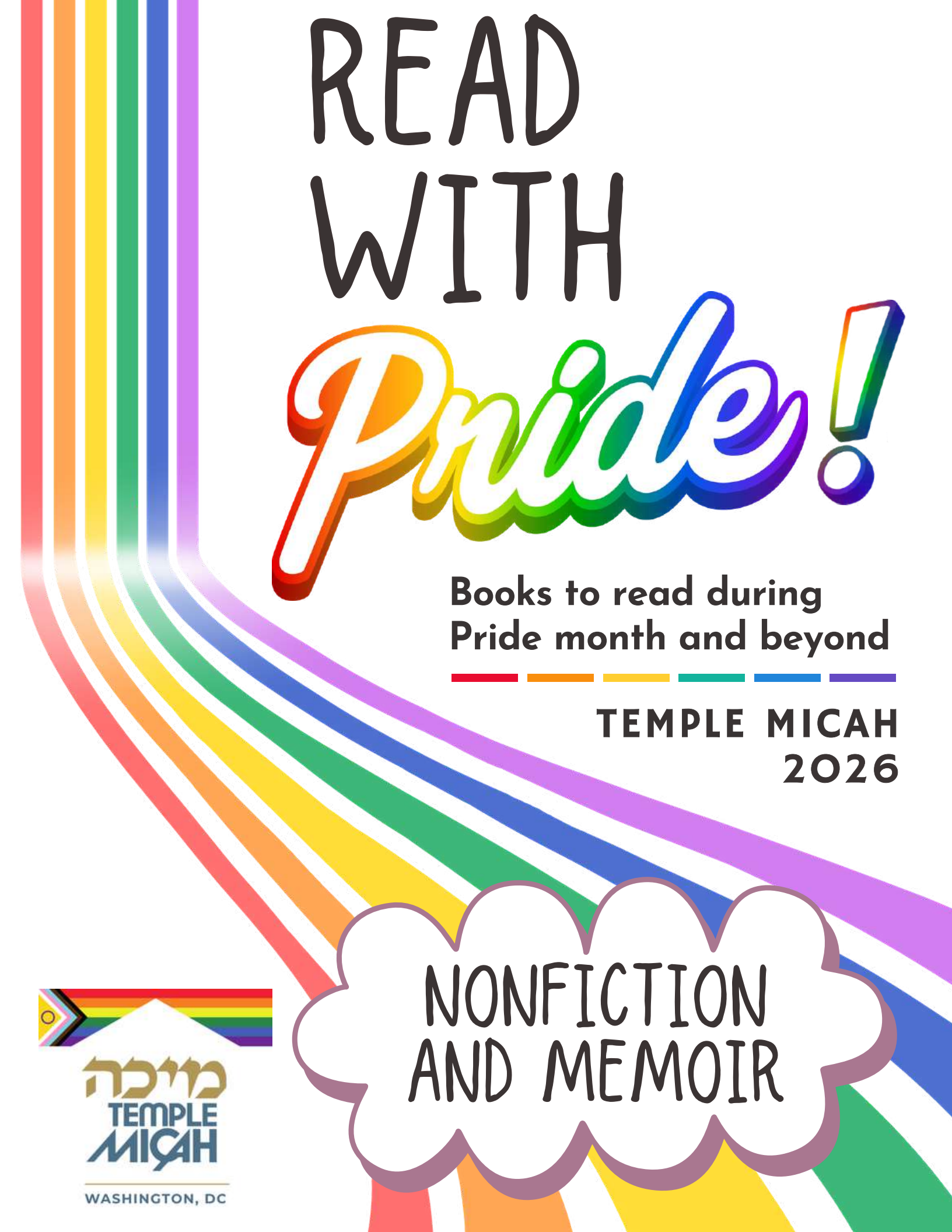


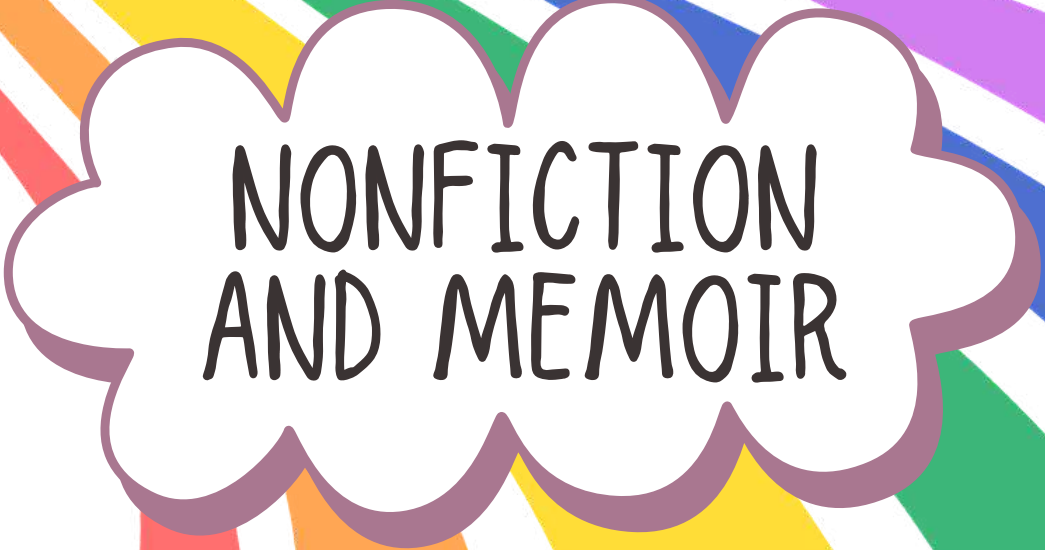
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READ WITH *Pride!*

