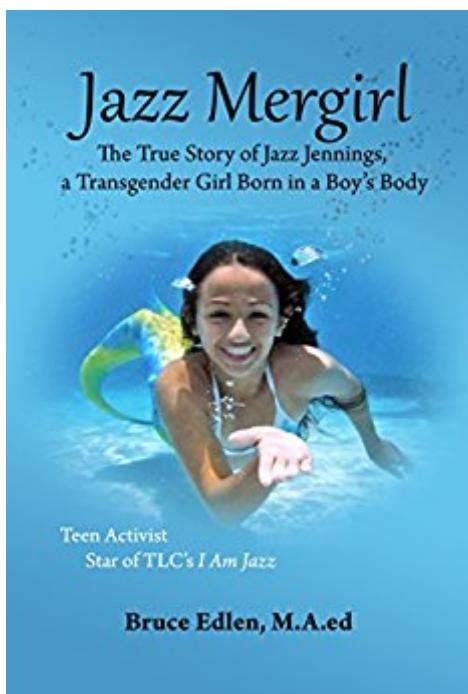


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JAZZ MERGIRL: The True Story Of Jazz Jennings, A Transgender Girl Born In A Boy's Body



Synopsis

JAZZ MERGIRL is the compelling true story of a transgender girl born in a boy's body. It tells how Jazz Jennings and her family navigate the challenging road of her transition into the bright and beautiful teen she is today. Jazz is an award-winning activist, author, artist, and TV Star of "I Am Jazz". Learn how Jazz champions equal rights, courageously speaking out to build understanding and acceptance of transgender and other unique and special people. Jazz also encourages kids who are different to accept and love themselves. Teens and adults will be fascinated and engaged by JAZZ MERGIRL. This story will also interest parents, teachers, therapists, healthcare and child-service providers, and those in psychology and gender studies programs. Included are online resources, an extensive, user-friendly glossary, and a Q&A section about Jazz. Although not an "official authorized biography", this book's profits go to support Jazz's TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation.

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Customer Reviews

Jazz Mergirl is a fascinating read. Following the lives of the Jennings family as they grapple with this "different" child is a little like an unfolding mystery: where will this go? What will happen next? The

author uses hundreds of resources to paint as complete a picture of this family as possible, while educating the reader on a complicated topic only recently becoming more visible in the public eye. The 200-page biography section of this book shows this "gender dysphoric" child growing to be a lovely, competent speaker and teen activist. But this book is more than the story of one family. It includes eight appendices (advice for educators, discussion questions, general information about transgender people, human sexuality, etc.), as well as extensive glossaries to explain the nuanced language of this topic, along with bibliography and many resources for families and others. Taken together, all these sections make this a valuable tool for teachers, therapists, medical and health care workers, and even the legal system, in understanding the complicated issue of gender in the lives of children, families, and society. As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, as well as a former classroom teacher and school counselor, I learned more about this subject in the pages of this book than in any class or other readings in my education. I highly recommend *Jazz Mergirl* to my colleagues and others, as we are all likely to encounter people who do not fit into our former limited categorization of MALE or FEMALE. Jaelline Jaffe, PhD, LMFT

Applause to Jazz for her honesty and openness in telling her story. And kudos to her parents for supporting her emotionally through her journey. Jazz is a brave young lady who is to be admired, respected and congratulated for her courage and sincerity. Rock on, Jazz. You are a beautiful person!!!

I received this as a gift from my adult daughter. After reading it, I ordered several copies to donate to middle-schools and libraries, as I'd never done before with books I thought would be helpful or inspirational to kids and adults alike. This easy-read fact-filled book is written with both in mind. Since you are reading this review, you know the subject is the life, so far, of a trans-gender child and the difficult early decisions encountered by her parents. As a privacy advocate, I liked that the author was careful writing about sensitive information, pointing out that the book only includes facts Jazz and her family had already discussed in a very frank and open manner in various interviews and speeches. I liked that the author reached beyond mentioning the support of long-time friends and family. He gave a "face" as well as credit to each individual in the family. Certainly, Jazz would not be the confident girl she is today if her siblings, as well as her parents, had not been behind her. A lesson for all families. When I first realized the content was that of already available information, there was a fleeting second of "Oh, he "only" pulled together available facts." Immediately, I was

struck by the opposite feeling. What a genius! He pulled together available facts from many sources --- Ones that most people would not be able to find, or be patient enough to swim through to make such sense with such understanding of what it means to be a trans kid. I liked the chapter organization and how sometimes a point was only mentioned, but it was noted that it would be addressed more fully in an upcoming chapter. Best thing about this book. It not only sprinkled various websites or services here and there, to make readers aware of them, while not slowing down their reading, but an extensive resources list is included. As does the author, and Jazz, herself, I hope this kind of information turns confused and anxious children and young adults away from thoughts of suicide. So many of my friends and family members were interested in my own enthusiasm, that I have already given all my copies away, and need to purchase more for school or library donations.

This is a book that is intelligently written to help the reader gain an understanding of the complex issues facing transgender people. The author has chosen to explore these issues through the life challenges of the young girl named Jazz. Mr. Edlen has written in a way that allows readers from teens to seniors to gain clarity and compassion through exploring the very well researched transgender issues. For those who do not even know what the word transgender means to those whose lives have been touched by transgender issues and to educators who can help open the door to understanding what it means to be transgender, this book is a must read.

My niece is a trans girl and is struggling. I think this book will help her to know that she not alone. I read it in two days.

I learned a lot, especially about myself and my humanity. Challenging and worthwhile.

Good book She is an amazing little girl

Love her TV show & love reading her books

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