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The Story of Gilbert Baker  
and the Rainbow Flag

Follow the journey of a boy from a small Kansas town who made his gray life sparkle, unfurling a rainbow of color to galvanize the gay rights movement.

Includes a **Reader Note** that provides more in-depth discussion of the beginnings of the gay rights movement and a more detailed look into Gilbert Baker's place in our shared history.

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To Laurie McBride, for sharing her personal stories about Gilbert with me —GP  
To Ed & Lily —HC-B

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In a small town in Kansas, where everything  
was gray and dull and flat, there was a little boy  
who was full of color and sparkle and glitter.

His name was Gilbert.



Gilbert loved visiting his grandmother's clothing store. He'd sit next to her while she sewed and draw beautiful gowns and costumes. Gilbert dreamed of someday bringing these drawings to life.





But one day, his father took away his art supplies  
and tore up his drawings.





Surrounded by building blocks and Erector sets, sports gear and slingshots, Gilbert's colorful, sparkly, glittery personality started to fade, and he, too, became gray and dull and flat, just like the Kansas landscape.

"When I grow up," he dreamed, "I'll go somewhere that's filled with color."

