

gender (n) A complex topic worth exploring. Gender education may lead to gender freedom and fun.



the GENDER booklet



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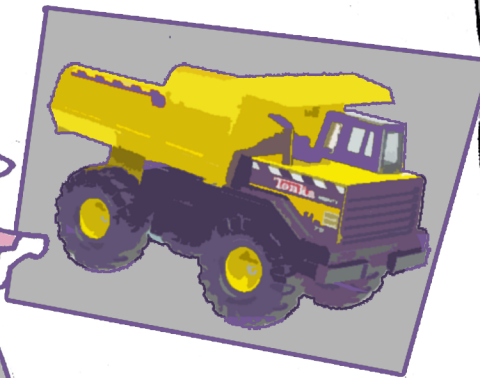
Welcome to the GENDER booklet, a handbook of essential excerpts from the GENDER book. The full version (available free online) is a colorful and concise resource on many gender-related topics. It's a Gender 101 for anyone and everyone!

GENDER

(or the lack thereof) is part of a person's identity. Specific attributes can be gendered like behavior, voice, clothing, haircut, and social roles.

These can be thought of as masculine, feminine, androgynous, ambiguous, neutral, or any combination of the above (and more!).

We get messages about what it means to be masculine or feminine from our society. These change over time and differ from one culture to the next.





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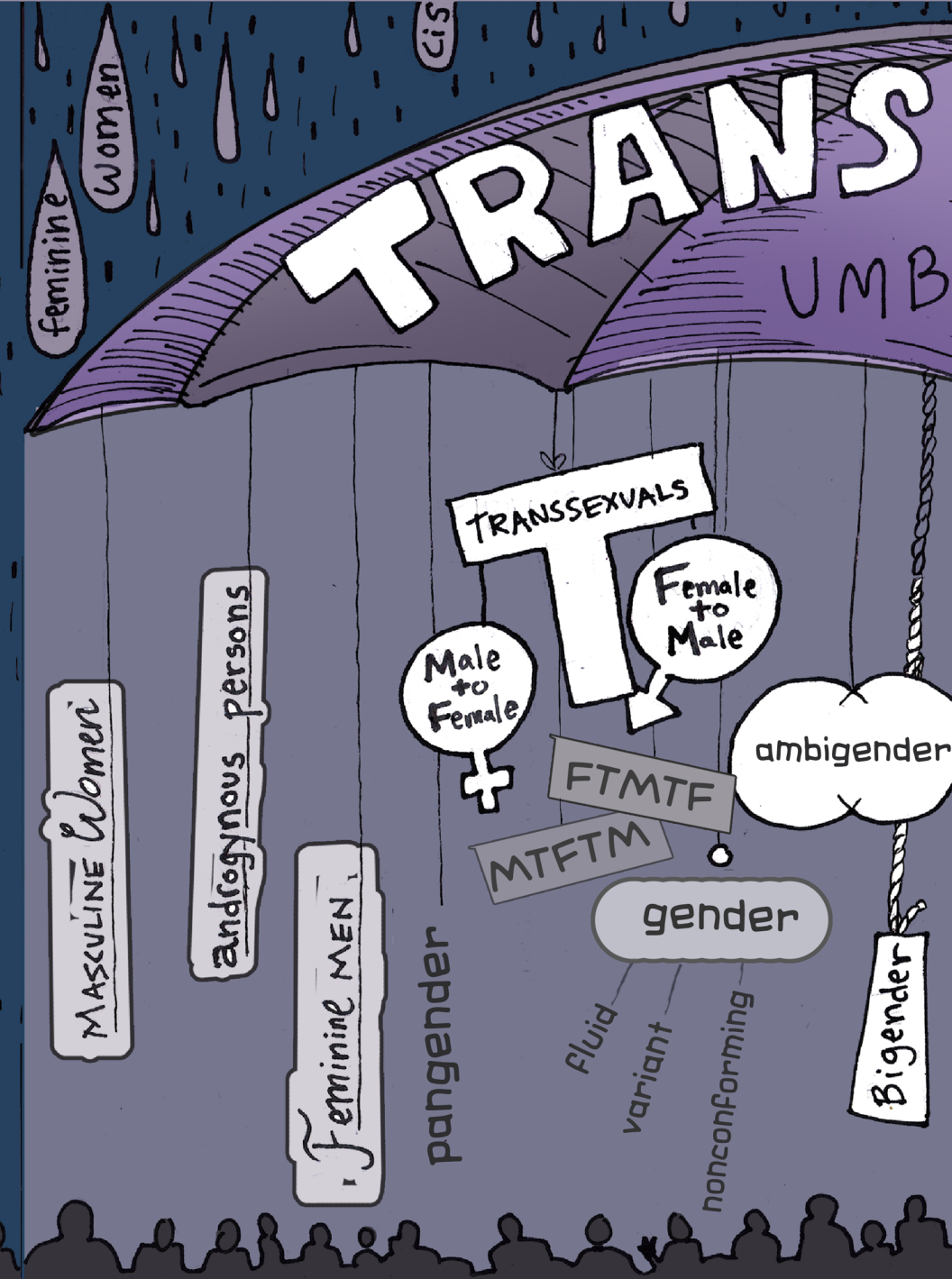
Bodies are one example of a thing that can be gendered. This distinction is often referred to as one's biological sex. Sex can be thought of as one aspect of a person's gender.

