LOOKING AT GENDER IDENTITY WITH BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

10,000 Dresses. Marcus Ewert. (1 – 3)
A modern fairy tale about becoming the person you feel you are inside. While Bailey dreams of beautiful dresses, no one wants to hear about it because he is a boy. Then an older girl comes along who is inspired by Bailey and they make beautiful dresses together.

The Adventures of Tulip, Birthday Wish Fairy. S. Bear Bergman. (Pre-K – 3)
Follow Tulip as he helps out with the birthday wishes of all the nine-year-olds in North America. Tulip receives a wish from a child known as David who wishes to live as Daniela. He doesn't understand how to help, so he seeks the wise counsel of the Wish Fairy Captain.

All I Want To Be Is Me. Phyllis Rothblatt. (Pre-K – 3)
Gives voice to the feelings of children who don’t fit typical gender stereotypes, and who just want to be free to be themselves. Includes children who are fluid in their gender identity, as well as those that feel that their body doesn’t match who they really are.

Be Who You Are. Jennifer Carr. (1 – 4)
Nick starts school as a boy but draws a self-portrait as a girl because that’s how he feels inside. Nick’s family shows love and understanding. He works with a gender counselor meeting other children who have similar feelings. Deciding to be called Hope, Hope’s parents then work with the school to help with the adjustment.

The Boy in the Dress. David Williams. (5 – 7)
Dennis’s Dad is depressed since his Mom left and his brother is a bully. But at least he has soccer. Then he discovers he enjoys wearing a dress. Told with humor and respect.

I am Jazz. Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. (K – 5)
From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys’ clothing. Based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings.

Jacob’s New Dress. Sarah and Ian Hoffman. (Pre-K – 2)
Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? Speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don't identify with traditional gender roles.

My Princess Boy. Cheryl Kilodavis, Aladdin. (Pre-K – 1)
Dyson loves pink, sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses. Sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees. He’s a Princess Boy.

Play Free. McNall Mason and Max Suarez. (Pre-K – 1)
Journey in to the life and mind of a young gender variant boy who wants to be treated fairly and accepted for who he is. Colorful illustrations of assorted beings.

Riding Freedom. Pam Muñoz Ryan. (4 – 6)
A fictionalized account of the true story of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, lived as a boy, moved to California, and became a stagecoach driver.