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Being Jazz: My Life As A (Transgender) Teen



Synopsis

Teen advocate and trailblazer Jazz Jenningsâ™ named one of âœThe 25 Most Influential Teensâ™ of the year byÂ Timeâ™ shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths. Â [Jazzâ™s] touching book serves as a rallying cry for understanding and acceptance.â•” Bustle Â Jazz Jennings is one of the youngest and most prominent voices in the national discussion about gender identity. At the age of five, Jazz transitioned to life as a girl, with the support of her parents. A year later, her parents allowed her to share her incredible journey in her first Barbara Walters interview, aired at a time when the public was much less knowledgeable or accepting of the transgender community. This groundbreaking interview was followed over the years by other high-profile interviews, a documentary, the launch of her YouTube channel, a picture book, and her own reality TV seriesâ™ I Am Jazzâ™ making her one of the most recognizable activists for transgender teens, children, and adults. Â In her remarkable memoir, Jazz reflects on these very public experiences and how they have helped shape the mainstream attitude toward the transgender community. But it hasnâ™t all been easy. Jazz has faced many challenges, bullying, discrimination, and rejection, yet she perseveres as she educates others about her life as a transgender teen. Through it all,Â her family has been beside her on this journey, standing together against those who don't understand the true meaning of tolerance and unconditional love. Now Jazz must learn to navigate the physical, social, and emotional upheavals of adolescenceâ™ particularly high schoolâ™ complicated by the unique challenges of being a transgender teen. Making the journey from girl to woman is never easyâ™ especially when you began your life in a boyâ™s body. PRAISE FOR JAZZ JENNINGS: Â [Jazz] is one of the transgender community's most important activists.â•” Â Cosmopolitan Â [Jazz] is a role model for teens everywhere.â•” Â Seventeen.com Â [Jazz] is wise beyond her years.â•” Â Teen Vogue

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You cannot pass up this book. To understand JAZZ is to gain divine insight into the problems of the world. I used to walk in darkness. I could not plumb the depths of the tempest of problems all throughout my life. I spent so many years in alienation, unable to fit in, to be happy, to relate fully to people. I could not ever fully feel friendship or love because I was ashamed of who I was, had banished my real self, my real feelings, my real reactions. I hid down stairwells during recess, I hid in libraries during lunch periods, I missed so much school -- even when I was there -- because I could never be me among others. Then all my dating relationships ended from misunderstandings due to stereotypes and the consequent disasters from not knowing what was really going on (even though I was heterosexual). I threw myself into every diversion I could, travelling the world, but I never really had a life. I knew I was different, but I could make no overall sense of it. I was extremely intelligent, and I thought that was what it was... There was no theory no coherence I could see to my alienation. I eventually developed a social phobia, bitterness, and isolated myself from everyone close to me - even when in the same room as me. I lost motivation, followed frivolous escapes, hid from the self that I hated -- the self that had done all this to me. Then through the heroic efforts of JAZZ, it all came together -- like Darwin finally seeing why the Galapagos finches all had those different beaks and why. This person who wrote this book is a life saver -- both because of the high suicide rate of those born with this problem, and because those who remain alive (but not really alive...) have a chance of actually living and loving and actualizing the gifts they have to give.

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