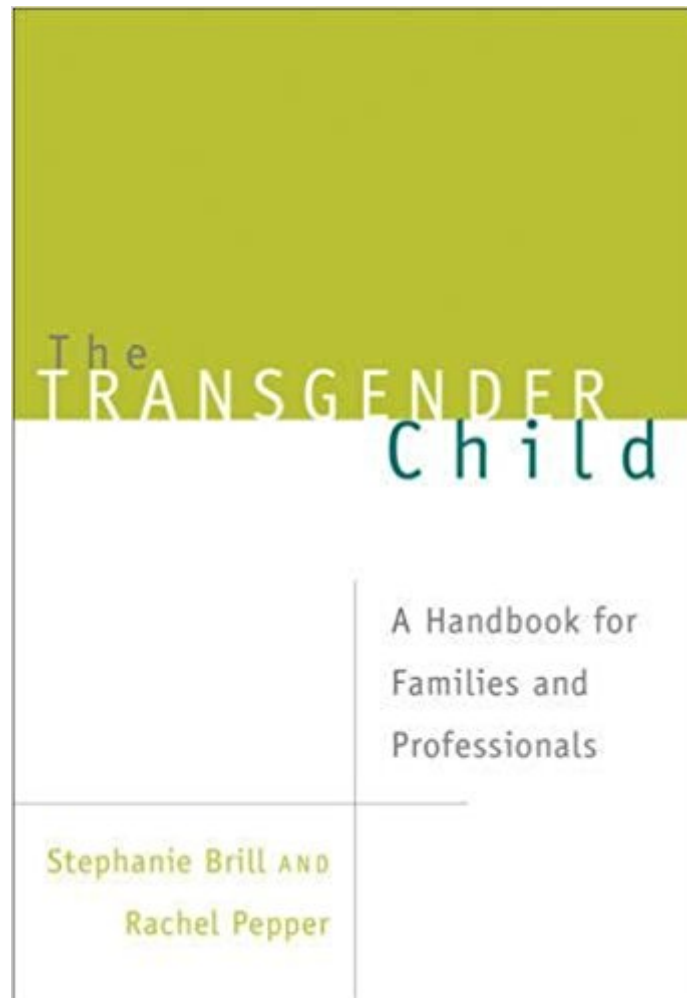




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The Transgender Child: A Handbook For Families And Professionals



Synopsis

This comprehensive first of its kind guidebook explores the unique challenges that thousands of families face every day raising their children in every city and state. Through extensive research and interviews, as well as years of experience working in the field, the authors cover gender variance from birth through college. What do you do when your toddler daughter's first sentence is that she's a boy? What will happen when your preschool son insists on wearing a dress to school? Is this ever just a phase? How can you explain this to your neighbors and family? How can parents advocate for their children in elementary schools? What are the current laws on the rights of transgender children? What do doctors specializing in gender variant children recommend? What do the therapists say? What advice do other families who have trans kids have? What about hormone blockers and surgery? What issues should your college-bound trans child be thinking about when selecting a school? How can I best raise my gender variant or transgender child with love and compassion, even when I barely understand the issues ahead of us? And what is gender, anyway? These questions and more are answered in this book offering a deeper understanding of gender variant and transgender children and teens.

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Customer Reviews

"Libraries may own books dealing with transgender adults, but this is the only guide about raising transgender children. While the general message to parents is that "you have nothing to apologize for and nothing to be embarrassed about," the authors make it clear that parents and families will

not have it easy. Realistic and empowering. Background: What do you do when it's Grandma's birthday dinner and your eight-year-old son insists on wearing his dress and Mary Janes? And how do you handle dating when your transgirl daughter still has male sex organs? Brill (founder, Gender Spectrum Education and Training) and Pepper (coordinator, LGBT studies, Yale Univ.) bring solid credentials and years of research to help parents and others deal with issues specific to transgender children. Answers may not be easy, but blaming the child, denying access to transgender friends, and verbal threats are not helpful. When parents recognize their child's gender identity, there can be feelings of confusion, anger, shock, fear, shame, and grief. Most children have gender identities by age two or three; like homosexuality, being transgender is not a choice. Nor is it, as it has often been labeled, "acting out" in anger against parents. There is much detail about medical practices and legal matters, most of which become issues as transgender children become adults."---Linda Beck, Indian Valley P.L., Telford, PA -- Library Journal--June 24, 2008