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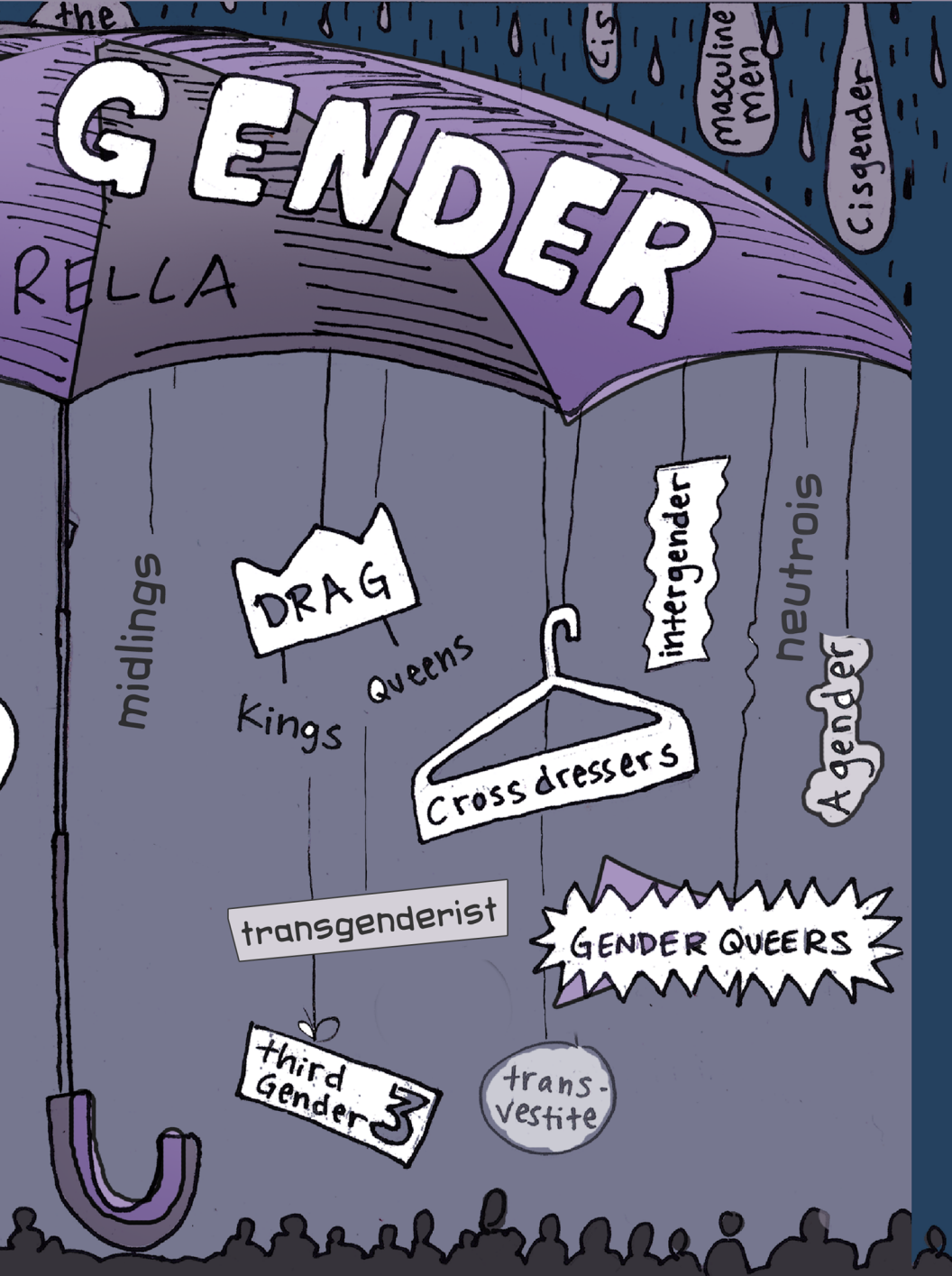
The physical structure of a person's internal and external reproductive organs, chromosomes and hormones.