Books to read during
Pride month and beyond

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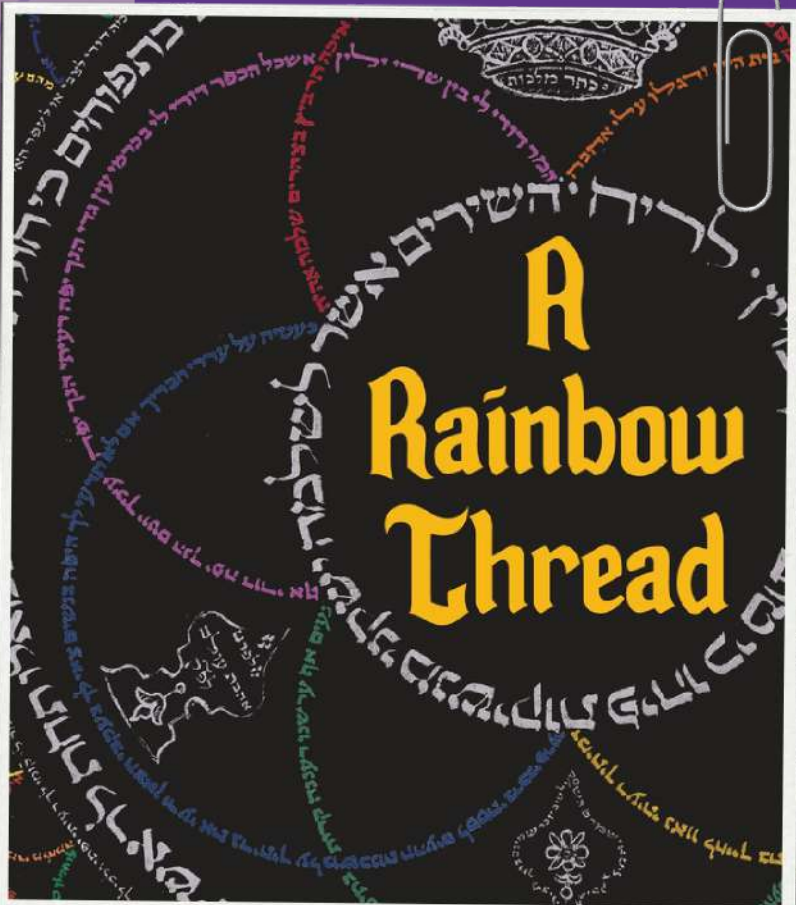
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NONFICTION
AND MEMOIR



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A RAINBOW THREAD: AN ANTHOLOGY OF QUEER JEWISH TEXTS FROM THE FIRST CENTURY TO 1969

NOAM SIENNA

RECOMMENDED BY RABBI JOSH BERAHA

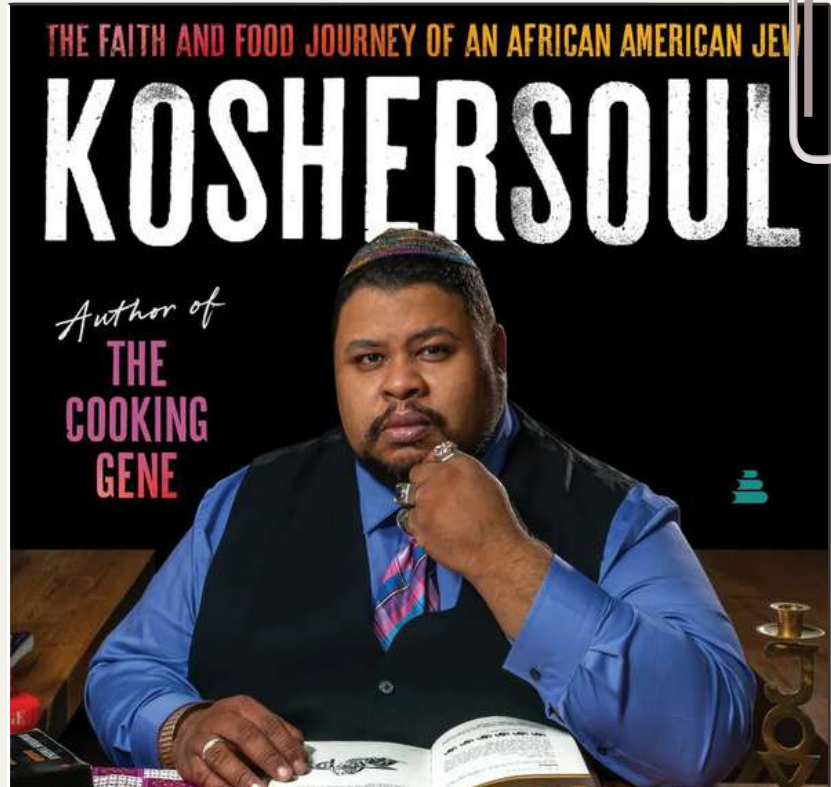
WHY THIS BOOK?

Covering poetry, drama, literature, law, midrash, and memoir, this anthology suggests that Jewish texts are not obstacles to be overcome in the creation of queer Jewish life, but potential resources waiting to be excavated.

