



BOOK RESUME:

BORN READY: THE TRUE STORY OF A BOY NAMED PENELOPE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Penelope *knows* that he's a boy. (And a ninja.) The problem is getting everyone else to realize it.

In this exuberant companion to Jodie Patterson's adult memoir, *The Bold World*, Patterson shares her son Penelope's frustrations and triumphs on his journey to share himself with the world. Penelope's experiences show children that it always makes you stronger when you are true to yourself and who you really are.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Warmth and pride in identity radiate from the pages, brightened by the expressive, lively illustrations. . . . This representation of a Black family and transgender child (author Patterson is Penelope's mother) shines with joy and affirmation." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred Review

"A heartening true story for children that offers guidance to caretakers."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"Patterson's closeness to the protagonist (she is the real-life Penelope's mother) makes the first-person narration even more relatable, as we see the world through Penelope's eyes." —*The Horn Book*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- **SELECTION 2022** - Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices - Understanding Oneself and Others
- **SELECTION 2022** - Kansas National Education Association Reading Circle Catalog Primary Level
- **SELECTION 2022** - Notable Books for a Global Society Award

Title: Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope

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Grade Range:

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