SEX

Intersex - An individual whose sex characteristics, including chromosomes, hormones, genitalia, etc., are not exclusively masculine or feminine



What does transgender mean? What do all these different identities have in common?



An element of crossing over or challenging binary gender roles or expectations.

GLOSSARY

☐ male ☐ female

Gender binary

The idea that there are only two genders: masculine + feminine.

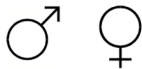


Gender Spectrum

A continuum ranging from the extremely masculine to the extremely feminine, including also the infinite number of gendered states in between. More inclusive, but not exhaustive of all gender possibilities.

cisgender

Individuals whose gender identity usually corresponds with the sex assigned to them at birth.



transgender

abbreviated as trans*

A term used to organize many different gender identities which have in common some element of crossing over or challenging the gender binary. See the "Transgender Umbrella."


Gender nonconforming/Gender variant

Refers to individuals whose behaviors or interests fall outside of what is considered typical for their sex (assigned at birth).

Transphobia Fear or hatred of transgender people.

Drag King/Queen

A performance artist who uses gender as a medium for the purposes of art, entertainment, and sometimes education.



Crossdresser

Anyone who wears clothes of the opposite sex (as assigned at birth) without the gender identity of that sex for pleasure, self-expression or comfort.

Transsexual

Refers to an individual whose gender identity exists primarily in contradiction to the sex assigned at birth. There are varying facets of transsexual experience which can include: a social transition, a hormonal transition, a surgical transition, or a combination of the above.

Transgenderist Refers to an individual who chooses not to undergo a surgical transition, a.k.a. a non-op transsexual.


Gender Identity

A person's conception of their own gender.

ex: I'm masculine, andro, girly, butch, agender, femme, macho, sissy, etc.

Gender Expression

The performance of one's gender, especially how it is communicated to others through behavior, clothing, haircut, voice, and other forms of presentation.



How to BE RESPECTFUL of gender minorities (and all people generally)



certainly DO ...

get to know me!
educate yourself!
use my preferred pronouns!
respect my chosen name!

Please Don't ...

out me as trans without my
permission. ask what my name
was "before." make assumptions
about me or my sexual orientation.
ask me about my genitals.



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Symbols



= female
restroom



= male
restroom



= gender-neutral
restroom



= female
symbol
(Venus)



= male
symbol
(Mars)



= transgender
symbol

Pronouns

he = masculine

she = feminine

it = objects

s/he = neutral

ze = neutral
(pronounced "zee")

they = neutral
(used as singular)

hir = neutral
(possessive form,
pronounced "here")

Historical Profile

Hannah Snell
(1723–1792)

was a British woman who disguised herself as a man and became a soldier.

Hannah Snell was born in Worcester, England on 23 April, 1723.

Locals claim that she played a soldier even as a child.(footnote wiki)



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66 gender is not about what is between your legs. it is much more about what is between your ears. 88

- anonymous survey response

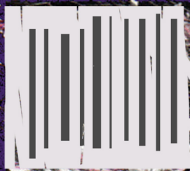
The creators of the GENDER book seek to present information that is accurate and honoring. While this resource reflects an agreement of many community voices, we affirm that there is space for all readers to redefine terms and identify themselves as they see fit. Gender is beautifully diverse, and so are you!



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