Through an unprecedented examination of the histories of gender and sexuality over two millennia of Jewish life around the world, this book inspires and challenges its readers to create a better future through a purposeful reflection on our past.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, JUDAISM, HISTORY, POETRY





KOSHERSOUL

MICHAEL TWITTY

RECOMMENDED BY RABBI HEALY SLAKMAN

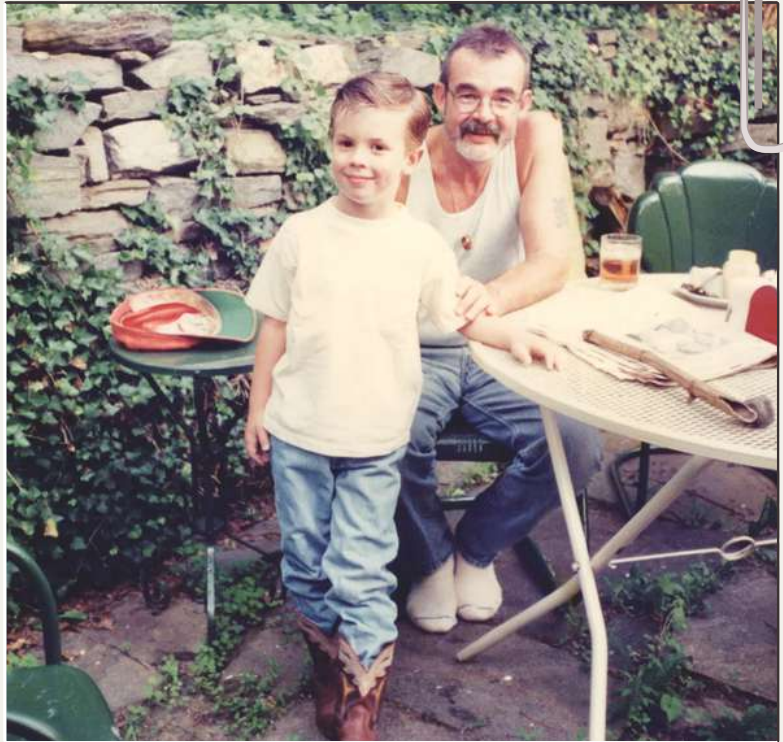
WHY THIS BOOK?

In *Koshersoul*, Michael Twitty considers the marriage of two of the most distinctive culinary cultures in the world today: the foods and traditions of the African Atlantic and the global Jewish diaspora.

To Twitty, the creation of African-Jewish cooking is a conversation of migrations and a dialogue of diasporas offering a rich background for inventive recipes and the people who create them.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, HISTORY, COOKING, MEMOIR





SAY NEPHEW: ON BOYHOOD, UNCLEHOOD, AND QUEER MENTORSHIP

STEVEN PFAU

RECOMMENDED BY RABBI SAMANTHA FRANK

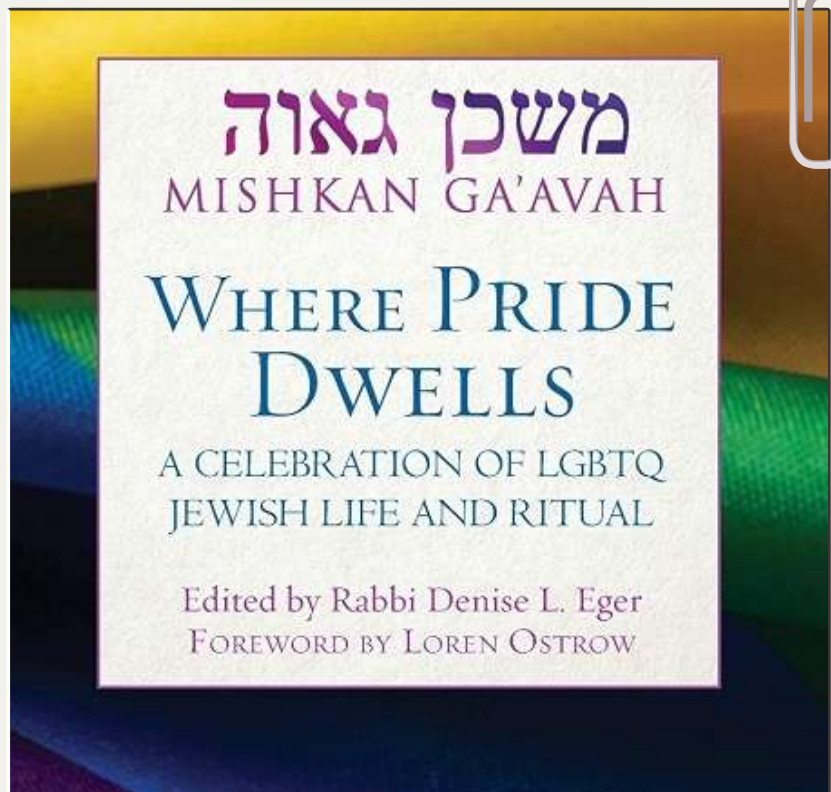
WHY THIS BOOK?

Blending memoir and criticism, Steven Pfau pays tribute to the gay uncles who have shaped his sense of queer identity, culture, and history. The most influential—the mentor who would set the standard for all of Steven's future mentors—was his Uncle Bruce.

But what role is the nephew supposed to play in these bonds? And who does he become once his uncles are no longer there to guide him? Both a coming-of-age story and a wide-ranging study, *Say Nephew* is a wholly original and expansive consideration of queer mentorship.

**PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
MEMOIRS, NONFICTION**





WHERE PRIDE DWELLS

DENISE EGER

RECOMMENDED BY RABBI DR. KARI TULING

WHY THIS BOOK?

