

TRANSGENDERED BOOK GROUP

The Transgender Book Group meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 7-9PM, at variable locations including the Rainbow Center, Tully's Coffee Shop, restaurants, and members homes. Our group reads and discusses books chosen by the group in advance that are in some way related to gender issues such as hormones, brain development, transitions, crossdressing, relationships, etc. Books may be autobiographical, fiction, or factual treatises. Admittedly, we often have trouble staying exactly on topic, but the discussions are always interesting and some perhaps even entertaining as we often seem to apply what we have read to our personal lives

PURPOSE: The main purpose of the book group will be to explore thoughts, ideas, and philosophies relevant to the lives of transgendered people, including but not limited to our impact on our families, friends, coworkers, and society as a whole. It is understood that in this context the term "transgendered" refers to FtM, MtF, CD, TV, Intersex, Metasex, or any other atypical person. This group is NOT intended to be for "intellectual or literary criticism" but rather to help us all learn and to live better, more productive lives including as a vital part of our families. We hope to learn about ourselves and each other through the exploration and sharing of experiences, thoughts and ideas related to gender issues.

FOCUS: The group will read and discuss books having as their primary theme issues and concerns of significance to transgendered people, their families, and friends. Books may be academic, memoirs, biographies, or fiction in nature. Authors may be transgendered or not. A list of suggested books will be developed by the group. Each month the group will select a book to be read and discussed in the following month.

MEMBERSHIP: The book group will be open to any and all individuals without regard to gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, race, ethnicity, or political philosophy. The ONLY criteria for joining the Transgender Book Group is that people have an interest in gender issues and of course be comfortable being with primarily older transgender women who comprise the core group to date.

LOCATION/TIME: The group will meet at 7:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month at a location selected by the group. Locations for meeting may include members homes, restaurants, libraries, parks, or other locations as selected by the group.

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