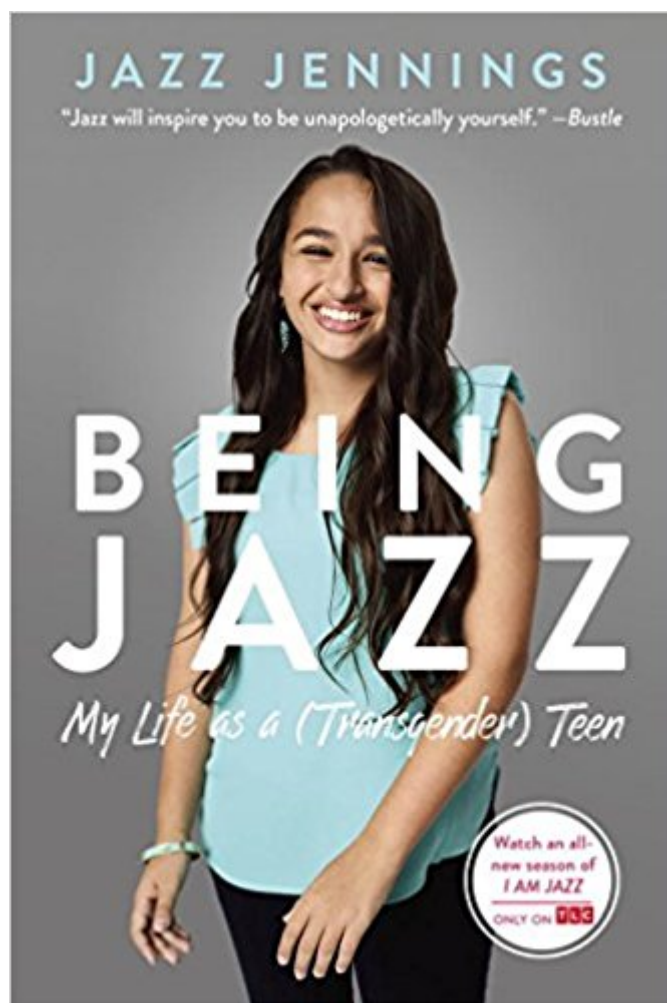


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Being Jazz: My Life As A (Transgender) Teen



Synopsis

Get ready for season 3 of the popular TLC show *I Am Jazz*! Teen advocate and trailblazer Jazz Jennings--named one of "The 25 Most Influential Teens" of the year by Time--shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths. "[Jazz's] touching book serves as a rallying cry for understanding and acceptance." --*Bustle* *Â* Jazz Jennings is one of the youngest and most prominent voices in the national discussion about gender identity. At the age of five, Jazz transitioned to life as a girl, with the support of her parents. A year later, her parents allowed her to share her incredible journey in her first Barbara Walters interview, aired at a time when the public was much less knowledgeable or accepting of the transgender community. This groundbreaking interview was followed over the years by other high-profile interviews, a documentary, the launch of her YouTube channel, a picture book, and her own reality TV series--*I Am Jazz*--making her one of the most recognizable activists for transgender teens, children, and adults. In her remarkable memoir, Jazz reflects on these very public experiences and how they have helped shape the mainstream attitude toward the transgender community. But it hasn't all been easy. Jazz has faced many challenges, bullying, discrimination, and rejection, yet she perseveres as she educates others about her life as a transgender teen. Through it all, her family has been beside her on this journey, standing together against those who don't understand the true meaning of tolerance and unconditional love. Now Jazz must learn to navigate the physical, social, and emotional upheavals of adolescence--particularly high school--complicated by the unique challenges of being a transgender teen. Making the journey from girl to woman is never easy--especially when you began your life in a boy's body. See Jazz's story come to life with two inserts featuring personal photos. PRAISE FOR JAZZ

JENNINGS: *Â* "Jazz is one of the transgender community's most important activists." *Â* --*Cosmopolitan* "A role model for teens everywhere." *Â* --*Seventeen.com* "Wise beyond her years." *Â* --*Teen Vogue*