This groundbreaking collection of LGBTQ+ prayers, poems, liturgy, and rituals is both a spiritual resource and a celebratory affirmation of Jewish diversity. It is also a commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of both the Stonewall Riots and the first Pride March, reflecting the longtime advocacy of the Reform Movement for full LGBTQ inclusion.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, JUDAISM, REFERENCE, POETRY



TRANSGENDER HISTORY

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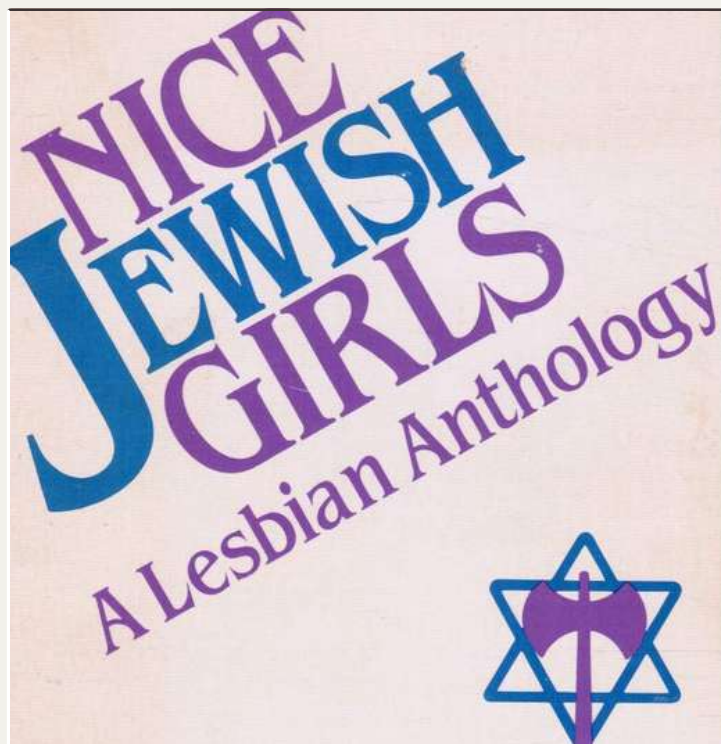
WHY THIS BOOK?

Covering American transgender history from the mid-twentieth century to today, *Transgender History* takes a chronological approach to the subject of transgender history, with each chapter covering major movements, writings, and events.

Transgender History includes informative sidebars, highlighting quotes from major texts and speeches in transgender history, and brief biographies of key players, plus excerpts from transgender memoirs.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, HISTORY, POLITICS, SOCIAL JUSTICE





NICE JEWISH GIRLS: A LESBIAN ANTHOLOGY

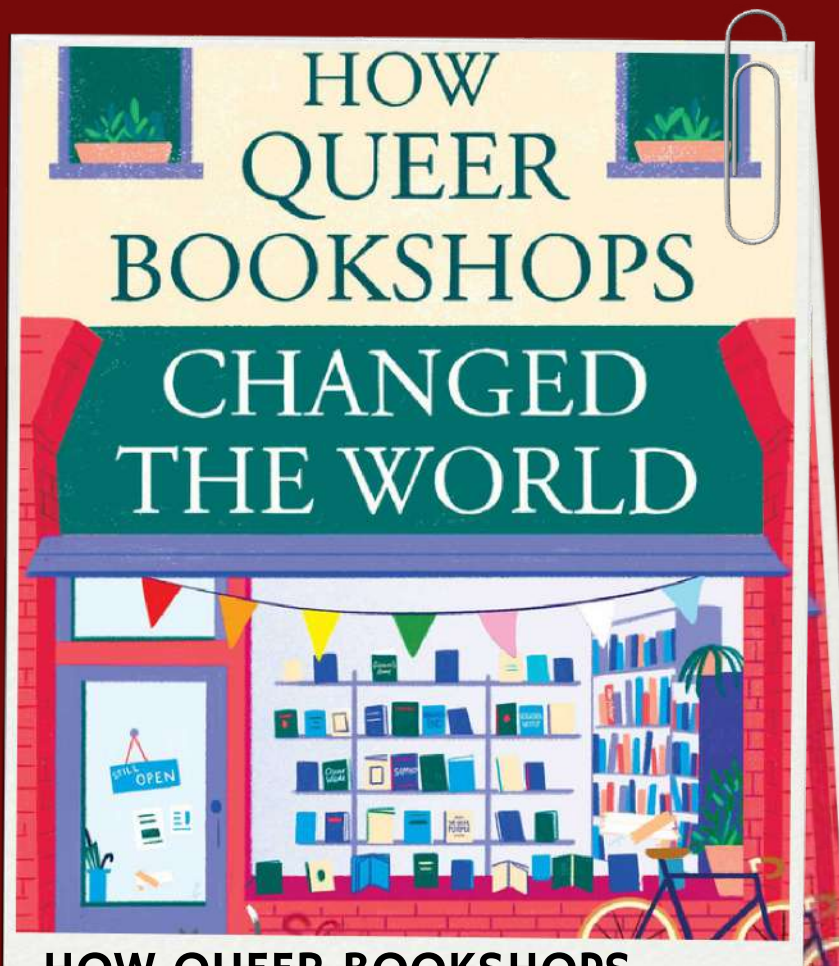
EVELYN TORTON BECK (EDITOR)

WHY THIS BOOK?

I want to share the by-now classic, ground-breaking anthology that I edited way back in 1982. At this time, there were NO other books that brought these two identities together, synagogues were not open to LGBTQ+ people, and people with these overlapping identities were invisible.

**PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
ANTHOLOGIES, POETRY, JUDAISM**





HOW QUEER BOOKSHOPS CHANGED THE WORLD

A.J. WEST

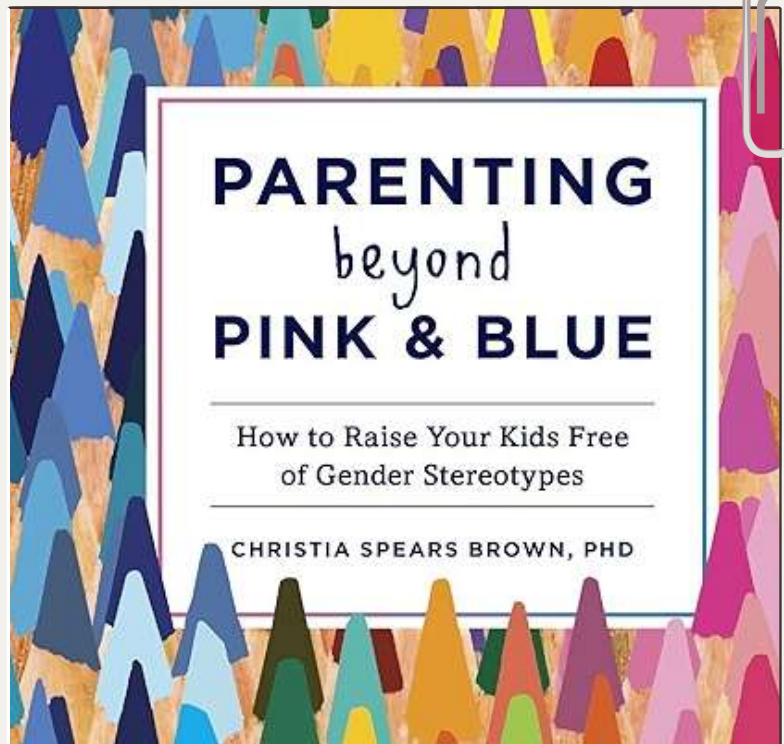
RECOMMENDED BY ALISON LITVIN

WHY THIS BOOK?

Genuinely laugh-out-loud funny, absurdly emotional, and jam packed with charming and infuriating details. It's well-written, full of gossipy anecdotes, kind without being too sentimental, and celebratory without glossing over the horrific reality of some of the events described.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, HISTORY





PARENTING BEYOND PINK & BLUE

CHRISTIA SPEARS BROWN

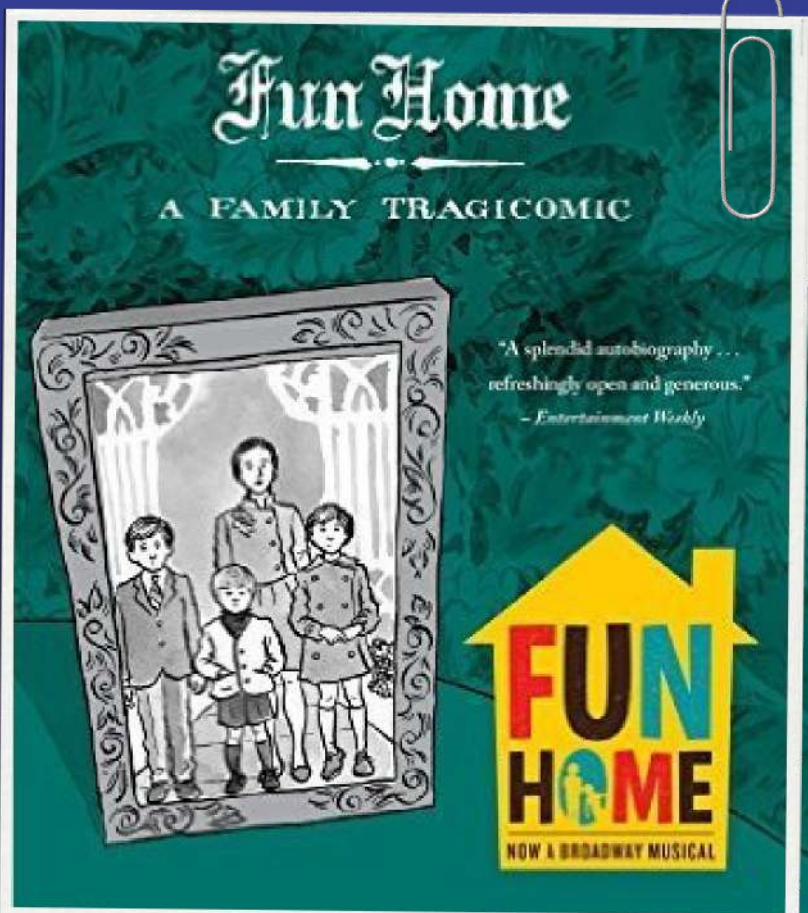
WHY THIS BOOK?

As a pretty gender-literate person, I thought I wouldn't learn much from this book, but I was wrong.

Many years after reading, it still influences all sorts of things about how I parent and what I notice about the way gender squirms into all sorts of random places.

**PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, PSYCHOLOGY, PARENTING**





FUN HOME

ALISON BECHDEL

RECOMMENDED BY SOPHIA COUDENHOVE

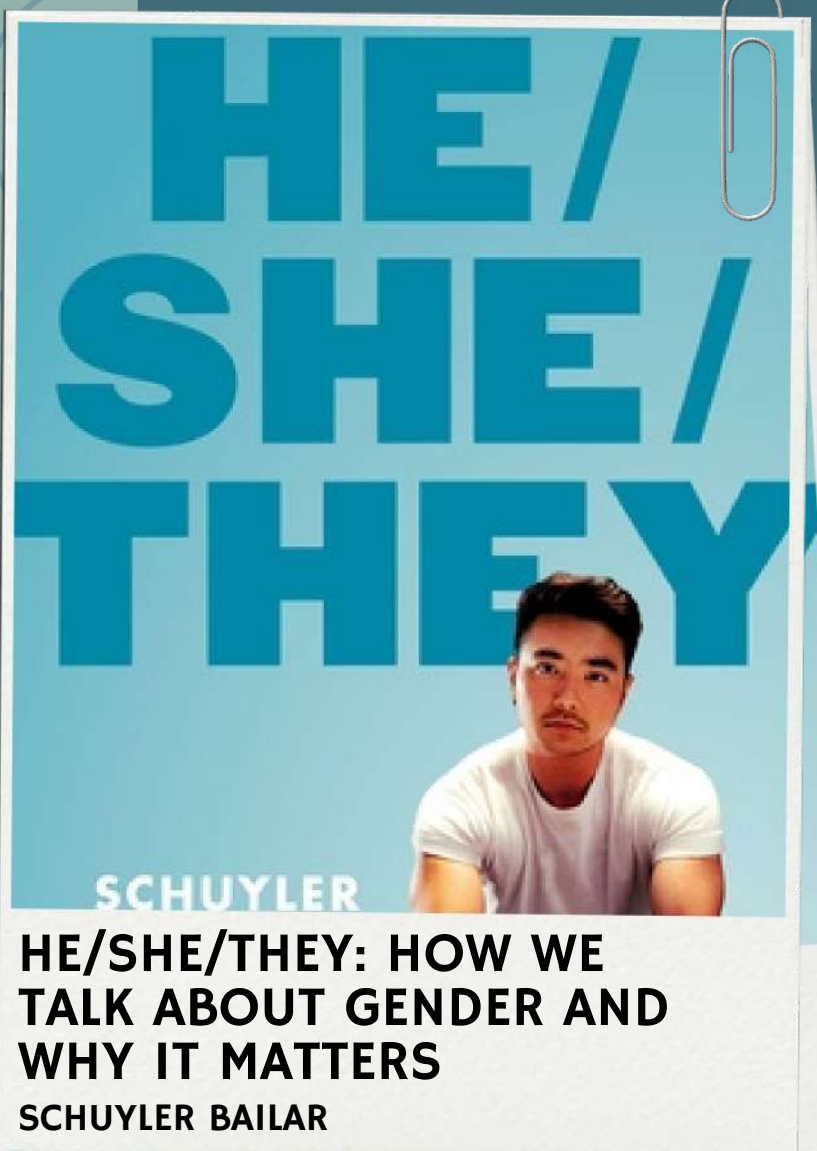
WHY THIS BOOK?

This is a coming-of-age story about the many things we do to try to build connection when we don't have the words.

And it's about the texts that help us along the way. Sound familiar?

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
GRAPHIC NOVEL, MEMOIR, BIOGRAPHY





WHY THIS BOOK?

Go-to expert on gender identity, Schuyler Bailar, offers an essential, urgent guide that changes the conversation.

With a relatable narrative rooted in facts, science, and history, Schuyler helps restore common sense and humanity to a discussion that continues to be divisively coopted and deceptively politicized.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
MEMOIR, NONFICTION, SOCIAL JUSTICE





THE ABC'S OF LGBT+

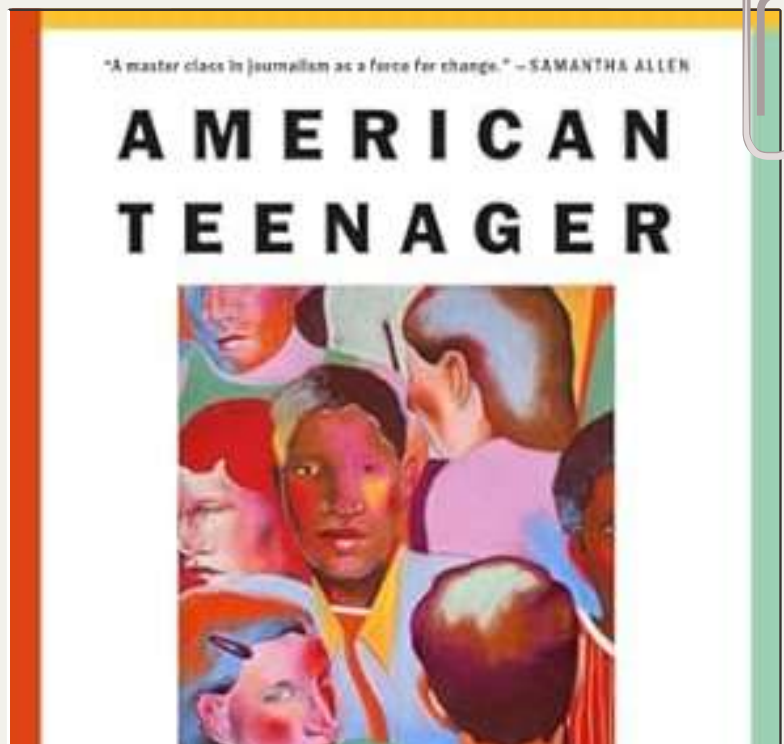
ASH MARDELL

WHY THIS BOOK?

