

Title: Beyond the Gender

Binary

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# BOOK RESUME: BEYOND THE GENDER BINARY

### **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

In *Beyond the Gender Binary*, poet, artist, and LGBTQIA+ rights advocate Alok Vaid-Menon deconstructs, demystifies, and reimagines the gender binary.

Pocket Change Collective is a series of small books with big ideas from today's leading activists and artists. In this installment, *Beyond the Gender Binary*, Alok Vaid-Menon challenges the world to see gender not in black and white, but in full color. Taking from their own experiences as a gender-nonconforming artist, they show us that gender is a malleable and creative form of expression. The only limit is your imagination.

# **REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

★"An affirming, thoughtful read for all ages." —School Library Journal, starred review

"A fierce, penetrating, and empowering call for change." —  $\it Kirkus~Reviews$ , starred review

# **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

- An ALA Rainbow List selection
- An In the Margins Book Award Nonfiction Recommendation List selection
- A Kirkus Reviews Best Books selection

# **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

- ACLU: Alok Vaid-Menon Wants You to Reimagine Gender
- Teen Vogue: Alok Vaid-Menon's Book is a Guide to Fighting Transphobia
- ALA Booklist feature on the Pocket Change Collective series and creators
- TeachingBooks.net Resources

### **RESPONSES TO CHALLENGES**

 Shawnee Heights school board votes against banning five challenged books

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