



***I'm Not a Girl: A Transgender Story* by Maddox Lyons and Jessica Verdi, illustrated by Dana Simpson**

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\*Age Range: 3-6 (Suggested by Publisher)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Based on a true transgender identity journey, the picture book *I'm Not a Girl* is an empowering story from writers Maddox Lyons and Jessica Verdi about a boy who is determined to be himself, illustrated by Dana Simpson.

Nobody seems to understand that Hannah is not a girl.

His parents ask why he won't wear the cute outfits they pick out. His friend thinks he must be a tomboy. His teacher insists he should be proud to be a girl.

But a birthday wish, a new word, and a stroke of courage might be just what Hannah needs to finally show the world who he really is.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★"An important book that can serve as a conversation starter with gender-expansive children and as a tool for cis children to build empathy." —*Booklist*, starred review

"Lyons, a 12-year-old trans boy, shares his story in clear, relatable language, sensitively assisted by Verdi and capably supported by Simpson's simple, emotive illustrations: throughout, the protagonist's green eyes express frustration, anxiety, and, finally, happiness." —*Publishers Weekly*

"A lot of work went into this book and it shows." —Betsy Bird, "2020 Books with a Message"

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- A 2021 Rainbow Book List Recommended Reading Selection

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## **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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