🏳️‍🌈Happy Pride Month!

The Jane Addams Peace Association celebrates Pride Month by lifting up LGBTQ+ auth and stories.

JUN 01, 2026

1 Share



Jane Addams (right) and her longtime partner Mary Rozet Smith (left)

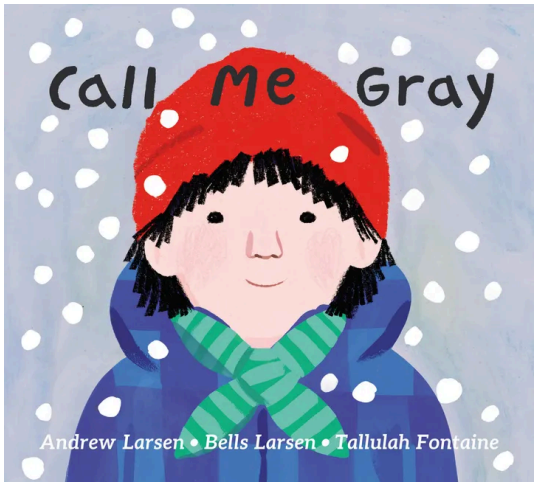
The month of June is Pride Month, and the Jane Addams Peace Association is dedicated to uplifting LGBTQIA+ people, voices, and culture this month and every after. During her lifetime, Jane Addams fought ceaselessly for the rights of the disenfranchised in Chicago and around the world. She was also a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and used the Hull-House Settlement to bring members of t community to safety and provide resources to them.

The Hull-House Settlement was considered a place of “Queer Domesticity,” a term created by author and academic Shannon Jackson. While many people were marriec with children, people in the Hull-House neighborhood and in the settlement house were creating their own meaning of family. While Jane Addams never married and

never had children, she was in a long-term relationship with her life partner, Mary Rozet Smith, who was a volunteer kindergarten teacher.

Books That Highlight LGBTQ+ Stories

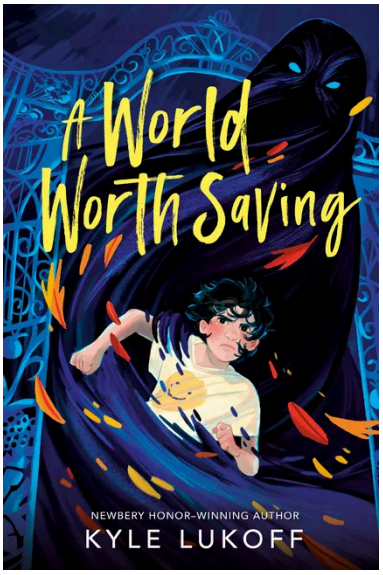
Call Me Gray



by Andrew Larsen and Bells Larsen, illustrated by Tallulah Fontaine (2026 Finalist)

This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the joy a young child feels when their parent chooses to affirm their gender identity. When the child asks their fathe he can call them “Gray,” the father is confused at first, but then grows to understan Gray’s identity in a loving, inclusive way.

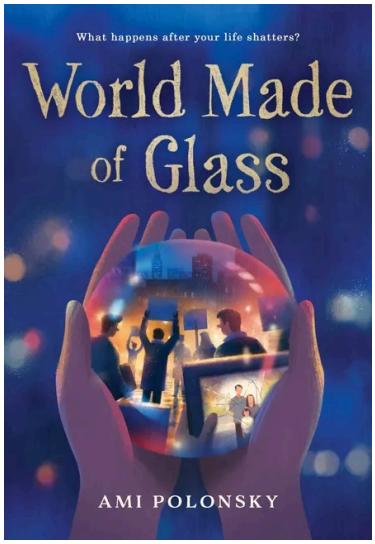
A World Worth Saving



by Kyle Lukoff (2026 Finalist)

For A, coming out as trans was incredibly difficult for him, as his parents are unwilling to accept his identity. When he finds out that the transphobic advocacy group his parents are involved in is run by a literal demon, A has to step in and figh for a future for himself and his friends.

World Made of Glass



by Ami Polonsky (2024 Honor)

Twelve-year-old Iris Cohen's world is shattered when her father dies of AIDS. The novel takes place in New York City in 1987, when the ACT UP movement was start to draw public attention to the indifference of the medical industry and the callous public regard for people with HIV/AIDS and the LGBTQ community in general. Iri furious at her own loss and what she sees around her, and with the help of supporti adults and friends, channels her anger into activism.

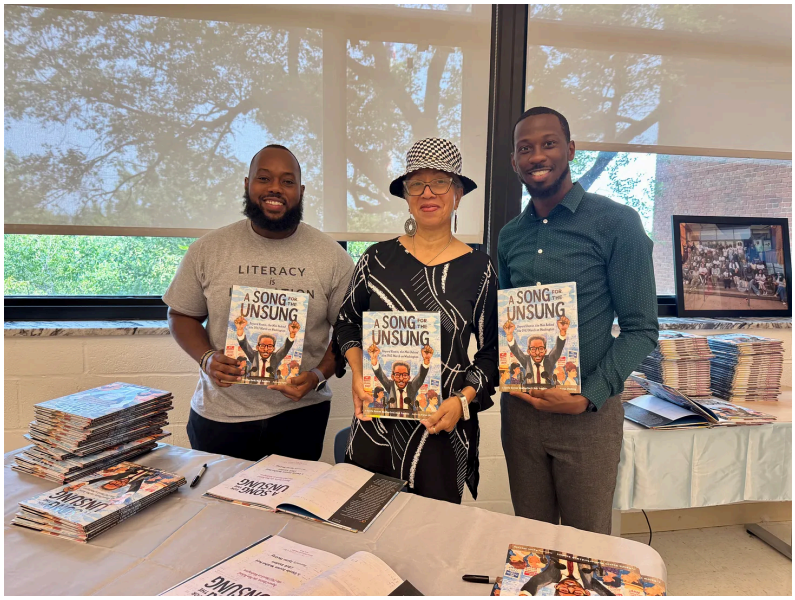
Community Highlight: Under the Umbrella Bookstore



511 W 200 S Suite 120, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Under the Umbrella Bookstore is a bookstore that specifically caters to the queer community by stocking a diverse array of books that center the experiences of LGBTQ+ people with an emphasis on Black LGBTQ+ people. This bookstore also features a cafe that serves drinks and pastries as well!

Support Our Work!



The Jane Addams Peace Association perpetuates the spirit of activist and pacifist Ja Addams, her love for children and humanity, her commitment to freedom and democracy, and her devotion to the cause of world peace.

Your donation to the Jane Addams Peace Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, is tax deductible and helps us support authors, illustrators, parents, teachers, and libraria as they "deepen understanding of peace and justice for children and their adults through reflection, dialogue, and social action."

Keep up with us on social media:

Instagram | Facebook | YouTube | Threads | LinkedIn

Thanks for reading the Jane Addams Peace Association's Substack! Subscribe for free to receive new posts and support our work.



1 Like