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Customer Reviews

Gr 6 Up—Jazz Jennings has been in the public eye for a long time, drawing media attention when her family allowed her to transition at a very young age. In this memoir, Jennings (now 15) shares stories and experiences from her life as an openly trans girl. Battles to get her on the girls' soccer team, to allow her access to the girls' restroom at school, and to educate the public at large dominate Jennings's story. The memoir shares a varied and anecdotal account of her life, offering a behind-the-scenes look at being an LGBT celebrity, navigating preteen romance, and treating depression. The narrative flow is choppy, but the voice and tone are genuine and provide an incredibly normalizing view of a trans teen's life. Jennings speaks frankly about things like anatomy and boyfriends, but mentions of her depression and struggles with peers are subtle. Subjects of violence against trans people and the high rates of suicide in the trans community are also kept at an arm's length, helping the book appeal to younger or unfamiliar readers who may not be prepared for the less uplifting stories of trans life. The teen's successes and nearly limitless self-confidence and optimism will be reassuring for the family and friends of trans youth, but older teens may find the book hard to relate to. A very accessible resource list is included, as well as interviews with the Jennings family. VERDICT A great introduction to trans life for middle schoolers and a balancing addition to the more harrowing stories available.—Amy Diegelman, Vineyard Haven Public Library, MA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A New York Public Library Best Book for Teens, 2016Rainbow Award Winner, 2016—“Her story is an important addition to the slender but growing body of transgender literature and belongs in every library.”—Booklist, 5-starred review “For readers looking for a candid introduction to some of the issues facing trans children and teens, this book is an excellent start.”—Publishers Weekly “The teen's successes and nearly limitless self-confidence and optimism will be reassuring for the family and friends of trans youth.”—SLJ Praise for the picture book *I Am Jazz*: “Jazz is a sensitive and courageous young woman. Her story is inspiring and important to read. By sharing her experiences and view she has added to our

understanding and compassion for the transgender experience. • Barbara Walters • “Jazz [is] an eloquent spokesperson for transgender kids.” • Katie Couric • “I wish I had had a book like this when I was a kid struggling with gender identity questions. I found it deeply moving in its simplicity and honesty.” • Laverne Cox, acclaimed actress and transgender advocate • “A terrific and timely book that explains to kids what it means to be transgender and • more importantly • that reminds kids our similarities are much more important than our differences.” • New York Times • bestselling author Jodi Picoult • “All young people • regardless of difference • deserve the things Jazz shares in her lovely book: a loving family, supportive friends, and the freedom to be their true selves. A beautifully illustrated and accessible primer on one trans girl’s journey of living her truth.” • Janet Mock, • New York Times Bestselling author of Redefining Realness • “I Am Jazz • is honest, inspiring, and beautiful • but its greatest strength is it never apologizes for being different.” • New York Times • bestselling author • Brad Meltzer

I love Jazz; I have worked with the LGBT community as one of my 8 constituent groups. I gave a copy (I bought two) to my granddaughter who is 19 and asked her to give her copy (as I will mine) to another person because I think it is so important to educate people on transgender issues. This has happened more than the general public knows of a baby being born in the wrong body. I am grateful to Jazz and her family educating people and I am hopeful that by educating people the transgender community will not have so many suicides. So Jazz I take my hat off to you and your family for discussing an important issue and writing the books you have and making appearances in various venues to educate and hopefully get rid of the stigma....angel blessings.

Beautiful girl, beautiful family, and beautiful story. This is an amazing testament to the strength and courage of Jazz and her family. Thank you so much for sharing. Thank you so much for your bravery and honesty. Jazz is my hero.

I watch Jazz’s show every week. What an inspiring young lady she is. I have learned so much about the trans community just by reading her book. Thank you Jazz and the Jennings family for this book.

Excellent book.

Anything new on 'JAZZ' is most welcome. It was great to read the wonderful progress she's making. I'm so very, very proud of her and hopefully everyone who reads about her will come to the conclusion that we are all not the same....people are people and should all be treated in the very nicest way. I look forward to hearing more good news about this lovely young girl. Sincerely, Rita

This amazing girl has more courage than anyone I know. This is an inspirational book for people of all ages, races, and genders.

Prior to reading this book, I had little idea of what being transgender was. My exposure to transgender individuals was through the occasional run in with them in the red light district in Philadelphia years ago (where they are hookers) and on the occasional viewing of a Jerry Springer show. Neither is the a very good way to get to know and understand about transgender people. I had seen a small part of Jazz's TV show once, but really didn't know much more about them than that. I think my biggest concern over this young woman was her ability to identify as transgender at such a young age. I really didn't believe it was possible, until I read the book. How much she felt like a female, at a young age, is really incredible. And I give her parents a pat on the back for not ignoring her, and following through with professional treatment. I know many parents, including myself, might have blown it all off as a fad that some kids go through. The fact that she has come out at such a young age and become an advocate for the LBGT community is also amazing. I know few teens who could handle puberty itself, let alone while being filmed for a TV show, speaking at conventions and conferences, writing book and being a role model. Most teens her age are only interested in surviving until they get out of high school. With what little I have known about transgender people. I have never had a problem with the concept and have always felt it is like being gay - no one chooses it as a life style and is something one is born with. Reading this book opened my eyes to transgender people and the struggles they face. I highly recommend this book to everyone - those who have a understanding of transgender life and especially those that think it's a stunt or immoral. It is well written, easy to read and just may cause you to think about what you thought you knew!

Highly recommended, Jazz is an informative and entertaining narrator to her own life as a transgender child. Her voice is clear and concise about her struggles, and those of others in the

trans community.

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