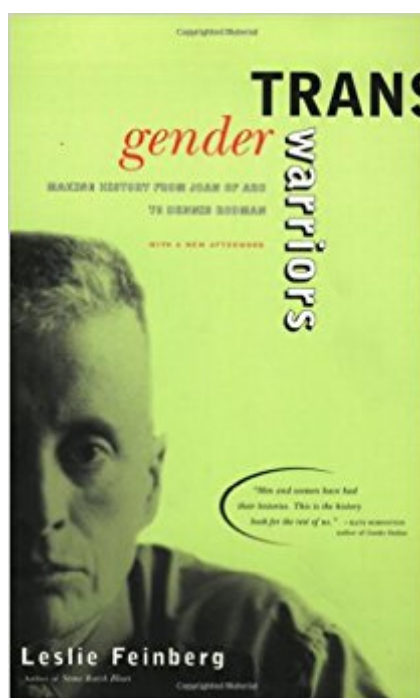


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Customer Reviews

Leslie Feinberg has been a leader in the transgender rights movement as long as such a movement has existed. This book is both deeply personal and widely researched. Feinberg examines perceptions of the body, the status of clothing, and the structures of societies that welcome or are threatened by gender variance. The portrait gallery that closes the book contains photographs and capsule biographies of contemporary transgendered people. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Feinberg, a surgically and hormonally transgendered female-to-male and the author of the novel *Stone Butch Blues*, here effectively pummels several old saws about gender, such as that there were two or three centuries in ancient Greece that constituted the golden age of gayness ("How happy were the gay slaves?" she asks). She also shows the often frantic and neurotic ways Western society clings to rigid notions of gender, while at the same time she describes (though not fully enough) how these notions shift radically from age to age. But her historical perspective can be sketchy. Feinberg, for example, expends little effort in looking into why a notorious band of male Welsh revolutionaries calling themselves *Rebecca and Her Daughters* dressed as women to destroy tollbooths in the mid-19th century. Though she draws many conclusions from this and other examples of cross-dressing rebellion through the ages, she fails to consider that the readiest

disguise for a married man is his wife's clothing. The book does offer an enlightening album of singular people: a female transvestite who is sexually attracted to gay men; a couple consisting of a female cross-dresser and a male-cross-dresser. But Feinberg ultimately leaves too many gaps, both in history and in reasoning, to make her theories about gender expression and gender oppression solid. Author tour. (May) FYI: Filming of *Stone Butch Blues*, which won both the ALA Award for Gay and Lesbian Literature and the Lambda Literary Award in 1993, is to begin this spring. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

One of the best LGBT history books available. It was a course book for my college. Accessible to non-historians and an entertaining read. It's not written like a 'history book' but it provides a heck of a lot of information and has a wonderfully useful glossary/ directory in the back. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to know a little more about LGBT history (understandably this focuses on trans history specifically and how it meshes with LGBT) and anyone who is part of the family.

A must read. The history of transgendered people in the world is fascinating and the history of how they have been treated historically is enlightening. They have not always been treated with the disdain and hatred as they are treated currently. The depths to which Feinberg has gone in his research is outstanding. An easy read as well. The book keeps you interested. Includes many photos of transgendered people and art. It is sad that Feinberg died so young and before he could write more books.

A well written history with self- story to keep you interested. Not a dry read at all. Keeps you wanting more.

This book takes a great, simple approach to covering a quick over view of Transgender history. This is a must for anyone in LGBT+ activist circles, gender theory, and probably great for any trans person to get to know their history. In addition, you're going to sound cool if you name drop Leslie Feinberg in any liberal college student discussion of lgbtq issues. :P

This is a good history of Transgender people going back into early recorded history., continuing with up to date comments as to current problems. My only complaint was the exceptionally small print

accompanying the photos; perhaps I need new glasses? I think parents, relatives, friends of Trans people might see it as a real wake-up call. People who are prejudiced against them are unlikely to read it.

One of my favorite books to recommend people who are curious about trans lives and history. It's an accessible read, easy to get through, yet packed with such thorough research.

A good read, though a little strident in places. Works well to put 1000 White Women in some anthropological context.

This book is excellent. Leslie Feinberg is a top-notch scholar, but she writes in a way that is extremely engaging. The book follows the history of trans people throughout the ages, as well as her journey in uncovering the truth about our history.

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