Fifteen Teen Novels That Include a Focus on Homosexuality

From time to time, teachers ask for recommendations of suitable novels for secondary school students that focus on, or include some exploration of, issues related to same-sex attraction. Various teachers in Australia and New Zealand have recommended the following (in no particular order):

1. *Simon Says* by Elaine Marie Alphin
2. *Postcards from No-Man’s Land* by Aidan Chambers
3. *Boy Meets Boy* by David Levithan
4. *The Shell House* by Linda Newbery
5. *Beneath the Surf* by Julia Owen
6. *The Arizona Kid* by Ron Koertge. (Not the main topic of the book, but part of the plot.)
7. *Get a Life* by Jean Ure
8. *Thriller and Me* by Merrilee Moss (parent is SSA)
9. *Dance On My Grave* by Aiden Chambers
10. *The Blue Lawn* by William Taylor
11. *Coming Out* by Ruth Starke
12. *Out of the shadows* by Sue Hines
13. *Looselips* by Chris Wheat
14. *Inside Out* by Erin Shale
15. *My heartbeat* by Carol Freyman Weyr

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