



PRIDE: THE STORY OF HARVEY MILK AND THE RAINBOW FLAG

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this deeply moving and inspiring true story, young readers will trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag: from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world. Award-winning author Rob Sanders's stirring text, and acclaimed illustrator Steven Salerno's evocative images, combine to tell this remarkable — and untold — story. A story of love, hope, equality, and pride.

Title: Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag

Author: Rob Sanders;
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2018

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Format: Hardcover

Age Range*: 5-8 years

Grade Range: 1-3

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Offers little ones an age-appropriate introduction . . . Ebullient . . ."
—Shelf Awareness, starred review

"Pride is a beacon of (technicolor) light." —Entertainment Weekly

"An essential LGBTQ children's book" —Out.com

"This children's book about gay Pride should be in every school." —Gay Times Magazine

"The picture book about Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag is everything you needed as a kid." —LGBTQ Nation

"I couldn't be more thrilled the world now has this book." —Dustin Lance Black, Academy Award-winning screenwriter of MILK

"This inspiring, positive story is a great introduction to two LGBTQ heroes and to the spirit of the LGBTQ community." —Pridesource.com

"A welcome social history . . . Mission accomplished." —The San Francisco Chronicle

"A children's book that will properly express the struggle and joys that the LGBTQ rights movement went through." —Instinct Magazine

"An uplifting introduction to the symbol of the Rainbow Flag . . . Vibrant and lively . . . Recommended for all collections." —School Library Journal

"A biography LGBTQ rights activists and allies can proudly share with children . . . A hope-filled ode to the rainbow flag." —Kirkus Reviews

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"A poignant and uplifting biography." —Publishers Weekly

"A tribute to a leader undertreated in young people's literature." —The Bulletin of the Center For Children's Books

"Salerno's strong art has a colorful seventies vibe . . . There is value here."
— Booklist

"*Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and The Rainbow Flag* beautifully tells the history of both Uncle Harvey's dream and his collaboration with Gilbert Baker to create a global symbol of equality and inclusion. This book tells a history that all children will cherish, and will inspire the next generation of hope givers, our world's youth"—Stuart Milk, Founder and President of the Harvey Milk Foundation

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- SELECTION A Junior Library Guild Selection
- SELECTION ALA/ALSC Rainbow Book List
- NOMINEE 2022 Illinois State Library Monarch Award
- SELECTION KNEA Reading Circle
- SELECTION Amazon Best Nonfiction Children's Books of 2018
- SELECTION 20 Must-Read Picture Books of 2018

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[Classroom Activities](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

[National Coalition Against Censorship response to Hanover County Public Schools](#): Principal Keck removed the book from a Henry Clay Elementary second-grade classroom and criticized the teacher for exercising "poor judgement" after one parent complained it made her daughter "question her Christian faith."

The National Coalition responded with a letter with following comments to not remove the title: Board Policy 6-5.6 allows teachers to "enrich and support curriculum objectives" with supplemental texts, which "do not require the prior approval of the principal or the principal's designee." In this case, a teacher used *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* to teach her students profound lessons about human rights activism and LGBTQ equality. In addition to telling an important civil rights history and promoting civic engagement, this important book teaches values enshrined in the Hanover County Code of Conduct, like "recognizing the importance of the dignity and worth of each individual" and "contributing to a climate of mutual respect for all."

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