boy takes his mother's place in a group of gemstone-based beings, and must learn to control his powers.	Fighting, discussion about losing a parent but is dealt with in caring ways This show does an amazing job of showing gender non-conforming identities, including strong and influential women, a character who cross dresses with support, and gender variant identities. There is one committed lesbian couple (which is revealed as a plot point).
The Fosters † TV-14	2013 – current	Teenager Callie Jacobs is placed in a foster home with a lesbian couple and their blend of biological, adoptive, and foster children.	Kissing, fighting (a girl is beat up in Juvenile Prison) and fist fights, shooting, drug use and selling (prescription, testosterone overdose, marijuana), brief violence – cops shoot a man, death, miscarriage, suicide attempt, language – a-word, b-word, anti-gay d-word, drinking This show shows a multi-racial family with two moms and has a side character who is transgender and is played by a transgender actor. Note the TV-14 rating.
Will & Grace TV-14	1998-2006	Will and Grace live together in an apartment in New York. He's a gay lawyer, she's a straight interior designer.	Discussions around sex, sexual innuendo, jokes about drug and alcohol abuse This show can sometimes feature stereotypes and some might find it dated.
Xena: Warrior Princess TV-PG	1995 – 2001	Xena, a mighty Warrior Princess with a dark past, sets out to redeem herself. She is joined by small town bard, Gabrielle. Together they journey the ancient world and fight for the greater good against ruthless Warlords and Gods.	Kissing, fighting monsters, drinking Some might find this show dated.