An American Family
In 1995, Michael Galluccio and Jon Holden became foster parents to a HIV positive baby. The first unmarried couple in New Jersey to co-adopt a child, they went on to adopt another at risk infant and his 18-year-old pregnant sister. A moving account of their family story.

Conceiving Parenthood
This book discusses parenting and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and their children. It is a report aimed at getting attention paid, and change initiated in the fight for LGBT parenting rights.

Families Of Value
A collection of stories depicting the diversity of LGBT parents and their children.

Gay Parents/ Straight Schools: Building Communication and Trust
An ethnographic study about the re-education of the educational system to be respectful and conscious of students with gay and or lesbian parents.
V. Casper, S. Schultz. Teachers College Press, Columbia University. 1999

Gays, Lesbians, And Family Values
A look at the common experiences that make up LGBT family values and how a LGBT household can provide a nurturing and open-minded place to grow up.
D. Say, M. Kowalewski. Pilgrim Press. 1998

Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships, and Motherhood among Black Women
This book explores race and class and how these women understand their sexuality, find partners and form families.
M. Moore, University of California Press. 2011

Lesbian And Gay Families Speak Out: Understanding The Joys And Challenges Of Diverse Family Life
This book discusses coming out, dealing with prejudice, coping with spirituality, family relationships, and child development through the stories of over two-dozen LGBT families.

Lesbian And Gay Voices: An Annotated Bibliography And Guide To Literature For Children And Young Adults
This is a great resource for students, parents and teachers alike. It features 275 recommended books that feature a diversity of major and minor lesbian and gay characters.
A. Day. Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc. 2000

Lesbian Step Families: An Ethnography Of Love
Explores five family’s definitions of the stepparent, and how they fulfill parenting roles.

Love Makes A Family: Portraits Of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, And Transgender Parents And Their Families
Beautifully combines interviews and photographs to document the experiences of LGBT parents and their children.

Mothering Without A Compass: White Mother’s Love, Black Son’s Courage
In 1997 Becky Thompson was asked by, nine-year-old, Adrian’s mother to become his caretaker. As a white lesbian with a new black son she tells the absorbing and often humorous story of her attempt at antiracist, multicultural, parenting.

Our Families, Our Values
Explores what “family” means inside the LGBT community, as well as the challenges...
Books and Publications for LGBTQ Families

LGBT families present to the straight community.
*R. Goss & A. Strongheart.*
*Hayworth Press.* 1997

**Out Of The Ordinary**
A groundbreaking collection of essays written by and for teenage and adult children of Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Bisexual parents.
*N. Howey, E. Samuels, st. martin’s press,* New York, NY. 2000

**Queer families Common Agendas Gay people, Lesbians And Family Values.**
A book about gay and lesbian parenting rights in the U.S. and Canada.
(Ed) *T. Sullivan, Journal of gay and lesbian social services.* 1999

**Queer families, Queer Politics**
Discuss the intersection of personal and political LGBTQ family issues and gives special attention to families of color, immigrant, and poor families. It also discusses how family politics are com-placated by bisexuality, nonmonagamy, and gender nonconformity.
(Ed) *M. Bernstien, Columbia University Press.* 2001

**Queer Family Values: Debunking The Myth Of The Nuclear Family**
Critiques the desire for legalization of gay and lesbian marriage and the importance of not conforming to a heterosexual society. The new idea of family is built around "care" rather than biology, sexual relationships, or rights


**School’s Out**
A book that explores all aspects of gay and lesbian issues in public schools, from LGBT youth to their straight allies to safe sex.
*D. Woog. Alyson Publications,* Boston, MA. 1995

**Trans Forming Families: Real Stories About Transgendered Loved Ones**
Thirty-one true stories by brave and loving mothers, fathers, spouses and partners, grandparents, adult children, siblings and friends about their struggle to understand, accept and keep on loving their transgendered family members.

**The Way We Really Are Coming To Terms With America’s Changing Family**
Countz looks at the reality of the modern family including: working mothers, marriage, children in gay and lesbian families, the strengths and weaknesses of single-parent households, and the significant lag between our new social realities and the values, behavior, and institutions struggling to adjust.

**We Are Family: Testimonials Of Lesbian And Gay Parents, Sexual Politics**
This book confronts the taboos and myths about same-sex parenthood; artificial insemination; surrogate mothers; adoption and fostering; custody battles; what to tell the children; what to tell your neighbors; and what kids say about their LGBT parents.
*T. Ali, Cassell Academics.* 1996

**Women In Love: Portraits of Lesbian Mothers And Their Families**
A beautiful collection of photographs and stories of lesbian mothers and their families.
*Photographs by B. Seyda with D. Herrera. Bullfinch Press,* Boston. 1998

**Publications Of Interest**

**Arise: For Diverse People Of African Decent**
Made for LGBT people, and their loved ones, of African decent. Covers family, travel, music and many other areas of interest.
2121 Perlata St., Loft 126, Oakland CA 94907, (510)663-2743 arisemagazine@aol.com

**Gay Parent**
A resource for lesbian and gay parents or perspective parents.
*Gay Parent Magazine, P.O. Box 75085, Forest Hills, NY, 11375 gayparentmag@banet.com*

**HipMama Magazine**
The independent magazine that serves as proof that motherhood doesn’t need to be boring or a-political!
*Hip Mama, PO Box 12525, Portland, OR 97212*
http://www.hipmama.com

**Just For Us**
COLAGE’s quarterly newsletter, packed with fun stuff for children and LGBTQ
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In The Family: The Magazine For Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals And Their Relations
A magazine about love, intimacy and family.

P.O. Box 5387, Takoma Park, MD 20913, (301)270-4771
www.inthefamily.com

Proud Parenting
An excellent publication for articles and resources for lgbt parents and their children.
Box 8272, Van Nuys, CA 91409-8272, (818)909-0048, info@proudparenting.com

Transgender Tapestry
A leading source for stimulating dialogue covering a wide range of gender topics, from medical and psychological care to family and partner issues.
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