



Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Specialist

Femme Reading List

"Femme is a vibrant and ever-evolving political identity, gender, and/or gender expression which subverts traditional markers of womanhood in order to redefine femininity. Femme allows us to resist white, heterosexist, and patriarchal control while loving our whole selves."

-Stefani Vargas

1. Andi Shwarts - Locating Femme Theory Online
2. Cheris Kramarae, Dale Spender - Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women p.191
3. Chloë Brushwood Rose and Anna Camilleri - Brazen Femme: Queering Femininity
4. Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis - Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold The History of a Lesbian Community
5. Heidi Levitt - The Misunderstood Gender
6. Ivan Coyote & Zena Sherman - Persistence All Ways Butch Femme
7. Joan Nestle - The Persistent Desire
8. Jack Halberstam- Female Masculinity
9. Joey F. Cooter - Butch, Femme, or Neither? What Owning These Identities Means
10. Julia Serrano - Whipping Girl
11. Kate Bornstein - Gender Outlaw
12. Katherine Giunta - Lesbian femininity: Understanding the legitimacy and erasure of queer femmes
13. Laura Harris - Femme: Feminists, Lesbians and Bad Girls
14. Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha - Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming Her Way Home
15. Leslea Newman - The Femme Mystique
16. Michelle Gibson and Deborah Meem - Femme/Butch: New Considerations of the Way We Want to Go
17. Rhea Ashley Hoskin - Femmephobia: The Role of Anti-Femininity and Gender Policing in LGBTQ+ People's Experiences of Discrimination
18. Sally R. Munt- Butch/Femme: Inside Lesbian Gender
19. Sassafras Lowrey - Visible: A Femmethology, Vol 1 & 2
20. Sophie St. Thomas - Being Queer and Femme Means Constantly Coming Out