

# Express Your Existence As Man Or Woman: The Importance of Gender Identity

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## **What is Gender Identity?**

Gender identity is a person's internal, deeply felt sense of being male, female, or something else. It is distinct from sex assigned at birth, which is typically based on the external genitalia of a person at birth.

Gender identity is not the same as sexual orientation. Sexual orientation is about who a person is attracted to, while gender identity is about how a person sees themselves.

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Here are some ways that you can express your gender identity:

- **Use the name and pronouns that feel right for you.**
- **Dress and present yourself in a way that feels comfortable and authentic for you.**
- **Participate in activities that align with your gender identity.**
- **Change your legal name and/or gender marker.**
- **Medically transition, if desired.**

It is important to note that not all transgender people choose to transition medically. Some people may only choose to change their name and pronouns, while others may choose to undergo hormone therapy or surgery. There is no right or wrong way to transition. The most important thing is to do what feels right for you.

## **Challenges of Expressing Your Gender Identity**

Expressing your gender identity can be a challenging experience, especially if your gender identity does not match your sex assigned at birth. You may face discrimination, prejudice, and even violence from people who do not understand or accept you.

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Here are some tips for coping with the challenges of expressing your gender identity:

- **Find a support system of people who understand and accept you.**
- **Be yourself and don't be afraid to express your gender identity.**
- **Educate yourself about transgender issues and your rights.**
- **Stand up for yourself and don't let anyone tell you who you are.**
- **Seek professional help if needed.**

Remember that you are not alone. There are many people who have gone through similar experiences and have found ways to express their gender identity and live happy and fulfilling lives.

## **Resources for Transgender People**

There are many resources available to help transgender people. Here are a few:

- National Center for Transgender Equality
- GLAAD
- The Trevor Project
- Trans Lifeline

- Trans Equality (Resources for Transgender People)

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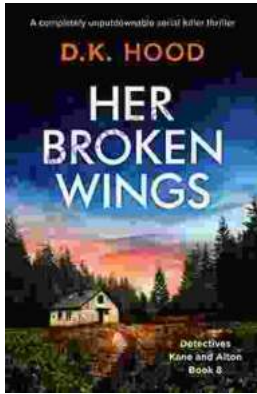


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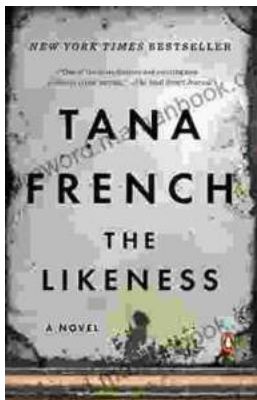
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