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# Transgender History (Seal Studies)



## Synopsis

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. Chapters cover the transsexual and transvestite communities in the years following World War II; trans radicalism and social change, which spanned from 1966 with the publication of *The Transsexual Phenomenon*, and lasted through the early 1970s; the mid-1970s to 1990; the era of identity politics and the changes witnessed in trans circles through these years; and the gender issues witnessed through the 1990s and 2000s. *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 and discussion of treatments of transgenderism in popular culture.

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One of the funny things about the queer/trans/feminist/ movement(s) is that so little, really none, of its history is taught in schools or talked about at all really. A chronic disconnect from our own history. Outside of very limited academic circles each new person starts out not knowing how things came to be the way they are, what has been a stumbling block in the past and what has worked, and how our communities came to be shaped by the history and context of ever shifting culture. There is a sense of disconnectedness, and for me it was both enlightening and comforting to put all of these fragments I have heard into a more coherent story and connect with a deeper sense of

history.

I haven't been this into a non-fiction book in a long time. It's easy to read, and so so good. It gives me a much better ability to situate current affairs in a historical context. It's a very thorough history of transgender issues in the US, and a pretty good overview of the history of feminism and GLB advocacy, too, since they're so interconnected. I'm generally conservative with how much I recommend books to others, but I'm eager to recommend this one to everyone close to me. This shouldn't come as a surprise: there are accounts of awful transphobia in this text, so put yourself in a mental place where you can receive that, if it's likely to be triggering to you. Also, there's a lot of heart-warming pieces of goodness in there, too, which I had no idea had been part of the history. I definitely came away with a positive feeling, and a deeper appreciation of our heritage.

The writing is definitely questionable, and it makes me question the legitimacy of the authors sources/information. I do use it for my research, but it's definitely not perfect. (then again what is?) It is worth it if you're a scholar like me, but beware it is geared towards pop culture more so than one would initially think it would be.

A thorough and highly illuminating history of transgender people as an inclusive whole. Starting from the middle of the nineteenth century and ending in the present, Susan Stryker presents an engaging account of events and people that have fallen from the public memory but nevertheless served in their own ways to create the transgender movement and community that we know today. Which isn't to say that more famous events and people are not represented here as well - Stonewall, Christine Jorgenson, etc. Even when dealing with heavily theoretical concepts, Stryker remains easy to follow and very interesting. Also, the graphs and excerpts from original sources were a great addition.

I am a transman and have very little knowledge of transgendered history, as pretty much most individuals do. I bought this book to help me write a paper on trans history for a college class. It was very informative, very well written and I learned a whole lot more than I could have imagined. I highly recommend this book if you desire to learn more of a part of our world's history that is not taught in our schools or colleges. It brings a full understanding of events that were brushed under the rug (or at least not talked about) by the LGBTQ communities. For the cost, too, it's well worth it.

This book has been around for a few years, but it is worthy your time, if you haven't already read it.

This book has an excellent discussion of second and third wave feminism. If you are unsure of why the "T" was added to LGB, this book will make this much clearer. This book covers history from the 1800s through 2007, although its focus is on the twentieth century. This book is an excellent general history, and it is a good place to start any readings on transgender history.

One of the best books on the subject. Incredibly thorough with many great additional references to underlying and supplemental material. Unlike most books, I did not regret reading this.

As a transgender woman I very much appreciate the hard work that it took to put this book together. I was able to fill in gaps that I otherwise could not have been able to without this book in relationship to transgender history. I most appreciate the identification that we stand alone as a separate part of the LGBT community with our own issues as my personal experience has been that we are in fact at the bottom of pecking order and that the general cisgender population has no real comprehension of who we really are, we need to welcome the opportunity to inform them.

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