Stephanie Brill is a leading expert on a broad range of topics related to gender diversity. She is the author of landmark books including *The Transgender Teen* (with Lisa Kenney) and *The Transgender Child* (with Rachel Pepper). She is the founder and Board Chair of Gender Spectrum, an organization at the forefront of work related to children, youth and gender. Her work has been featured on 20/20, The Huffington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, All Things Considered, and The New York Times.

This is a great resource! I work with trans youth and families and this book has some great insight and knowledge for people in various places of acceptance. I also have *The Transgender Teen* now too! Each book arrived to me in somewhat worn condition with folds/dents that did not look like they came just from packaging/shipping as I got these in two separate orders and the other items that shipped with these were not damaged in any way so it makes me think it came prepackaged a little worn for some reason. It's not a huge deal since I will get use out of these and they will likely get bent up from regular use anyway, it was just strange to get brand new books in this condition. The content is awesome!

This book is truly wonderful. It has all the basic information that folks need to know to understand the concept of transgender kids, but also goes into depth and provides specific strategies for dealing with the host of issues and problems that transkids and their parents, families, and friends have to address. As the parent of a transkid myself, this was my first major resource to gather

information and understanding, and I have ordered more than a dozen copies over the past several years to give to teachers, principals, afterschool program supervisors, family members, and friends who needed to understand the big picture. This book is essential for anyone who needs to know more themselves, or who needs to educate others to help protect and support trans children.

Part of me wishes this book were called "Kids and Gender: How Not To Screw Them Up." I've been interested in the possibilities of raising kids apart from society's strict and limiting "blue is for boys, pink is for girls" scripts since before I even had kids, and now that I do I have found surprisingly few resources, especially about raising boys. This book has excellent advice about parenting in our modern world and how to listen to and appreciate our kids' openness about gender. Yes, it also has a lot of specifics for families dealing with gender-variant and transgender/cross-gender kids, but I genuinely think there is something here to benefit ANY parent, caregiver, teacher, therapist, principal, pediatrician, etc who confronts and finds problematic the way our society stamps gender on kids based on their anatomy. An excellent read, and one I will go back to and purchase for others.

I am so pleased that I got this book as my first to understanding gender issues. It covered so many aspects that I feel a little bit more confident moving forward with my child. Such a challenging situation to prepare your child for a world which isn't prepared for them. Thank you to Stephanie Brill for an informative read.

Excellent book, very informative and helped me a great deal to understand what a child who is transgendered goes through. Would highly recommend!!!

As I sat in the pediatric endocrinologist's office with my affirmed daughter for our first visit, he had this book sitting on his desk and offered it to me. He stated it was an excellent book that answered a lot of questions about gender identity, transgender children, transition, etc. I told him I was waiting for to deliver my copy, I had ordered it a few days before. That's how good this book is.

This is truly a textbook for those of us who are trying to learn all we can on the subject of the transgender child. It's a comprehensive guide that I have found easy to understand and has given me some good tools to help explain what transgender is to the friends and family that are just now being told about our new transboy

The other reviews were on the money. This book is great! As a transman, I recommend this book for anyone who has a trans friend, relative, child, sibling or just wants to understand trans more. It is informative and sensitive, brings you to the level of the trans person's experience. It helps cisgender individuals with how to deal with the emotions and process of grief, understanding, and support. I bought and read this with plans to give it to my family when I come out to them. Hopefully it will help them through their personal journey.

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