This is my #1 most-recommended and gifted book for teens and allies who want to learn more about sexuality and gender in the post-binary world.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, SOCIAL JUSTICE





AMERICAN TEENAGER

NICO LANG

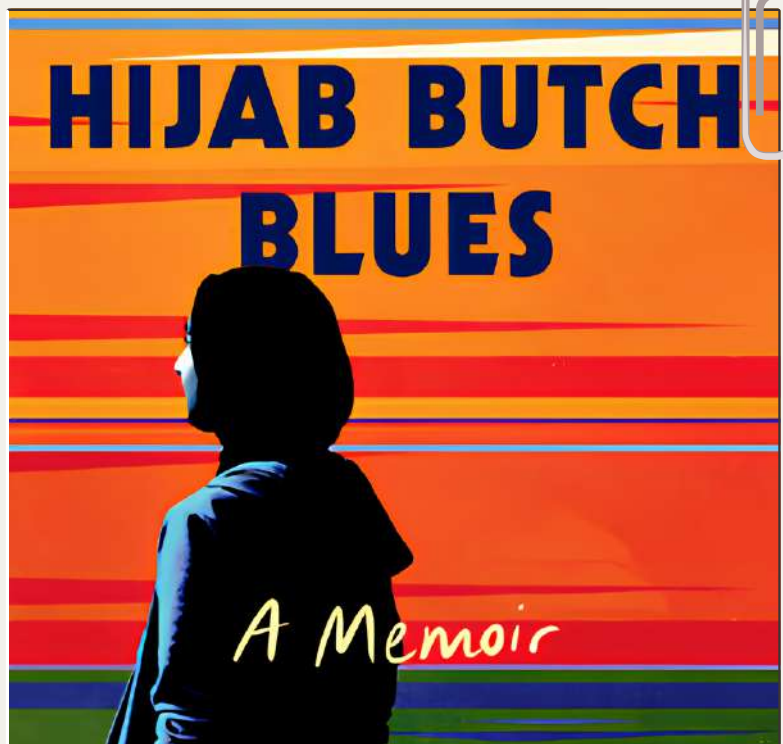
WHY THIS BOOK?

This is a lovely series of profiles of trans kids all over the country from a wide range of racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Parts of it are really sad, but I still think about the supportive Army vet dad in the South who is featured in the book.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, MEMOIR, BIOGRAPHY





HIJAB BUTCH BLUES

LAMYA H.

WHY THIS BOOK?

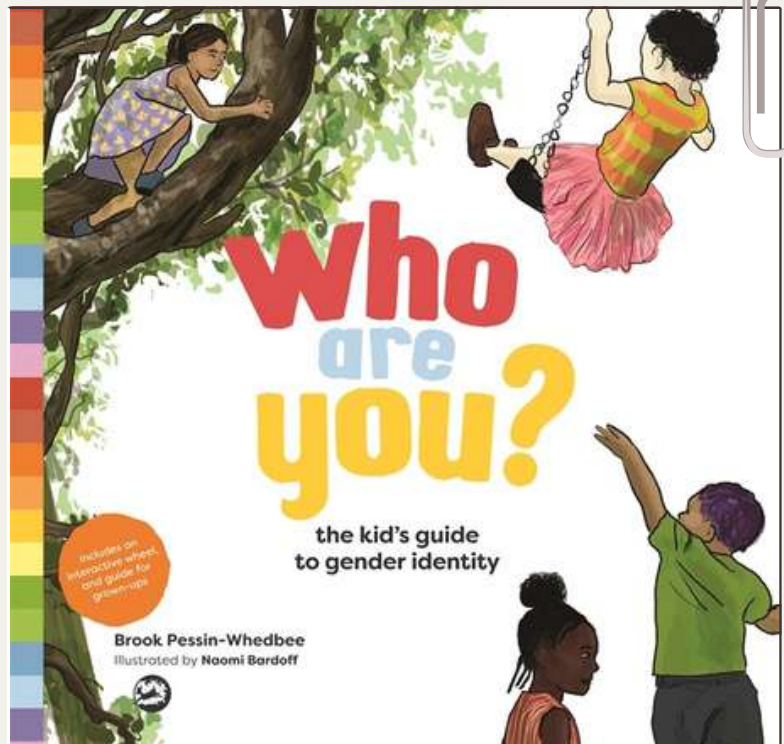
Drawing inspiration from Leslie Feinberg's canonical "Stone Butch Blues," the anonymous Muslim memoirist makes sense of her life through retelling stories from the Qur'an, tracing the steps of her gender awakening, and identifying the strength of her chosen family.

The content was at once familiar to me -- Torah stories and queerness -- and new -- Islam and gender exploration.

It stuck with me.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
MEMOIRS, NONFICTION, RELIGION





WHO ARE YOU?: THE KID'S GUIDE TO GENDER IDENTITY

BROOK PESSIN-WHEDBEE

WHY THIS BOOK?

This brightly illustrated children's book provides a straightforward introduction to gender for anyone aged 4+. It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression, and our identity.

This is a one-of-a-kind resource for understanding and celebrating the gender diversity that surrounds us.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
PICTURE BOOKS, NONFICTION, PARENTING



Free To Be

Understanding Kids
& Gender Identity

**FREE TO BE: UNDERSTANDING
KIDS & GENDER IDENTITY**

JACK TURBAN

RECOMMENDED BY SELENA SIMMONS-DUFFIN

WHY THIS BOOK?

