

Seeing Gender: An Illustrated Guide to Identity and Expression

Iris Gottlieb

Chronicle Books, 2019

Reviews

- [Booklist](#): “Readers will be immediately drawn to Gottlieb’s colorful, detailed, and stylized artwork and will stay for the succinct text, made accessible in short passages set against plenty of white space.” (Leeper, 2022)
- [School Library Journal](#): “Though this text takes on some heavy material, overall, it’s hopeful and understanding. If a book can be friendly, this is the one. It’s engaging and acknowledges that people are fallible, which will comfort teens who have made mistakes while trying to support friends.” (Waddell, 2019)
- [Children’s Bookwatch](#): “‘Seeing Gender: An Illustrated Guide to Identity and Expression’ is a vibrant book in which queer author and artist Iris Gottlieb visually explores gender in all of its complexities, answering questions and providing guidance while also mining history and pop culture for the stories and people who have shaped the conversation on gender. Informed by Gottlieb’s personal experiences, this deeply researched and brilliantly rendered book demystifies this fluid topic at a critical time.” (Children’s Bookwatch, 2022)
- [Kirkus Reviews](#): “A browsable potpourri of information and musings on gender. First published in 2019, this newly revised paperback edition explores a range of topics related to gender. The book is divided into three sections: “A Good Place To Start,” “Digging Deeper,” and “My Story.” A new foreword by Kacen Callender and a content warning start the book off.” (Kirkus Reviews, 2022)
- [Bookshop Santa Cruz](#): “This is the book I wish I had growing up. That I could have handed to family and friends, linked people to in those early pre-social media days, when reaching out was much more limited. It covers so much more than I was expecting—privilege, toxic masculinity, eating disorders, pronouns, advertising. It’s a mix of hardcore research and intimate, raw experiences sharing space with Gottlieb’s crisp, vibrant art.” (Swan, 2019)

Awards

- [Booklist Review of the Week](#) (Hyzy, 2022)
- [SLJ Stars](#) (School Library Journal, 2019)

Lists

- [OUTtv’s 19 Best Reads of 2019](#) (Singler, 2019)
- [BookAuthority 100 Best Gender Study Books of All Time](#) (BookAuthority, n.d.)
- [ICPL Staff Picks: International Transgender Day of Visibility](#) (Melody, n.d.)
- [LA County Library Exploring Gender](#) (LA County Library, 2022)

Response to challenges

- [Washington University Public Review - Book Bans are Back](#): “No Left Turn maintains a website which posts lists of books categorized under critical race theory, anti-police, or comprehensive sexuality education. A handful of the books on their site include: “A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory,” “A People’s History of the U.S.” by Howard Zinn, “All Boys Aren’t Blue” by George M. Johnson, and “Seeing Gender” by Iris Gottlier.” (Baumohl, 2022)

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