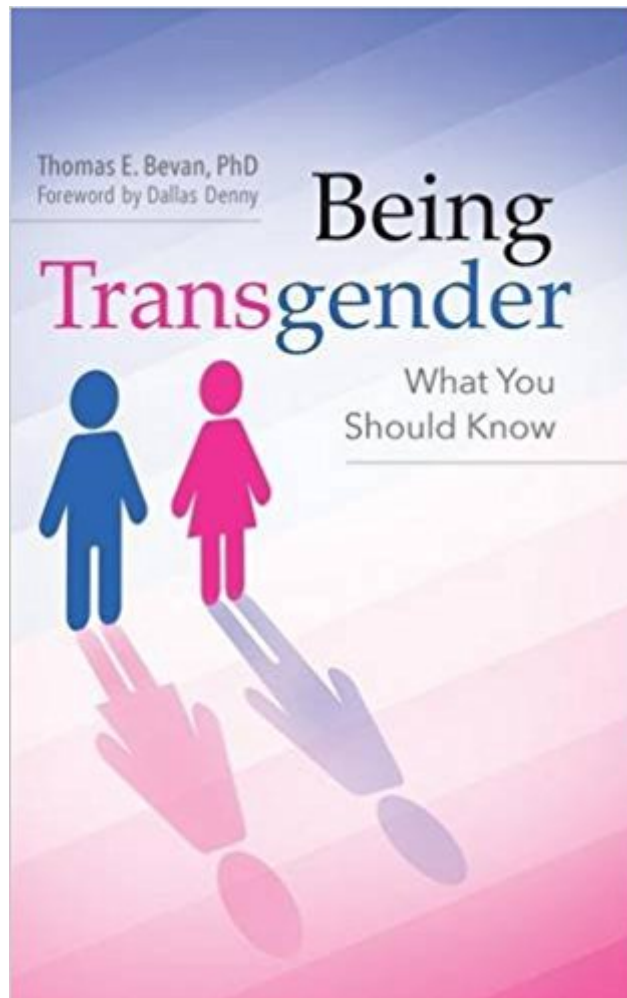




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Synopsis

Written for general audiences, this unprecedented book comprehensively answers many questions about being transgender with current experiential and scientific information, including the evidence for a biological transgender predisposition. • Offers information derived from the author's review of more than 3,000 source articles and books across 22 scientific disciplines across more than 11 years • a repository of information that is likely the most comprehensive on transgender science • Represents the first book written for general audiences from the perspective of a scientist, not a clinician or advocate • Identifies the forms of rejection of transgender people sanctioned by culture and provides suggestions for dealing with them • Discusses the future of transgender people as well as that of the binary gender system in Western culture

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Customer Reviews

Thomas E. Bevan, PhD, is president and owner of a company that conducts research on biopsychology applications, including capturing the science and experience of being transgender. Bevan has published two books on transgender science, including Praeger's *The Psychobiology of Transsexualism and Transgenderism*.

I was really looking forward to receiving this book but I was disappointed. I expected to receive information that is more thoroughly researched as a scientist or researcher but found that although the author states that she has digested some 3,000 published journal articles that much of her

conclusions (which she later uses as if they are facts) are biased more toward her own experiences and opinions. For example, she says that being transgender is mostly due to DNA and not epigenetics. From what I have read and studied by medical and psychological professionals the current opinion is that being transgender results more from unusual hormonal fluctuations during gestation and perhaps shortly after birth. Yes, DNA may provide the fertile ground for these fluctuations to manifest as transgender. But there is so much that simply isn't known. Thankfully the one thing we can agree on is the biological basis for ones being transgender. And then there are the statistics. Although the currently accepted number of 0.6% of the US adult population is well known she asserts that it's at least 1% of males and 0.5% of females, but also says that in the US that would equate to about 1.5M males (MTF) and 0.064M females (FTM). Wouldn't the FTM quantity be more like 750K if her population frequency number is correct? And here again, my understanding is that the transgender frequency of MTF and FTM people is probably the same - we just have very poor ways to estimate at this time while as we all know it's much easier for an FTM to dress/act/be any way that they want (and thus remain under the radar) than for MTF people. I give it three stars because it at least adds to the literature and hopefully people will find it helpful.

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