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# The Gender Creative Child: Pathways For Nurturing And Supporting Children Who Live Outside Gender Boxes



## Synopsis

From a leading US authority on a subject more timely than everâ€”an up-to-date, all-in-one resource on gender-nonconforming children and adolescents In her groundbreaking first book, *Gender Born, Gender Made*, Dr. Diane Ehrensaft coined the term gender creative to describe children whose unique gender expression or sense of identity is not defined by a checkbox on their birth certificate. Now, with *The Gender Creative Child*, she returns to guide parents and professionals through the rapidly changing cultural, medical, and legal landscape of gender and identity. In this up-to-date, comprehensive resource, Dr. Ehrensaft explains the interconnected effects of biology, nurture, and culture to explore why gender can be fluid, rather than binary. As an advocate for the gender affirmative model and with the expertise she has gained over three decades of pioneering work with children and families, she encourages caregivers to listen to each child, learn their particular needs, and support their quest for a true gender self. *The Gender Creative Child* unlocks the door to a gender-expansive world, revealing pathways for positive change in our schools, our communities, and the world.

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## Customer Reviews

I thought since I read Diane Ehrensaft's "Gender Born, Gender Made" that there wouldn't be much new information in "The Gender Creative Child." Wrong -- a lot has happened in 5 years! This delves into everything from the barrage of microaggressions gender-creative children face from the people around them, even from their own well-meaning, educated and supportive parents, to

Ehrensaft's argument that gender dysphoria shouldn't be included in the DSM. There's an entire meaty chapter devoted to parents of gender-creative children and recognizing the Herculean job we do trying to protect our children and create a safer world for them in the face of so much hostility; trans\* kids in the media; the changing role of gender therapists; the closing of Zucker's reparative therapy clinic; the newest research on possible biological causes of gender nonconformity; protogay children vs. transgender children and so much more. This is the new handbook for parents, teachers and medical professionals who have gender-creative children in their lives. If everyone read this book, as they should, the world would change overnight into a much more welcoming place for children like mine.

Dr. Ehrensaft is an amazing clinician. She is so very insightful and full of empathy and love. It is a book that I recommend to my clients as well as to other therapists who work with gender creative folks.

I love this update by Diane Ehrensaft. So informative, nuanced, and useful for providers, parents and others who care for trans/gender-creative youth.

The Gender Creative Child by Diane Ehrensaft is a free NetGalley ebook that I read in early March. Being highly interested in the concept and lifestyle of gender fluidity, I looked forward to learning about the study of this taking place from birth and early childhood. Ehrensaft creates dynamic, 'take from them as you may' chapters out of personal stories, observations, social critique, medical studies, and self-proclaimed criteria (i.e. the concept of apples, oranges, and fruit salad). They each and altogether are a little overwhelming, considering that, at the center of each personal story, is a child or teenager educating their peer on how their view of gender (or lack thereof) is.

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