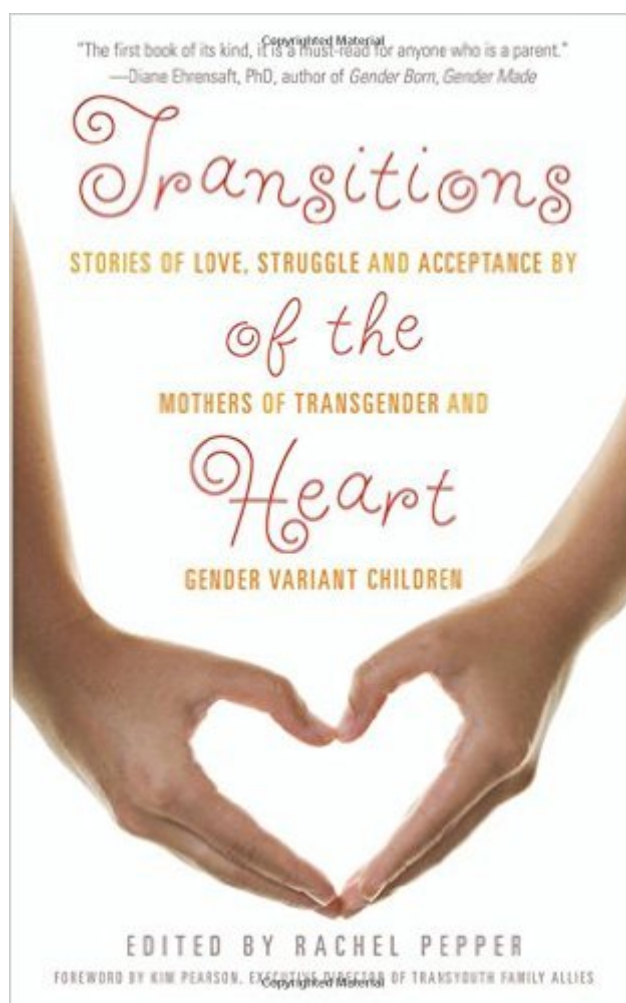


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Transitions Of The Heart: Stories Of Love, Struggle And Acceptance By Mothers Of Transgender And Gender Variant Children



Synopsis

Transitions of the Heart is the first collection to ever invite mothers of transgender and gender variant children of all ages to tell their own stories about their child's gender transition. Often transitioning socially and emotionally alongside their child but rarely given a voice in the experience, mothers hold the key to familial and societal understanding of gender difference. Sharing stories of love, struggle, and acceptance, this collection of mother's voices, representing a diversity of backgrounds and sexual orientations, affirms the experience of those who have raised and are currently raising transgender and gender variant children between the ages of 5-50. Edited by Rachel Pepper, a gender specialist and co-author of the acclaimed book *The Transgender Child*, *Transitions of the Heart* will prove an invaluable resource for parents coming to terms with a child's gender variance or transition.

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Customer Reviews

I am a transgender man. I'm 42 years old and I have a very loving mother who just doesn't understand why I have 'chosen' this path. She doesn't recognize me for the man that I am, only as the daughter that she was given. I purchased this book to give to her for either Mother's Day or her birthday (they are within a week of each other), but decided I had better read it before I gave it to her. When it arrived in my mailbox, I couldn't wait to open it, and I couldn't wait to read it, although I swore I would wait until after I had finished final papers for my grad school classes, it didn't happen. I read it in 3 sessions because it was so good I didn't want to put it down. It gave me hope that

perhaps my mother can change and accept me for who I am by reading how other mother's have done that very same thing. I hope that it will open her heart and mind to how her actions hurt me, even though I continue to be present in her life regardless of her disapproval and I have chosen to give her as much time as she needs to learn to accept it. This is my gentle nudge that maybe she needs to be moving in that direction, if only a little. If nothing else, perhaps it will open some lines of discussion and communication. Mom's are hard. When I chose to transition I did so knowing that I was risking losing everyone and everything in my life. I was willing to do so because I had finally realized that to live my life on someone else's terms was impossible and to continue the same path would be to accept that I would likely forfeit my life in the coming months. It was literally a life or death decision. While I am thankful that my parents have chosen to love me through this choice, some days it is difficult to know that it is only because I share their DNA that they even associate with me.

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