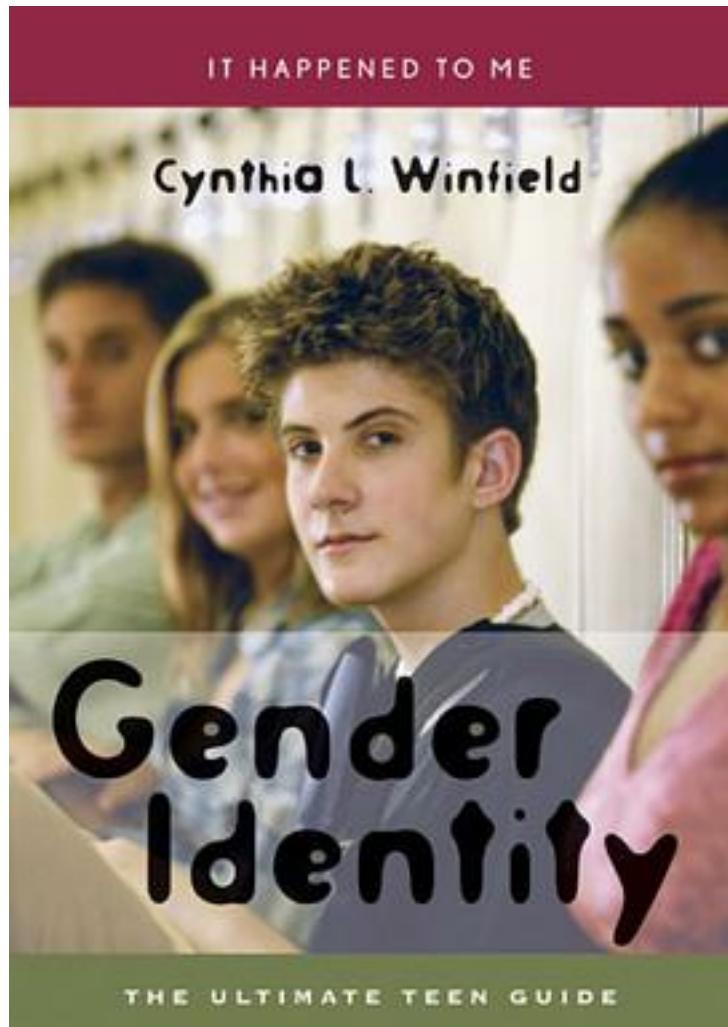


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Contrary to popular education, gender is no longer an either "male" or "female"

proposition. Today, it is increasingly important, especially for those coming into adulthood, to go beyond the concepts of gay, lesbian, straight, and bisexual when examining gender: the way we feel about ourselves and our roles in society. *Gender Identity: The Ultimate Teen Guide* examines what is meant by "sex" and "gender"-from typical gender roles and stereotypes, through those who transcend the usual categories of "male" and "female." Author Cynthia Winfield encourages readers to "think outside the box," to recognize places where they cross gender lines, and to consider whether the time has come to change expectations or definitions within popular culture. The book also addresses:

- * Differences between biological sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression
- * The quandary of persons who identify as a gender other than the biological sex assigned them at birth
- * Intersex children and the current research
- * The public debate and rapidly changing legal protections for those outside the narrowly defined gender norm
- * Ways readers can make society more cognizant and inclusive of gender variant individuals

In addition to historical and factual information and the popular media's depictions of genders issues, the book allows contemporary teens and young adults to voice their experiences through poetry and prose. Questions for teens to consider and places teens can explore such questions in a safe space are also included.

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