

THIS SWEET, GROUNDBREAKING PICTURE BOOK CELEBRATES THE CHANGES IN A TRANSGENDER BOY'S LIFE, FROM HIS INITIAL COMING-OUT TO BECOMING A BIG BROTHER

When Aidan was born, everyone thought he was a girl. His parents gave him a pretty name, his room looked like a girl's room, and he wore clothes that other girls liked wearing. After he realized he was a trans boy, Aidan and his parents fixed the parts of life that didn't fit anymore, and he settled happily into his new life.

Then Mom and Dad announce that they're going to have another baby, and Aidan wants to do everything he can to make things right for his new sibling from the beginning—from choosing the perfect name to creating a beautiful room to picking out the cutest onesie. But what does "making things right" actually mean? And what happens if he messes up? With a little help, Aidan comes to understand that mistakes can be fixed with honesty and communication, and that he already knows the most important thing about being a big brother: how to love with his whole self.

When Aidan Became a Brother is a heartwarming book that will resonate with transgender children, reassure any child concerned about becoming an older sibling, and celebrate the many transitions a family can experience.

"A thoughtful, delightfully illustrated book about being seen, heard, and loved."

—Jacqueline Woodson, MacArthur Fellow & award-winning author

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AWARDS & ACCOLADES

An American Library Association Stonewall Book Award Winner

A National Council of Teachers of English Charlotte Huck Award Honor Book

An American Library Association Rainbow Book List selection

An Association for Library Service to Children Notable Book

A Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Book

A Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices selection

A Booklist's Editors' Choice

A Kirkus Reviews Best Book

A School Library Journal Best Book

A Chicago Public Library Best Book



4 STARRED REVIEWS!

★ “A heartfelt celebration of love that will be an ideal selection for trans children and for any who are expecting a new sibling.” —*Booklist*, starred review

★ “Sets a new standard of excellence in transgender representation by centering the feelings of Aidan. . . There is more than one way to be a person of any gender. . . Joyful and affirming.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ “Lukoff writes with sensitivity and candor as Aidan takes his first steps toward claiming his identity. . . Emphasizes the importance of learning ‘how to love someone for exactly who they are.’” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ “Nails the nuances of Aidan’s conflict, providing believable reassurance. . . A much-needed and appealing addition to the picture book canon; both emotionally and visually satisfying.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

AUTHOR'S NOTE

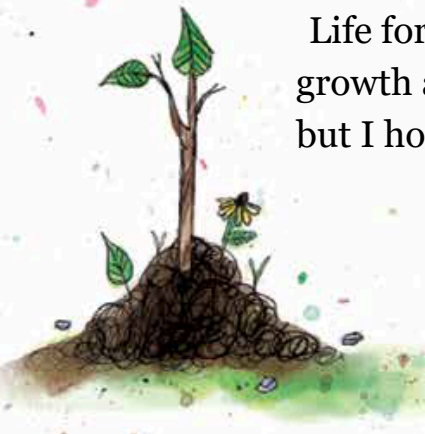
When I was born, everyone thought I was a girl. But my story is very different from Aidan's. I don't have a little sibling (but I do have a big brother!), I liked wearing dresses, and it took me much longer to discover that I was a boy.

Of course, some parts of my story are very much like Aidan's. That might be true for you too. If you're a kid who is transgender like Aidan (or transgender but not like Aidan), I'm hoping this story helps you understand what you're feeling, and helps you talk about it if you're ready.

You might also feel like Aidan in other ways. He knows what it's like to not quite belong, and you might feel that way sometimes too. People don't always see Aidan how he wants to be seen, and you might know what that feels like. Maybe you worry about making mistakes. Aidan is a transgender kid, but he's also just a kid. Like you.

Life for Aidan, and for all different kinds of kids, will be full of growth and change. I don't know what the future holds for him, but I hope he lives in a world that supports and believes in him.

Thank you for helping to create that world.



"This is the best of what picture books can be, melding powerful storytelling with an awareness of what quality representation can do for readers."

—award-winning author Alex Gino



RESOURCES

- [Watch Lee & Low's LGBTQ+ Children's Books: A Conversation with Authors webinar](#)
- [Defending the Early Year's Banned Book Club video](#)
- [Read "Trans Kids Deserve to See Themselves in Children's Books" by Kyle Lukoff in Harper's Bazaar](#)
- [Lee & Low's Teacher's Guide](#)
- [Lee & Low's LGBTQ+ Book List](#)
- [Reading Is Fundamental's Educator Lesson Plan & Activities](#)
- [National Council of Teachers of English's Reading When Aidan Became a Brother with Elementary Students Blog Post](#)
- [Learning To Give's Literature Guide](#)



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