

SNMA Library
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Trans Youth

Just as trans youth have long been at the center of political debates in the United States, a variety of writers have foregrounded the lives and experiences of trans children as well as their families. The SNMA has over 50 books that specifically deal with this subject, mostly from the 2000s to the present. This list primarily consists of guidebooks, legal studies, nonfiction books, novels, and works of young adult literature.

Michele Angelo, *On the Couch with Dr. Angelo: A Guide to Raising and Supporting Transgender Youth* (Philadelphia, 2013).
A guide for parents, therapists, teachers, and others.

Chris Beam, *I am J* (New York: Little, Brown, 2011).
A young adult novel about a transgender boy.

Chris Beam, *Transparent: Love, Family, and Living the T with Transgender Teenagers* (Orlando: Harcourt, 2007).
A cisgender journalist's account of her volunteer work with a group of trans girls.

Stuart Biegel, *The Right to Be Out: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in America's Public Schools* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2010).
An academic study of LGBT children's legal rights in public schools.

Bridget Birdsall, *Double Exposure* (New York: Sky Pony Press, 2014).
A young adult novel featuring an intersex protagonist.

Mary Collins and Donald Collins, *At the Broken Places: A Mother and Trans Son Pick Up the Pieces* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2017).
A collaborative memoir about an evolving mother-son relationship.

Lori Duron, *Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son* (New York: Broadway Books, 2013).
A mother's account of raising a gender nonconforming son.

Kirstin Cronn-Mills, *Beautiful Music for Ugly Children* (Woodbury, MN: Flux, 2012).
A young adult novel about a trans teenager.

Diane Ehrensaft, *Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising Gender-Nonconforming Children* (New York: Experimental, 2011).
A guide to caring for non-binary children.

Rachel Gold, *Being Emily* (Tallahassee, FL: Bella Books, 2012).
A young adult novel about a transgender girl.

- Jazz Jennings, *Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen* (New York: Crown, 2016).
A memoir of the reality TV star from South Florida.
- Irwin Krieger, *Helping Your Transgender Teen: A Guide for Parents* (New Haven: Genderwise Press, 2011).
A book with advice and information for parents of transgender teens.
- Matt Kailey, *Teeny Weenies: And Other Short Subjects* (Denver: Outskirts Press, 2012).
A trans man's collection of personal essays related to his childhood.
- Brian Katcher, *Almost Perfect* (New York: Delacorte Press, 2009).
A young adult novel that deals with friendship, homophobia, and transphobia.
- Susan Kuklin, *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* (Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014).
A nonfiction account of the lives of six transgender young adults.
- Jennifer L. Levi and Elizabeth E. Monnin-Browder, eds., *Transgender Family Law: A Guide to Effective Advocacy* (Bloomington: AuthorHouse, 2012).
The first book to thoroughly explore legal issues facing transgender people, including youth, in family law.
- Amy Ellis Nutt, *Becoming Nicole* (New York: Random House, 2016).
The story of the actor and activist Nicole Maines.
- Rachel Pepper, ed., *Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children* (Berkeley: Cleis Press, 2012).
A collection of 32 personal essays.
- Casey Plett, *A Safe Girl to Love* (New York: Topside Press, 2014).
Eleven short stories based on the experiences of young trans women.
- Hilda Raz, *Trans* (Middletown, CT: Wesleyan University Press, 2001).
A poetry book based on a mother's experience of parenting a trans child.
- Meredith Russo, *If I Was Your Girl* (New York: Flatiron Books, 2016).
A young adult coming out romance about a trans girl.
- Andrew Solomon, *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity* (New York: Scribner, 2012).
A study of how parents learn to love and accept their children.
- Jules Vilmur, *The Complicated Geography of Alice* (Charleston, SC: CreateSpace, 2014).
A novel about a mother and a transgender daughter.

Hillary Whittington, *Raising Ryland: Our Story of Parenting a Transgender Child with No Strings Attached* (New York: William Morrow, 2015).
A mother's journey to embracing her transgender son.