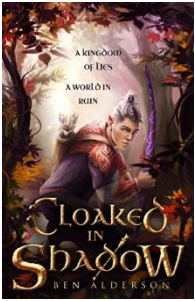


# Rainbow Reads: Adult Fiction



## [Cloaked in Shadows](#)

Ben Alderson

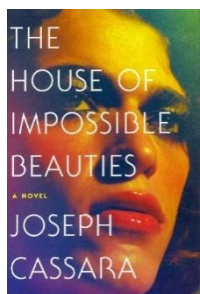
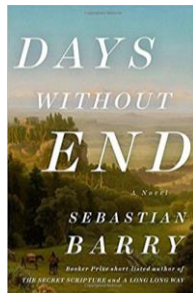
Zacriah Trovirn is concerned with two things in life: hunting and dodging Petrer, the boy who broke his heart. Heartbreak becomes a distant concern when Zacriah is taken to the Elven capital of Thessolina, where he is forced into King Dalior's new legion of

shapeshifters. But Zacriah isn't a shapeshifter. With war looming on the horizon, Zacriah must learn to use his latent power to fight and protect those he loves before they are destroyed.

## [Days Without End](#)

Sebastian Barry

Thomas McNulty, aged barely seventeen and having fled the Great Famine in Ireland, signs up for the U.S. Army in the 1850s. With his brother in arms Thomas goes on to fight in the Indian Wars—against the Sioux and the Yurok—and, ultimately, the Civil War. The men find these days to be vivid and alive, despite the horrors they see and are complicit in.



## [House of Impossible Beauties](#)

Joseph Cassara

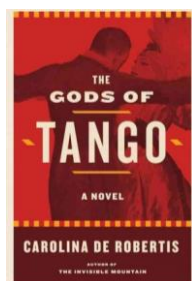
It's 1980 in New York City, and nowhere is the city's glamour and energy better reflected than in the burgeoning Harlem ball scene, where seventeen-year-old Angel first comes into her own. Burned by her traumatic past, Angel is new to the drag world, new to ball culture, and

has a yearning inside of her to help create family for those without.

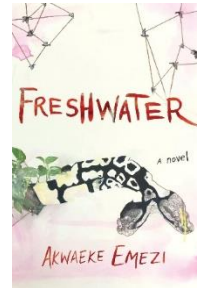
## [Gods of Tango](#)

Caroline de Robertis

From one of the leading lights of contemporary Latin American literature—a lush, lyrical, deeply moving story of a young woman whose



passion for the early sounds of tango becomes a force of profound and unexpected change.



## [Freshwater](#)

Akwaeke Emezi

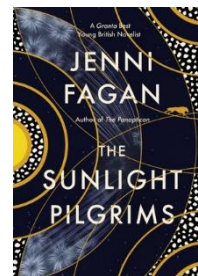
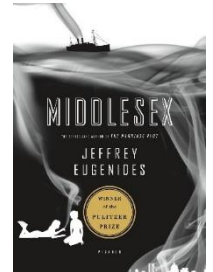
It centers around a young Nigerian woman, Ada, who develops separate selves within her as a result of being born "with one foot on the other side." Unsettling, heart wrenching, dark, and powerful, Freshwater is a sharp

evocation of a rare way of experiencing the world, one that illuminates how we all construct our identities.

## [Middlesex](#)

Jeffery Eugenides

Calliope's friendship with a classmate and her sense of identity are compromised by the adolescent discovery that she is a hermaphrodite, a situation with roots in her grandparent's desperate struggle for survival in the 1920s.



## [The Sunlight Pilgrims](#)

Jenny Fagan

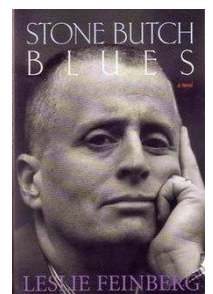
Constance and Stella are living in Scotland in 2020, battling extreme weather and natural disasters that seem to suggest that the end of the world might be close at hand. When a newcomer named Dylan comes to town,

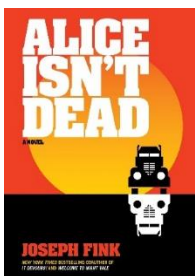
their lives will become entwined in ways they could not have foreseen.

## [Stone Butch Blues](#)

Leslie Feinberg

Jess, a working-class woman living as a man, survives a period of homelessness, tries to unionize fellow workers, worries about being found out, and searches for community while undergoing a secret transsexual operation.