If you feel confused about transgender youth - who they are, what treatment consists of, what research shows, etc. - this is a clear and readable guide.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, PSYCHOLOGY, PARENTING



Never Stop Running
WILLIAM H. CHAFE

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Allard Lowenstein and the Struggle
to Save American Liberalism



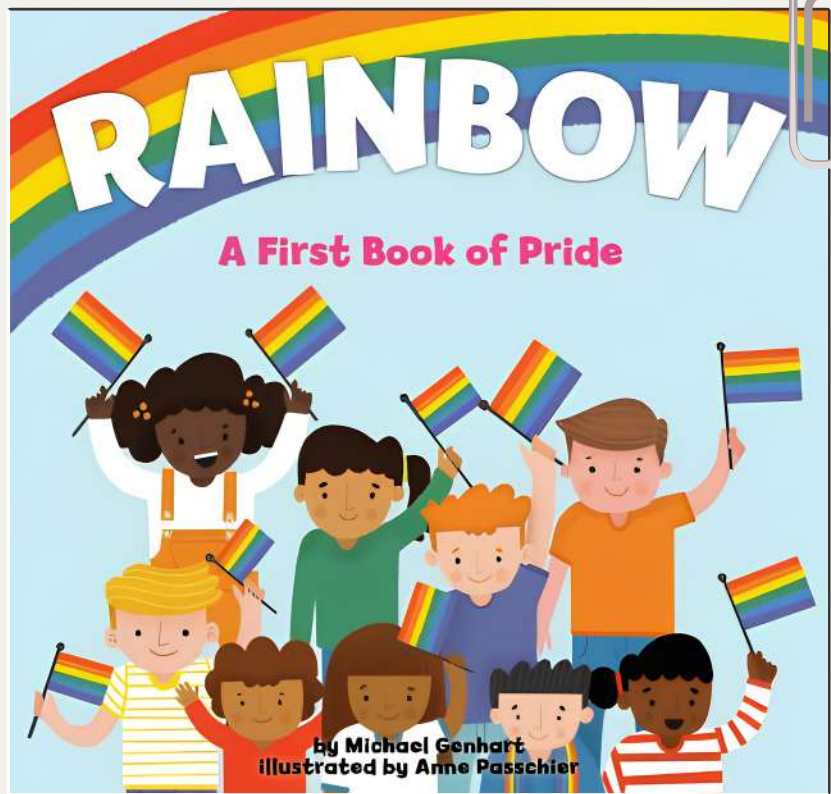
**NEVER STOP RUNNING: ALLARD
LOWENSTEIN AND THE STRUGGLE
TO SAVE AMERICAN LIBERALISM**
WILLIAM HENRY CHAFE

WHY THIS BOOK?

Al Lowenstein was a force, a tremendous fighter-organizer-advocate for social justice in the 1960s and 1970s. He was also a gay man who stayed in the closet. The book delves into Lowenstein's advocacy and the impact that his hidden gay life had on him.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY





**RAINBOW: A FIRST
BOOK OF PRIDE**
MICHAEL GENHART

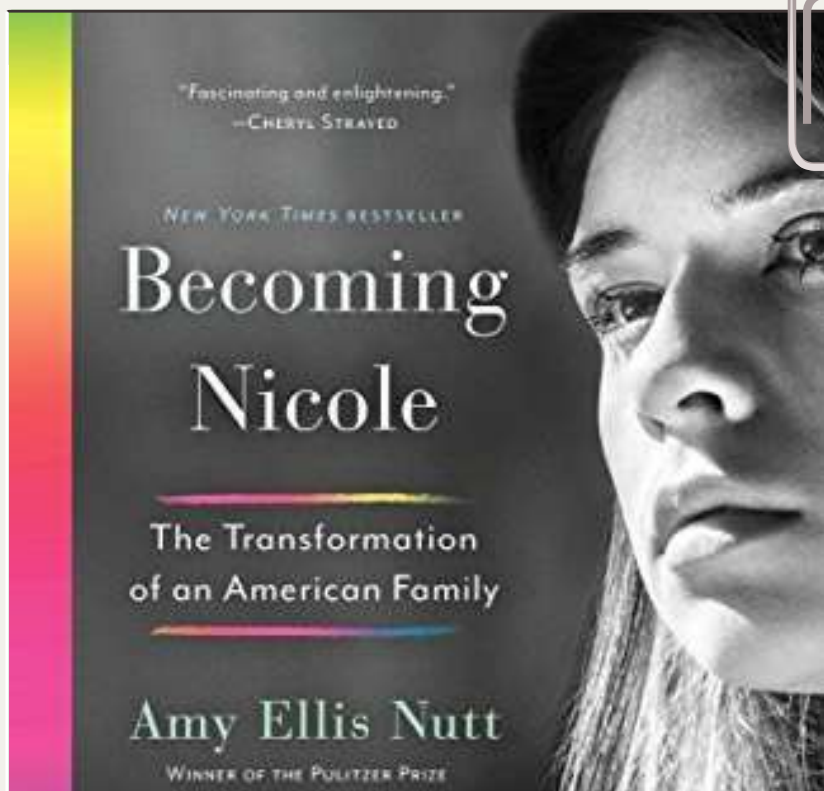
WHY THIS BOOK?

This sweet ode to rainbow families is an affirming display of a parent's love for their child and a child's love for their parents.

With bright colors and joyful families, this book celebrates LGBTQ+ pride and reveals the colorful meaning behind each rainbow stripe.

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
PICTURE BOOKS, STORYTIME, FAMILY





**BECOMING NICOLE: THE
EXTRAORDINARY TRANSFORMATION
OF AN ORDINARY FAMILY**

AMY ELLIS NUTT

WHY THIS BOOK?

The inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the right to be different

PERFECT FOR FANS OF:
NONFICTION, MEMOIR, BIOGRAPHY



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**Many thanks to Jessica Leader for
inspiring this project, to everyone who
shared a book recommendation, and to
all who helped bring this collection
together. We hope these books bring
you joy, inspiration, and new discoveries.**

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