If you liked:  
**Juliet Takes A Breath** by Gabby Rivera

This intense, character-driven lesbian coming-of-age novel follows smart, Bronx-born 17-year-old Juliet as she navigates love, friendship, racism, art, and feminist history in 2002 Portland, OR. Explore the rich themes and references of Rivera's novel with this list!

**On Feminism**

*Literary witches : a celebration of magical women writers*  
Kitaïskaïa, Taisia, author.  
Lit Non-Fic (809.89287 K)

Juliet’s project to research and write about feminist forebears—mythical and real—from history and prehistory might have resulted in a work like this, which uses poetic portraits to connect notable women writers to legacies of magic.

*Cunt : a declaration of independence*  
Muscio, Inga, author.  
PRINTED MATL | Seal Press | 2018 | 20th anniversary edition, Third edition, Revised and updated. (305.4 M)

This book (1st ed 1998) about reclaiming bodily autonomy as a woman inspired Rivera’s depiction of Harlowe Brisbane, Juliet’s white feminist mentor. Juliet’s complicated feelings about whether she is included in Brisbane’s feminism echo concerns about Muscio’s stance on reproductive rights, trans issues, and race and colonialism, which caused Muscio to change things in this new edition. Read and evaluate it yourself!

*This bridge called my back : writings by radical women of color*  
Moraga, Cherrie, ed. and Anzaldúa, Gloria, ed.  
Non-Fic (810.8092 T)

Juliet knows that the way she’s treated by the white communities in Portland makes her feel uncomfortable and off-balance. This anthology (1st ed. 1981) collects writing on the specific oppression of women of color in the Americas and how to resist it.
Brooklyn Public Library Celebrates Pride Month

Lesbian Life and Community

The essential Dykes to watch out for
Bechdel, Alison, 1960-
Non-Fic (741.5973 B)

If you like reading about lesbian activists and writers and the fights, affairs, and friendships they have with each other, try Bechdel’s satirical, heartfelt comics, which trace the lives, relationships and drama of a diverse group of lesbian friends over almost 30 years, from the 1980s to 2008.

When we were outlaws : a memoir of love and revolution
Córdova, Jeanne.
PRINTED MATL | Spinsters Ink | c2011. | 1st ed.
Biog (B CORDOVA W)

In this biography of 1970s radical gay politics, the author discusses both the feminist struggles of her youth (such as a conflict between the Gay Community Services Center and radical feminists trying to introduce feminist policies there) and stories of her non-monogamous love life with the impassioned women around her.

Zami : a new spelling of my name
Lorde, Audre.
PRINTED MATL | Crossing Press | c1982.
Biog (B LORDE)

Audre Lorde is one of the major black feminist authors of the 20th century. In this memoir, she tells of her youth and adolescence as a black lesbian in the 1960s, as well as her path towards writing feminist poetry and essays. Her rich prose and near-limitless empathy and love for others color this vivid recollection that jumps between heartbreaking, rage-fueling, and life-affirming.

More from Gabby Rivera

America. Vol. 1, The life and times of America Chavez
Rivera, Gabby.
PRINTED MATL | 2017
YA Fic (FIC RIVERA)

Like Juliet, America Chavez is a young Latina lesbian just about to start college. Unlike Juliet, she’s got superpowers, comes from a parallel universe, and has to kick some inter-dimensional monster butt. If you like Rivera’s dialogue and character development, try out her comics—this is Marvel like nobody has done it before.