

A.M. Wild

Author | Writing Coach | LGBTQIA+ Celebrationist

Background

A.M. Wild holds a B.A. in Literature, Sociology and Philosophy from SUNY Purchase College and an M.F.A. in Poetry from Sarah Lawrence College. Their interest in children's literature largely developed out of their formative experiences as a child. As an adult, this turned into a deep appreciation for the myriad ways reading can positively influence psychological development, self-esteem, and reading comprehension.

As an avid reader, stories have played a vital role in helping A.M. name, claim, and celebrate the identities they hold. They are committed to creating work that celebrates characters on the gender and sexuality spectrum, who have neurodivergencies such as anxiety and depression, books that celebrate queer families, body diversity, and center social justice as key themes.

In a time of bans on gender-affirming care, right-wing hate-speech over drag story hours, and legislation restricting teachers from fully educating their students, they see the dire need for more books that uplift and connect all communities. They actively collaborate with other queer, gender-expansive, and neurodivergent, and culturally diverse creators in order to provide some of the much needed intersectional representation kids crave AND NEED as they engage in the essential work of becoming themselves.

A.M. wholeheartedly believes that when you allow kids to see who they *could* be, more vivacious, loving, stronger, healthier, and more joyful lives are made.

Writing Career

Their debut title, *Not He or She, I'm Me* received three starred reviews, was named one of the most empowering books of the year by Kirkus (2023), was named an American Library Association Stonewall Children's Honor Book (2024), and was included in the Rainbow Book List for best in lgbtqia+ youth books (2025). Two picture books are forthcoming in 2027, *Mama, Zaza, and Me*, acquired by Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, and *The People's Beach*, acquired by Kokila.

Coaching

In addition to their own projects, A.M. enjoys working with pre-published and established writers. Please check out their website for more information on coaching packages.

Booking

One of A.M.'s favorite aspects of being an author is visiting classrooms, bookstores, and libraries in order to talk about *Not He or She, I'm Me* and their forthcoming projects to spread their celebratory, affirmative message. They are available for virtual and in-person visits and are happy to work with you to tailor their offerings to fit curriculum needs. They especially enjoy participating in events that promote stories for

lgbtqia+ and gender creative kids and their families, talking to young writers about the publishing process, and collaborating with artists on drag story hours.

Socials

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