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This is an important book which throws new light on the transformation of gender in recent years, and on the intimate life of transgendered people. What comes over most strongly in this book is the sheer ordinariness of the intimate needs and desires of transgendered people, and this surely is the most radical insight of all.

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This book is a major contribution to contemporary gender and sexuality studies. At a time when transgender practices are the subject of increasing social and cultural visibility, it marks the first UK study of transgender identity formation. It is also the first examination - anywhere in the world - of transgender practices of intimacy and care.

The author addresses changing government legislation concerning the citizenship rights of transgender people. She examines the impact of legislative shifts upon transgender people's identities, intimate relationships and practices of care and considers the implications for future social policy. The book encompasses key approaches from the fields of psychoanalysis, anthropology, lesbian and gay studies, sociology and gender theory.

Drawing on extensive interviews with transgender people, Transforming Gender offers engaging, moving and, at times, humorous accounts of the experiences of gender transition. Written in an accessible style, it provides a vivid insight into the diversity of living gender in today's world.

The book will be essential reading for students and professionals in sociology, social policy, gender studies and cultural studies as well as those in law, politics and philosophy. It will also be of interest to health and education students, trainers and practitioners.

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