

1. Neither (4+): By Airlie Anderson

In a world of bunnies and birds, you can either be this or that. But when one animal hatches and declare themselves both, the others say they are neither and tell them to find somewhere else to be. As they go to the land of somewhere else, they discover a place where everyone can belong.





2. <u>What Are Your Words (5+):</u> By Katherine Locke, Illustrated by Anne Passchie

Somedays Ari uses she/her. Sometimes Ari uses he/him. When their uncle Lior comes to visit and asks what Aris 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

words and pronouns to describe themselves and learns it's okay to not know your words right away.

3. 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.





<u>**4. Jamie and Bubbie: A Book About Pronouns (5+):**</u> By Afsaneh Moradian, Illustrated by Maria Bogde

Jamie is excited to spend a day with their Bubbie. Throughout the day they meet so many different people, but Jamie has to keep correcting Bubbie as she keeps accidentally using the wrong pronouns. This story is a great way to discuss the ways we can assume gender based on expression, how we can change our language to help support others, and how it's okay to make mistakes if we are correcting ourselves and learning from them.

5. They, She, He- Easy as ABC (3+): By Mya Christina Gonzalez and Mathew Sg

This book uses a rhyming scheme to teach young children about all different types of pronouns. Using the alphabet, each page focuses on a different child, exploring the pronouns they use, and what moves they use as everyone comes together to dance.





6. <u>A House for Everyone (7+):</u> By Jo Hirst, Illustrated by Naomi Bardoff

This book follows a group of students during recess as they work together to build a house for everyone. Through the book, we explore each child's special job, as well as their gender identities and expression

7. <u>My Maddy (5+)</u>: By Gayle E. Pitman, Illustrated By Violet Tobacco

Some mommies are girls, some daddies are boys, and some parents are neither a boy or a girl, like the Narrator's parent Maddy. This book looks at all the different ways that we can be, and how some of the best things in the world are not one or the other. Some of them are in between or neither and are entirely their own.





8. Pink, Blue, and You! Questions for Kids about Gender Stereotypes

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. Phoenix ani' Gichichi-i': Phoenix Gets Greater (4+): By Marty Wilson-Trudeau

and Phoenix Wilson, Illustrated by Megan Kyak Monteith,

Translated by Kelvin Morrison

Notes: This book is available in English as well as dual language(Anishinaabe/English) Based on a true story this book followers Phoenix, a kid who loves dolls, pretty fabrics, and dancing. With the help of his supportive family, he begins to learn about Two-Spirit/ Niizh Manidoowag people in Anishinaabe culture and just how important and loved he is.





10. <u>Jacobs School Play: Starring He, She, and They (5+):</u> 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.