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Editorial Review

Review

"A very different kind of collection, *Take Me There* is an anthology of 'trans and genderqueer erotica' writings by and about individuals (and couplings of all kinds) whose experience of gender and embodiment span the gender spectrum. Stories range in explicitness and in the showing and the taking, offer dozens of new ways to think about and talk about desires and bodies."

—About.com

"Even within the LGBT community, transgender or gender variant sexuality often gets overlooked. This powerful collection by sex writer and educator Tristan Taormino bucks tradition and shows that gender identities don't need to be fixed or "revealed" in order to describe the lust, the passion, the burning desires of their subjects: in other words, like any good erotic tale, they're ultimately about sex."

—Edge

"*Take Me There* is an erotica novel with the collected works of many authors about Transgender and Genderqueer stories. For those that don't already know what a Genderqueer person is, like myself prior to reading this book or researching it because I have an ex who is one, it's a person who could identify with being both male and female. Thankfully, because of this ex, I was able to keep an open mind to pick up this book and learn more about those that identify with more than one gender. I honestly cannot say that I regret picking this book up. The thoughts and feelings of all the characters left me speechless. I highly recommend that somebody Questioning their sexuality pick this up if they think that they may be mutli-gendered or believe they are in the wrong body. This book truly opened my eyes and reminded me that all of us are beautiful, and we all want to be understood and accepted for who we truly are. I applaud all the authors that submitted a story for this final edit."

—Night Owl Review

"How'd you like to enjoy some mind-expanding substance along with a helping of hot sex? Editor Tristan Taormino's *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica* offers a dizzying collection of short stories that will challenge readers with its rich banquet of pronoun salad. A tongue-twisting, limb-tangling, compendium of gender exploration that will broaden your ideas of gender and sexuality. This anthology, like everybody's sexuality, is truly one of a kind."

—Passport Magazine

"A Nice Offering in a long-ignored genre, this collection of erotic stories is by, for and about transfolk, genderqueers, gender outlaws and gender variant folks. Stories takes readers from heartache to lust, from strange sex to a 10-year anniversary, from MTF and FTM and more."

—AVN

"I want to tell you about all the stories, but let me instead tell you to buy this book. I loved the variety and kink within it's pages. I highly recommend this! If you have ever wondered what happens when there are no boundaries to sex and gender, this book tells some stories that may satisfy your curiosity."

—Kissin Blue Karen

"Yes, yes—oh god YES! *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica* finally satisfies a longtime craving of the genderfucked and genderfucking to accurately articulate the complexities of queer desire into

raunchy written words. Edited by Tristan Taormino and flaunting big bylines like Kate Bornstein, Patrick Califia, and S. Bear Bergman, this queerotic collection refreshingly reflects that queer sex isn't just about gender-variant pronouns or redefined dirty bits, but about what you do with them. Having read the many diversely deviant entries in *Take Me There*, we'd advise reading this one with one hand."

—BITCH Magazine

"Reading *Take Me There* was a pleasure and reviewing it is a privilege.... Sometimes gender and sex were revealed very bluntly, in plain language and other times writers came to it from unexpected angles. I appreciated the creativity and variation on the theme... In a way, reading this book and getting to know these artfully created characters, showed me, even more than I felt it before, that I have a tribe."

—Butchtastic

"Tristan Taormino found my 'V' spot and werqued it." —Justin Vivian Bond

"*Take Me There* is a smokin' hot sampling of sassy smart smut that took me where I'd never been before in print--this is the most gender-diverse erotica collection I've ever seen anywhere."

—Susan Stryker, Ph.D. Director, Institute for LGBT Studies, University of Arizona

"Finally, a book that has something for everyone whose gender and sexual fantasies don't fit into the usual boxes. I loved it. WOOF!!"

—Buck Angel@ Pioneering Filmmaker, Educator, and Advocate

"As someone who is androgynous-identified, it feels positively monumental to hold in my hands an erotica anthology where trans* desire is not the token, but the topic! In making our desires visible -- within our own communities and beyond -- our gender expressions, our fantasies, our very lives are made real. *Take Me There* brings us HERE."

—Jiz Lee, GenderQueer Porn Star

"There are multiple theories of desire out there; many histories of sexuality; lots of studies of sexual practices, but, until now, there were few accounts, fictional or otherwise of the multiple ways that queer people eroticize gender variant bodies. This collection is hot and steamy, boiling with new lust, bubbling with new languages of desire, new ways of naming the body, different modes of telling each other "I want you." Ask what you need from this book, it will take you there. I promise."

– Jack Halberstam, author of *Female Masculinity*

"Finally, a satisfying resource that more of us can offer, with a sly smile, when they ask us what exactly we *do* with one another."

—Scott Turner Schofield, author of *Two Truths and a Lie*

"Thought-provoking, unpredictable and idiosyncratic, like all good sex (and writing) should be." — *HX Magazine*

"Powerful, memorable, potent." — *Curve Magazine*

"These women are looking for the edge, and they find it." — *Gay & Lesbian Review*

From the Back Cover

"There was something about the way she touched me that made it clear she was touching the body I felt I had rather than the one I actually had. Oh, my god, her hands felt so good." —from "The Perfect Gentleman" by Andrea Zanin

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