

# BOOKS SAVE LIVES

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## An Ellen Oh Reading Challenge

Ellen Oh believes that "books are a lifeline for kids, especially LGBTQ kids whose very existence is being threatened right now." Books save lives, and she wants to make sure that stories from all perspectives are told and shared. As a parent of a transgender child, Ellen knows that books really can save lives, and that, in the words of her child, "we deserve our happy ever afters." Check out this list of books featuring LGBTQ+ characters from Ellen. Mark them off as you read!



## Book Recommendations

### Middle Grade

- "The Magic Fish" by Trung Le Nguyen
- "Too Bright to See" by Kyle Lukoff
- "The Insiders" by Mark Oshiro
- "Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World" by Ashley Herring Blake
- "Moonflower" by Kacen Callender

### Young Adult

- "Flamer" by Mike Curato
- "A Scatter of Light" by Malinda Lo
- "When the Moon Was Ours" by Anna-Marie McLemore
- "The Lesbianna's Guide to Catholic School" by Sonora Reyes
- "The Girl From the Sea" by Molly Knox Ostertag



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### Reading Log

Color in an image for every 30 minutes that you read.



30m



60m



90m



120m



150m



180m



210m



240m



270m



300m



Ellen Oh was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where she shared about this challenge and about her journey to becoming a writer.

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