Derek & Darla’s Favorite 2017 Titles

LGBT Stories

- *The Pants Project* by Cat Clarke (12+)
- *Queer There and Everywhere: 23 People who Changed the World* by Sarah Prager (12+)
- *We Are Okay* by Nina LeCour (16+)
- *Release* by Patrick Ness (17+)
- *The Witch Boy* by Molly Ostertag (12+)
- *Taproot* by Keezy Young (14+)
- *Spinning* by Tillie Walden (16+)

Middle Grade – Self Discovery

- *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya
- *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Train I Ride* by Paul Mosier
- *Amina’s Voice* by Hena Khan

Immigrant Stories

- *The Go-Between* by Veronica Chambers (14+)
- *You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins (14+)
- *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui (16+)

Middle Grade Immigrant Stories

- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *Flying Lessons and Other Stories*, edited by Ellen Oh

Middle Grade Comics

- *Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani
- *All’s Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jameson
- *Mighty Jack and the Goblin King* by Ben Hatke
- *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale
Social Stories

- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds (12+)
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone (14+)
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (14+)
- *Us: Short Stories About Young Latinos* by Lulu Delacre (12+)
- *Loving VS. Virginia* by Patricia Hruby Powell (12+)

Middle Grade – Non-Fiction and Historical Fiction

- *The War I Finally Won* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- *Bronze and Sunflower* by Cao Wenxuan
- *Before She Was Harriet* by Lisa Cline Ransome and James E. Ransome
- *Flowers for Sarajevo* by John McCutcheon
- *Malala’s Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai

Love Stories

- *Windfall* by Jennifer E. Smith (14+)
- *The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertalli (14+)
- *When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon (16+)

Middle Grade – Sci-Fi and Fantasy

- *Hyacinth and the Secrets Beneath* by Jacob Sager Weinstein
- *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* by Stephanie Burgis
- *Felix Yz* by Lisa Bunker
- *Spirit Hunters* by Ellen Oh
- *A Boy Called Christmas* by Matt Haig

Potpourri

- *Thornhill* by Pat Smy (12+)
- *The Backstagers* (12+)
- *Follow Me Back* by A.V. Geiger (14+)
- *Bull* by David Elliott (14+)
- *Mask of Shadows* by Linsey Miller (14+)