



# BOOK RESUME: I AM JAZZ

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

**The story of a transgender child based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings, who has become a spokesperson for transkids everywhere.**

From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. This confused her family, until they took her to a doctor who said that Jazz was transgender and that she was born that way. Jazz's story is based on her real-life experience and she tells it in a simple, clear way that will be appreciated by picture book readers, their parents, and teachers.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"This is an essential tool for parents and teachers to share with children whether those kids identify as trans or not. I wish I had had a book like this when I was a kid struggling with gender identity questions. I found it deeply moving in its simplicity and honesty."—*Laverne Cox (who plays Sophia in "Orange Is the New Black")*

"Successfully simplify the issue of gender identity for a young audience and their caregivers."—*School Library Journal*

"An empowering, timely story with the power to help readers proclaim, in the words of Jazz's parents, "We understand now."—*Kirkus Reviews*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A 2015 American Library Association Rainbow list Selection
- Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) Choices Selection

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Welcoming Schools Educator Guide](#)
- [Welcoming School National Day of Reading](#)

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