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The Book That Will Put Trans Erotica On the Map

As publishers of provocative and intelligent books in sexuality, gender studies, and erotica, Cleis Press is proud to present *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica*, the latest groundbreaking anthology from accomplished author, columnist, and sex educator Tristan Taormino.

Take Me There is a collection that’s by, for, and about transfolk, genderqueers, gender outlaws, and gender variant folks—people who challenge and defy rigid gender constructions. In mainstream media, the erotic identities, sex lives, and fantasies of transgender and genderqueer people are often oversimplified, sensationalized, or invisible. *Take Me There* is an erotica collection unlike any other that celebrates the pleasure, heat, and diversity of transgender and genderqueer sexualities. The power of seeing and being seen is a central theme in the anthology; it’s not simply about passing or not passing (an idea often explored with transgender characters), but about being acknowledged and desired in a sexual context.

The book takes you from San Francisco to Israel, from heartache to lust, from stranger sex to a 10 year anniversary, from ballet shoes to butt plug bondage tables, from fumbling teenagers to leatherclad bears, from MTF and FTM—and in between and beyond. It features original pieces by renowned authors Kate Bornstein, Patrick Califia, S. Bear Bergman, Ivan Coyote, Julia Serano, Laura Antoniou, Helen Boyd, Rachel Kramer Bussel, Toni Amato, Alicia E. Goranson, and more. Their erotic stories buck tradition and show that gender identities don’t need to be fixed or “revealed” in order to describe the lust, the passion, the burning desires of their subjects: in other words, like any good erotic tale, they’re ultimately about sex.

About the Author: Tristan Taormino is a celebrated sex writer and educator. She has edited sixteen editions of *Best Lesbian Erotica* and authored *The Ultimate Guide to Anal Sex for Women*, for which she also directed the adult video. A former columnist for *The Village Voice*, she has a column in *Taboo* and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Redbook*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Glamour*, and *Playboy*. She has appeared on CNN, MTV, and the Discovery Channel.

“Tristan Taormino has found my ‘V’ spot and werqued it.” –Justin Vivian Bond

“*Take Me There* is a smokin’ hot sampling of sassy smut...the most gender–diverse erotica collection I’ve ever seen.” –Susan Stryker, author of *Transgender History*

“This collection is hot and steamy, boiling with new lust, bubbling with new languages of desire, new ways of naming the body, different modes of telling each other ‘I want you.’ Ask what you need from this book, it will take you there. I promise.” –Jack Halberstam, author of *Female Masculinity*

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