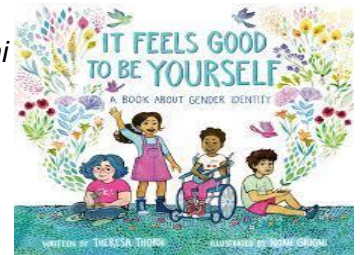


## 10 Books Involving Expression of 2SLGBTQ+ Identities

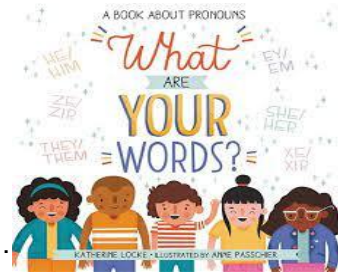
### 1. It Feels Good to be Yourself (5+): *By Theresa Thorn, Illustrated by Noah Grigni*

This picture book explores the concepts of gender expression and identity, giving straightforward definitions of terms and discussing ways in which people can and do express themselves.



### 2. What Are Your Words (5+): *By Katherine Locke, Illustrated By Anne Passchier*

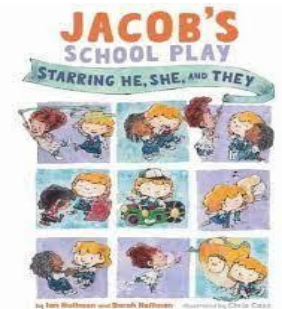
Somedays Ari uses she/her. Sometimes Ari uses he/him. When their uncle Lior comes to visit and asks what Ari's words are today, they're not sure what words to use. As they walk to a party, Ari meets lots of neighbours who all use different words and pronouns to describe themselves and learn it's okay to not know your words right away.



### 3. Jacobs School Play: Starring He, She, and They (5+):

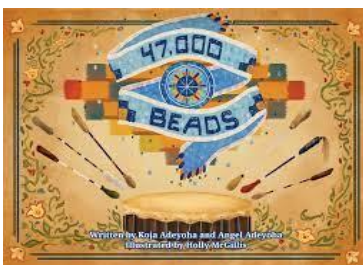
*By Sarah and Ian Hoffman, Illustrated by Chris Case*

When Jacob's class puts on a play, Jacob becomes confused over his classmates' pronouns. Ari explains they use they/them pronouns as they are not a boy or a girl. With the teachers' support, Jacob explores the difference between gender expression and gender identity.



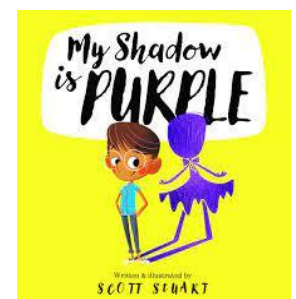
### 2. 47,000 Beads (4+): *By Koja and Angel Adeyoha, Illustrated by Holly McGillis*

Peyton used to love dancing at pow wows but has slowly been dancing less and less. When Peyton shares with their Auntie Eyota that they're uncomfortable in regalia dresses, Eyota reaches out to family and friends to find the support that Peyton needs.



### 5. My Shadow is Purple (3+): *By Scott Stuart*

Through the use of shadows and colours, this book looks at how people view others' genders as one or another (blue and pink) and how the main character is neither and both (purple). When going to a dance at school the child becomes worried about having to choose until others stand up and show how different is ok, and it's always important to be true to yourself.





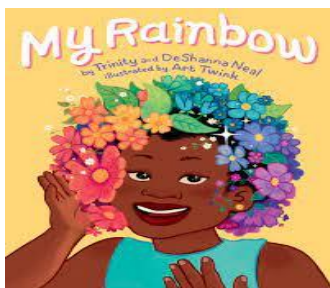
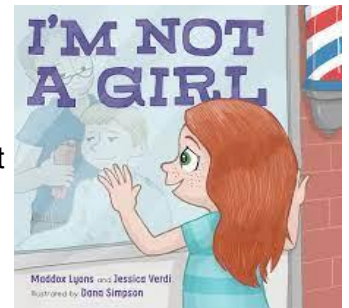
**6. From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea (3+):**

*By Kai Cheng Thom, Illustrated by Kai Yun Ching and Wai-Yant Li*

Ever since birth, Miu Lan has always been different and magical. They shift and change based on how they feel and what they need. As they face questions at school about where they belong, they find support in their mother's arms and through a song they share together.

**7. I am Not a Girl (5+):** *By Jessica Verdi and Maddox Lyons, Illustrated by Dana Simpson*

Based on a true story, a boy struggles to find the courage and words to explain that he is a boy. After a birthday wish and a new word, he is able to finally explain and gain the support of his family and express who he is.

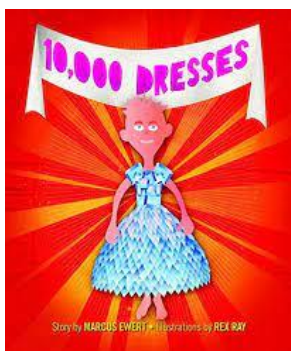
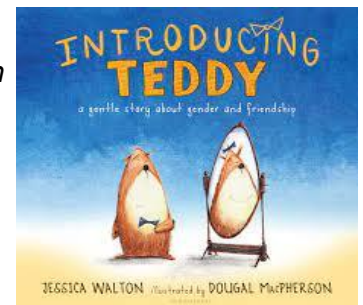


**8. My Rainbow (4+):** *By Trinity and DeShanna Neal, Illustrated by Art Twink*

Based on a true story, Trinity, a transgender girl, is sad because she says she needs long hair, but her sensitivity to certain sensory stimuli prevents her from growing her hair out long. Her mother and brother decide to go out to find the perfect hair for her. Her very own rainbow.

**9. Introducing Teddy (4+):** *By Jessica Walton, Illustrated by Dougal MacPherson*

One of Errol's best friends is his teddy. One day Errol's teddy explains they don't like their name as she is a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. Errol supports his friend as she finds a new name and new ways to express herself.



**10. 10,000 Dresses (7+):** *By Marcus Ewert, Illustrated by Rex Ray*

This book shares the story of a girl named Bailey, Who dreams each night of gorgeous and beautiful dresses. When she asks her family for help with these dresses, they all respond that she can't wear them, because she's a boy. Bailey soon finds a friend who helps support her in making the dresses of her dreams.