

# TRANS\*



A QUICK  
AND QUIRKY  
ACCOUNT  
OF GENDER  
VARIABILITY

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#gendervariability    #genderambiguity    #masculiniy    #femalemasculinity  
#transrepresentation #\*

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"I' m calling it »**Trans Asterisk**«. And I' m really committed to that **little star at the end of the Trans**, okay. [...]what we see is a wide range of genderdiverse bodies in the culture that we live in.

Not all of them identify as transsexual, not all of hem even identify as transgender, not all transgender people have surgery, only some trans people take hormones.

**Okay, so the category of transvariability is very very capatious! [...] And the asterisk opens up the category rather than closing it down."**



[Jack Halberstam - Trans\\*: A Quick and Quirky Guide to Gender Variance](#) on YouTube