

*Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders  
Random House, 2018

### Reviews

- [Kirkus Review](#) (22 January 2018) “The flag's story begins with Harvey Milk, a young man with a "dream" for equality. In 1977, Milk becomes one of the first openly gay people to be elected to U.S. political office. As Milk marches toward his dream through protests and rallies, he works with artist Gilbert Baker to come up with a unifying symbol for the movement. In 1978, the rainbow flag makes its debut in San Francisco.”
- [Publisher's Weekly](#) (7 May 2018) “Salerno conveys Milk's likeness in gently expressive cartoons; he fills his background spreads with decorative, paisley print designs, and the unfurled rainbow flag is a recurring motif. After the assassinations of Milk and San Francisco mayor George Moscone (communicated through a newspaper headline, reading: “Moscone, Milk Killed”), Milk's message of acceptance and love is carried onward through the pride flag and those who wave it.”
- [School Library Journal](#) (February 2018) Gr 1-3—“Written in direct, accessible language, this book opens with a quote from Harvey Milk about hope, the connecting theme of this uplifting introduction to the symbol of the Rainbow Flag.”

### Awards

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### Lists

- Amazon Best Nonfiction Children's Books of 2018
- Brightly's 20 Must-Read Picture Books of 2018
- The 2018 Nerdies: Nonfiction Picture Books
- The 2019 Rainbow Book List

### Response to challenges

- [PRIDE: THE STORY OF HARVEY MILK AND THE RAINBOW FLAG CHALLENGED IN VIRGINIA SCHOOL](#) (14 May 2019) “The National Coalition Against Censorship has written to the district in support of the teacher and the book, urging them to keep the book in classrooms and available to students who choose to read it.”
- [Children's Book on Harvey Milk Challenged in 2nd-Grade Classroom](#) (15 May 2019) “This book is not about sex or sexuality, nor does it have violent content. It is a book about identity history and human rights,”

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