



Welcoming Schools

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LOOKING AT GENDER IDENTITY WITH BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

10,000 Dresses. Marcus Ewert. (1-13) A modern fairy tale about becoming the person you feel you are inside. While Bailey dreams of beautiful dresses, no one wants to hear about it because he is a boy. Then an older girl comes along who is inspired by Bailey and they make beautiful dresses together.



The Adventures of Tulip, Birthday Wish Fairy. S. Bear Bergman. (PreK-13) Follow Tulip as he helps out with the birthday wishes of all the nine-year-olds in North America. Tulip receives a wish from a child known as David who wishes to live as Daniela. He doesn't understand how to help, so he seeks the wise counsel of the Wish Fairy Captain.

All I Want to Be is Me. Phyllis Rothblatt. (PreK-13) Gives voice to the feelings of children who don't fit typical gender stereotypes, and who just want to be free to be themselves.

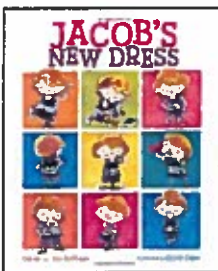
Includes children who are fluid in their gender identity, as well as those that feel that their body doesn't match who they really are.

Be Who You Are. Jennifer Carr. (1-4) Nick starts school as a boy but feels like a girl inside. Nick's family shows love and understanding. He works with a gender counselor meeting other children who have similar feelings. Deciding to be called Hope, Hope's parents then work with the school to help with the adjustment.



The Boy in the Dress. David Williams. (5-17) Dennis's Dad is depressed since his Mom left and his brother is a bully. But at least he has soccer. Then he discovers he enjoys wearing a dress. Told with humor and respect.

I Am Jazz. Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. (K-5) From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. Based on the real life experience of Jazz Jennings.



Jacob's New Dress. Sarah and Ian Hoffman. (PreK-12) Jacob loves playing dress up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? Speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don't identify with traditional gender roles.

Gracefully Grayson. Ami Polonsky. (5-17) Grayson has been holding on to a secret for what seems like forever: "he" is a girl on the inside.

Will new strength from an unexpected friendship and a caring teacher's wisdom be enough to help Grayson step into the spotlight she was born to inhabit?

My Princess Boy. Cheryl Klodavis, Aladdin. (PreK-1) Dyson loves pink, sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses. Sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees. He's a Princess Boy.



Play Free. McNail Mason and Max Suarez. (PreK-1) Journey in to the life and mind of a young gender expansive boy who wants to be treated fairly and accepted for who he is. Colorful illustrations of assorted beings.

Riding Freedom. Pam Muñoz Ryan. (4-16) A fictionalized account of the true story of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, lived as a boy, moved to California, and became a stagecoach driver.



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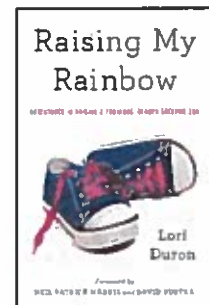
Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out. Susan Kuklin. 2014. (Middle school--Adult) Profiles six transgender or gender-neutral young adults with interviews and photos. Each discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.



Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising Healthy Gender-Nonconforming Children. Diane Ehrensaft. 2011. A guidebook for the parents and therapists of children who do not identify with or behave according to their biological gender. Encourages caregivers to support gender-variant children as they explore their gender identities.

Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son. Lori Duron. 2014. A frank, heartfelt, and brutally funny account of her and her family's adventures of distress and happiness raising a gender-creative son. Whereas her older son,

Chase, is a Lego-loving, sports-playing boy's boy, her younger son, C.J., would much rather twirl around in a pink sparkly tutu. Based on Duron's popular blog.



Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More. Janet Mock. 2014. A memoir by the People.com editor on being young, multicultural, economically challenged, and transgender in the U.S. At fifteen, she told her family and then her teachers and classmates that she wanted to be called Janet.

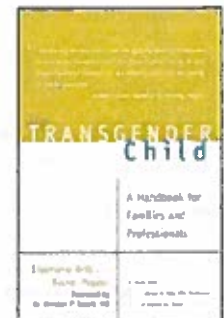
Supporting Transgender and Gender Creative Youth: Schools, Families, and Communities in Action. Elizabeth Meyer and Annie Pullen Sansfaçon (Editors) 2014. Specifically addresses issues and challenges in education, social work, medicine, and counseling as well as recommendations that are relevant for parents, families, practitioners, and educators alike.



Transgender 101: A Simple Guide to a Complex Issue. Nicholas M. Teich. 2012. (Middle school--Adult) A readable and thorough primer on the history, terminology, types, politics, and medical and social realities of the transgender population. Written for students, professionals, friends, and family members.

The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals. Stephanie A. Brill and Rachel Pepper. 2008. A comprehensive guidebook on gender variance from birth through college. What will happen when your preschool son insists on wearing a dress to school? Is this ever just a

phase? How can parents advocate for their children in elementary schools? What are the current laws? What do doctors and therapists recommend?



Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children. Rachel Pepper (Editor) 2012. More than 30 mothers of diverse backgrounds and ages provides a window into what mothers of gender-nonconforming children and adults really think and feel about their children and their own journey of change.