



# Blessings Beyond the Binary

Transparent and the Queer Jewish Family

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## DESCRIPTION

*Transparent* made history as the first television show to feature a transgender character in the main role, as the first streaming series to win the Golden Globe for Best Television Series, and as, in the words of journalist Debra Nussbaum Cohen, “the Jewiest show ever.” No television show in history has depicted the lives of American Jews with as much attention to Jewish rituals, quirks, or culture. And no series has portrayed issues of gender and sexuality alongside Judaism with such nuance and depth, making *Transparent* a landmark series in the history of television.

*Blessings beyond the Binary* brings together leading scholars to analyze and offer commentary on what scholar Josh Lambert calls “the most important work of Jewish culture of the century so far.” The book explores the show’s depiction of Jewish life, religion, and history, as well as *Transparent*’s scandals and criticisms and how it fits into and diverges from today’s transgender and queer politics.

The first book to focus on *Transparent*, *Blessings beyond the Binary* offers a rich analysis of the groundbreaking series and its connections to contemporary queer, trans, and Jewish life.

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