



Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Specialist

## Butch/Femme Reading List

*"Femme and butch construct and deconstruct gender - putting on and taking off pieces until we find ourselves and each other. Butch/femme is electric - not a replication of heterosexual experience but a unique dance steeped in ritual and history. Together, we are unstoppable." -Stefani Vargas*

1. Barrie Jean Borich - My Lesbian Husband
2. Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis - Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold The History of a Lesbian Community
3. Heidi Levitt - The Misunderstood Gender
4. Ivan Coyote - The Slow Fix
5. Ivan Coyote & Zena Sherman - Persistence All Ways Butch Femme
6. Jack Halberstam- Female Masculinity
7. Janel Lynn Tortorice - Written on the Body: Butch/femme Lesbian Gender Identity and Biological Correlates
8. Jen Manion - Female Husbands: A Trans History
9. Joan Nestle - The Persistent Desire (1992)
10. JoAnn Loulan - The Lesbian Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme, Androgyny and Other Rhythms
11. Joey F. Cooter - Butch, Femme, or Neither? What Owning These Identities Means
12. Judith Butler - Bodies That Matter
13. Kate Bornstein and S. Bear Bergman - Gender Outlaws The Next Generation
14. Katherine Giunta - Lesbian femininity: Understanding the legitimacy and erasure of queer femmes
15. Laura Harris - Femme: Feminists, Lesbians and Bad Girls
16. Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha - Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming Her Way Home
17. Leslea Newman - Little Butch Book
18. Leslea Newman - The Femme Mystique
19. Leslie Feinberg - Drag King Dreams
20. Leslie Feinberg - Stone Butch Blues
21. Lillian Faderman - Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth-Century America
22. Michelle Gibson and Deborah Meem - Femme/Butch: New Considerations of the Way We Want to Go



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23. Patrick Johnson - No Tea No Shade Black Queer Studies
24. Rhea Ashley Hoskin - Femmephobia: The Role of Anti-Femininity and Gender Policing in LGBTQ+ People's Experiences of Discrimination
25. S. Bear Bergman - Butch is a Noun
26. Sally R. Munt- Butch/Femme: Inside Lesbian Gender