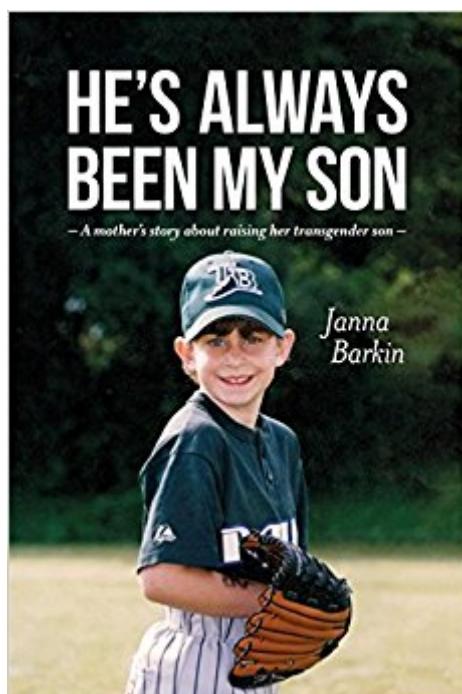


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He's Always Been My Son: A Mother's Story About Raising Her Transgender Son



Synopsis

This inspiring and moving story, told from the heart of an extraordinary family, recounts the emotional and uplifting journey of raising a transgender son. Janna Barkin's family has come a long way since their child, Amaya, first told them he was a boy and not a girl and this captivating memoir charts the family's experiences of raising Amaya, from birth through to adulthood. With powerful chapters written by Amaya's family and friends, Janna shares personal stories of the support and discoveries her family has encountered and provides a 'care package' of advice for families facing similar issues, including a glossary of terms and a list of hand-picked support sources. Written with warmth and humor, *He's Always Been My Son* reminds us to accept others for who they are and will support, educate and inspire anyone who reads it.

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I finished reading Janna Barkin's book. So much emotion, so much love, so much a family shares with its readers and what a wonderful young man. Amaya is so lucky to be part of this family and the family is so lucky to have Amaya. Best of everything! The information you offer to your readers is essential to help families of transgender children. I thoroughly enjoyed reading your journey and learned a lot. I recommend this book to families of transgender children and to all open minded people.

With warmth, tenderness, vulnerability and love, Janna tells the touching story of her journey raising a transgender son. She shares insight and learning from her own experience, as well as offers detailed resources, to help and support others navigating the transgender/gender questioning journey. It is a beautiful story of love, family, and courage that helps the reader gain deeper understanding of the transgender experience.

A beautiful story of love and acceptance! This was not only about a mother's love for her son, but also told a wonderful story about self acceptance, courage, and perseverance. Much of the information about the transgender community, and the gender specific terms, were new to me, and I am pleased to now be better informed. Knowledge is a wonderful and powerful thing. This is a book for everyone!

Very informative, and well-written. I enjoyed reading it.

This touching story of a family's love and determination touched me. This book contains a lot of information and tells their personal story with compassion. Thank you for sharing your inspirational journey. The more we know the more we understand and accept. Bravo!

I loved this book! Not only did the author beautifully share the experience of herself, her family and her son, she also included a glossary and set of resources for everyone to use. In this ever evolving world, it is important that we communicate effectively and know how to support each other. Janna has woven those things into her story and her life! I suggest to any parent of a transgender or gender fluid child, please read this book!

i love this book and i ain't even done with it yet! i think it's wonderful janna wrote this, some people don't have the time or courage to. i'm not trans like her son but being deaf and other things, i know how it feels to be "different" in society's eyes and feeling like we have to explain how we feel and how we are like everyone else and hope people learn from our experiences. i hope it helps whoever may have kids who may not seem happy with their birth gender. lol i don't even know if this makes sense, i have mild add(or adhd?) and ain't done with the book yet so could've had more to say but didn't wana forget to say something and being deaf im not great with words(even though i'm the type with cochlear implants and talk and read lips)... i hope parents of other trans kids write books of their own experiences too, i want trans kids to feel comfy that they have supporters out there too

Janna Barkin has delivered a huge result in "He's Always Been My Son". Part personal journey, part educational reference guide to Transgender issues and resources, Janna's love for her son, Amaya, and her commitment to Transgender rights shines throughout. Any family struggling with these issues will benefit from this book. But it is not just for them; any individual who wants to read a personal story of love, light and acceptance will find joy in this book. We can all learn so much from Janna, her husband Gabe, Amaya and his sister Emily. Heroes™

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