



What is gender nonconforming?

People that are gender nonconforming may prefer clothing and activities of the opposite gender and/or identify with the opposite gender.

Bansch, Helga. *Odd Bird Out*

Robert is different from all the other ravens. He likes tulle, bright colorful clothing, singing and dancing. The other birds don't like it at all!

Bergman, S. *The Adventures of Tulip, Birthday Wish Fairy*

When Tulip receives a wish from a child known as David who wishes to live as Daniela, he seeks the wise counsel of the Wish Fairy Captain.

Bradley, Kimberly. *Ballerino Nate*

After seeing a ballet performance, Nate decides he wants to learn ballet but he has doubts when his brother tells him that only girls can be ballerinas.

Carr, Jennifer. *Be Who You Are* *306.768 CARR
Nick was born in a boy's body, but has always felt like a girl inside. When he says no longer wants to be called a boy or dress like a boy, his family supports him and starts calling him Hope.

dePaola, Tomie. *Oliver Button is a Sissy*

A little boy must come to terms with being teased and ostracized because he'd rather read books, paint, and tap-dance than participate in sports.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt*

While mending the awning over the pig pen, Sam discovers that he enjoys sewing but meets with scorn and ridicule when he asks his wife if he could join her quilting club.

Ewert, Marcus. *10,000 Dresses* *306.76 EWERT
Every night, Bailey dreams about magical dresses: dresses made of crystals and rainbows, dresses made of flowers, dresses made of windows. . . . but when he's awake, no one wants to hear about these beautiful dreams. "You're a BOY!", they say.

Fabrikant, Amy. *When Kayla Was Kyle*

Kyle looks like other boys, but doesn't feel like them. Can Kyle find the words to share his feelings about his gender - and can his parents help him to transition into the girl he was born to be?

Fierstein, Harvey. *The Sissy Duckling*

Elmer the duck is teased because he is different, but he proves himself by not only surviving the winter, but also saving his Papa.

Funke, Cornelia. *The Princess Knight*

Princess Violet wants to show the world that she is just as brave and strong as her brothers, so she disguises herself as a boy and enters the knights' jousting tournament. When she wins the contest, she reveals her true identity - and wins the prize of freedom!

Grambling, Lois. *My Mom is a Firefighter*

Billy spends time with his "second family" at the Floral Avenue firehouse where his mother works, and dreams of growing up to be a firefighter just like her.

Hines, Anna. *Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti*

After Corey's father picks him up from daycare, they shop for dinner and prepare supper. Then Daddy gets Corey ready for bed, and the happy threesome share a picture book and kisses.

Isadora, Rachel. *Max*

On the way to his baseball game, Max lingers at his sister Lisa's dancing school class. In spite of himself he becomes interested and soon is stretching at the barre, attempting splits, and joining in a pas de chat. When game time approaches, his leaps carry him all the way to the ball park, ready to face the pitcher.

Kay, Verla. *Rough, Tough Charley* *921 PARK-HURS CHARLEY

Charley was rough. Charley wore tough. Charley wore fancy blue gloves. One of the most respected stagecoach drivers in the old West, Charley also kept one of the biggest secrets anyone could keep.

Kilodavi, Cheryl. *My Princess Boy*

Dyson loves the color pink and sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses, and sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees. He's a Princess Boy, and his family loves him exactly the way he is.

Kroll, Virginia. *A Carp for Kimiko*

On the fifth day of the fifth month, Children's Day is celebrated, formerly called Boy's Day. Families fly a carp windsock for each son, and Kimiko longs to have one fly in her honor.

Landman, Tanya. *Mary's Penny*

A farmer learns that the best man for the job of farm manager is a girl, as his clever daughter bests his brawny sons in a competition.

Lattimore, Deborah. *Frida Maria: A Story of the Old Southwest*

Because she does not sew, cook, or dance like a "proper senorita," Frida cannot please her mother until she saves the day with her special talent.

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Gender Creative Children



Gender Nonconforming Picture Books

Leaf, Munro. **The Story of Ferdinand**
Ferdinand is a bull who much prefers sitting quietly under a cork tree - just smelling the flowers - to jumping around, snorting, and butting heads with other bulls. However, the one day he is most definitely *not* sitting quietly under the tree is the same day that men come to choose the "biggest, fastest, roughest bull" for the bullfights in Madrid.

Mackall, Dandi Daisy. **A Girl Named Dan**
Dandi enjoys nothing more than baseball, and so after the boys at school tell her their lunchtime game is now boys only, she enters an essay contest hoping to become a bat boy for the Kansas City A's, not realizing the contest is for boys only.

McClintock, Barbara. **Dahlia**
Charlotte does not like dolls, until she receives a special doll from her aunt and they become good friends.

McCully, Emily. **Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu**
Tells the story of two unlikely kung fu masters and how their skill in martial arts saves them both.

Munsch, Robert. **The Paper Bag Princess**
Princess Elizabeth is slated to marry Prince Ronald when a dragon attacks the castle and kidnaps Ronald. Elizabeth finds the dragon, outsmarts him, and rescues Ronald - who is less than pleased at her un-princess-like appearance.

Newman, Leslea. **A Fire Engine for Ruthie**
Ruthie loves fire engines and motorcycles, while Nana loves dolls and dress-up clothes. Nana's neighbor, Brian, gets to play with fire engines and motorcycles. So why doesn't Ruthie?

Scamell, Ragnhild. **Toby's Doll's House**
Even though all Toby wants for his birthday is a doll-house, his relatives give him a fort, and a farm, and a multi-level parking lot. So he makes his own!

U'Ren, Andrea. **Pugdog**
When Mike finds out that his pup is actually a he and not a she, he feels obliged to give Pugdog a crash course on how a girl dog should look and act. But is that what Pugdog wants?

Willis, Jeanne. **I Want to Be a Cowgirl**
Speaking in rhyme, a little girl tells her father that she would rather have the active outdoor life of a cowgirl than that of a girl who stays inside quietly reading, talking, or cleaning.

Wong, Wallace. **When Kathy is Keith**
No one believes Kathy. Not her friends, her teachers, her parents, not even Santa Claus. No one believes that she really is a boy.

Zolotow, Charlotte. **William's Doll**
William's father gives him a basketball and a train but these do not make him want a doll less.



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