### [Alice Isn't Dead](#)

Joseph Fink

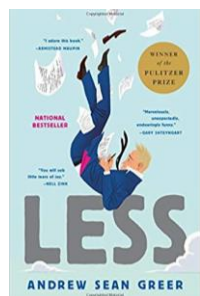
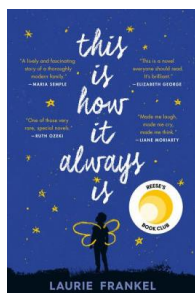
Keisha Taylor lived a quiet life with her wife, Alice, until the day that Alice disappeared. After months of searching, presuming she was dead, Keisha held a funeral, mourned, and gradually tried to get on with her life. But that was before

Keisha started to see her wife, again and again, in the background of news reports from all over America. Alice isn't dead, and she is showing up at every major tragedy and accident in the country. Following a line of clues, Keisha takes a job with a trucking company, and begins searching for Alice. She eventually stumbles on an otherworldly conflict being waged in the quiet corners of our nation's highway system--uncovering a conspiracy that goes way beyond one missing woman.

### [This is How it Always Is](#)

Laurie Frankel

Rosie thought that she had four sons until the day that her youngest, three-year-old Claude, told her otherwise. Claude expressed a desire to be called Poppy, and Rosie and her husband Penn began to adjust to the challenges of raising a transgender girl. This revelation, of course, had a big impact on Poppy and her family, and led them to move across the country to find a more accepting community to live in.



### [Less](#)

Andrew Sean Greer

Receiving an invitation to his ex-boyfriend's wedding, Arthur, a failed novelist on the eve of his 50th birthday, embarks on an international journey that finds him falling in love, risking his life, reinventing himself and making

connections with the past.

### [Just For Show](#)

Jae

Claire Renshaw is an overachieving couples therapist whose perfect life crumbles when her fiancée breaks up with her, ending not only their relationship but also potentially Claire's relationship advice book deal. Enter

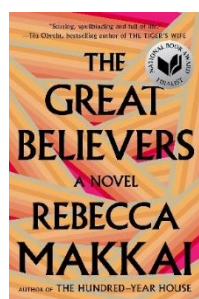


her fake fiancée: Lana Henderson, a hot mess actress who, at least, Claire knows she will definitely not fall in love with.

### [Stray City](#)

Chelsea Johnson

This funny, smart anti-romantic comedy set in 1990s Portland lesbian underground features Andrea Morales; when a drunken hookup with a cis dude leaves her pregnant, to her own and her friends' shock, she decides to keep the baby.



### [The Great Believers](#)

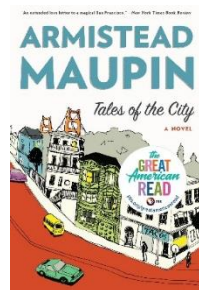
Rebecca Makkai

A dazzling new novel of friendship and redemption in the face of tragedy and loss set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris, by the acclaimed and award-winning author Rebecca Makkai

### [Fire Logic](#)

Laurie Mark

The martial Sainnites have occupied Shaftal for fifteen years. Every year the cost of resistance rises. Emil, an officer and scholar; Zanja, a diplomat and last survivor of her people; and Karis, a metalsmith, half-blood giant, and an addict, can only watch as their country falls into lawlessness and famine. Together, perhaps they can change the course of history.



### [Tales of the City](#)

Armistead Maupin

San Francisco, 1976. A naïve young secretary, fresh out of Cleveland, tumbles headlong into a brave new world of laundromat Lotharios, pot-growing landladies, cut throat debutantes, and Jockey Shorts dance

contests. The saga that ensues is manic, romantic, tawdry, touching, and outrageous - unmistakably the handiwork of Armistead Maupin.

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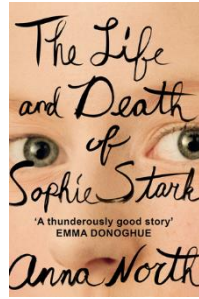


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[Life and Death of Sophie Stark](#)

Anna North

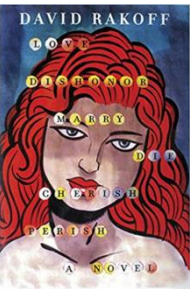
Filmmaker Sophie Stark uses stories from the lives of those around her—her obsession, her girlfriend, and her husband—to create movies that bring her critical recognition and acclaim. But as her career explodes, Sophie’s unwavering dedication to her art leads to the shattering betrayal of the people she loves most.



[Little Fish](#)

Casey Plett

This debut novel has beautifully messy, complex characterization. 30-year-old trans woman Wendy has a lot going on in her Winnipeg life with her chosen trans family and her Mennonite family of birth: friendship, sex work, suicide, poverty, and finding out her grandfather might have been trans too. Read more from Plett in this trans women writers’ roundtable.



[Love, Dishonor, Marry, Die, Cherish, Perish](#)

David Rakoff

The NPR radio essayist and award-winning author of *Fraud* presents an edgy novel in verse that traverses the experiences of characters linked by acts of generosity or cruelty throughout major historical events of the 20th century.

[Confessions of the Fox](#)

Jordy Rosenberg

Contemporary scholar Dr. Voth discovers forgotten queer/trans history in the story of Jack Sheppard, a legendary 18th-century London underground thief. Corruption and conspiracy past and present eventually threaten both men amidst the academic comedy and period erotica.

