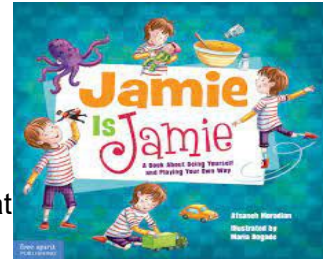


10 Books Involving Gender Non-Conforming Expression

1. Jamie is Jamie (4+): By Afsaneh Moradian, Illustrated by Maria Bogade

Jamie is Jamie, and today is Jamie's first day of preschool. As they begin to play with all of the toys, some of the other children are confused about Jamie's gender. Is Jamie a boy or a girl? This sparks conversations about gender stereotypes as the other children in the story begin to learn that they all have the freedom to choose what to play with and that all toys are for all children.

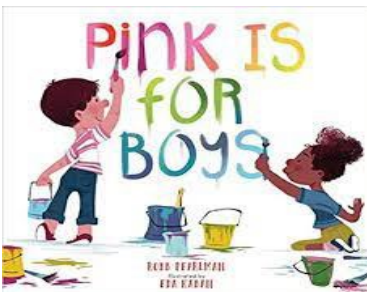


2. Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress (4+): By Christine Baldacchino, Illustrated by Isabelle Malenfant

Morris is a young boy who loves to imagine all kinds of adventures. His favourite thing to play with in the classroom is a tangerine orange dress. When children tell him he can not wear a dress due to being a boy, he feels sad and alone until he creates a whole new adventure for him and his classmates to explore, which includes him and his favourite dress.

3. My Shadow is Pink (3+): By Scott Stuart

This book uses both shadows and colours to discuss gender expression, and how sometimes we may hide parts of ourselves in order to try and fit in. With a supportive dad, the main character is able to gain confidence in his pink shadow and learns the joy that comes with expressing themselves freely.

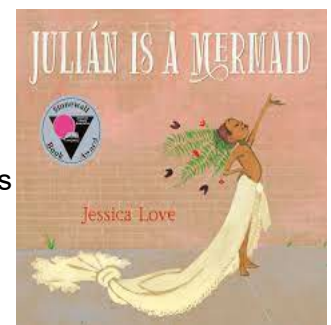


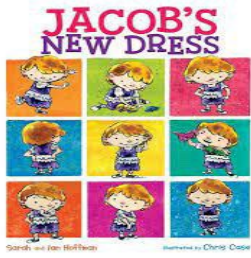
4. Pink is for Boys (4+): By Robb Pearlman, Illustrated by Eda Kaban

This book looks to empower children as they explore their views of different activities, colours, and aesthetic expressions, and how these concepts are not connected to a particular gender. It encourages children to express themselves in any way they feel comfortable, whether playing with race cars, or unicorns.

5. Julián is a Mermaid (4+): By Jessica Love

Julián is out with his abuela when he sees 3 incredible women dressed up in bright colours and fishtails. The rest of the day all he can think about is making his own tail. When his abuela sees his tail, she supports him by taking him out to join the festivities in the town.



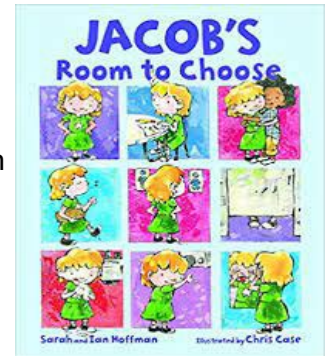


6. **Jacob's New Dress (4+)**: By Sarah and Ian Hoffman, Illustrated by Chirs Case

Jacob loves to dress up, especially in dresses. When other children tell Jacob he can't wear a dress because its "girl" clothes, he feels sad until his parents help him to make his very own dress. Jacob shows his classmates how anyone can wear a dress, not just girls.

7. **Jacob's Room to Choose (5+)**: By Sarah and Ian Hoffman, Illustrated by Cris Case

Jacob and his friend Sophie have lots of fun at school, but both of them struggle with feeling comfortable in the washroom. When their teacher finds out she works to educate her students about the many ways gender may express itself, and works with her students to make the washrooms welcoming to all.



8. **Pink, Blue, and You! Questions for Kids About Gender Stereotypes (4+)**:

By Elise Gravel, with Mykaell Blais

This book discusses gender identity, gender nonconforming/ gender expression, pronouns, and gender stereotypes. It also discusses creating a welcoming world where everyone can be themselves.

9. **Auntie Uncle: Drag Queen Hero (4+)**: By Ellie Royce, Illustrated by Hannah Chambers

Narrated by an adoring nephew, this story focuses on the nephew's Auntie Uncle, a drag queen who performs as Auntie Lotta and works as Uncle Leo in an accounting job. During a pride event, Lotta saves a dog. When the mayor announces their wish to give Auntie Lotta a medal, she worries that her friends who know her as Leo, and her friends who know her as Lotta won't get along. With the support of their nephew, they create a new look that is perfect for the event and find support from all of their friends.



10. **Sparkle Boy (4+)**: By Leslea Newman, Illustrated by Maria Mola

Casey loves sparkly things such as nail polish, skirts, and bracelets. While his parents are supportive Jessie (Casey's older sister) Isn't sure as she views these things as girl things. When some older boys start to tease Casey, Jessie realizes that Casey deserves to express himself however he wants and stands up to the older boys to support her sibling.