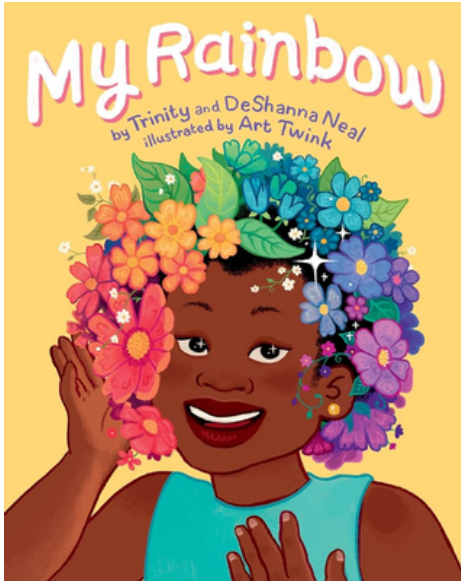
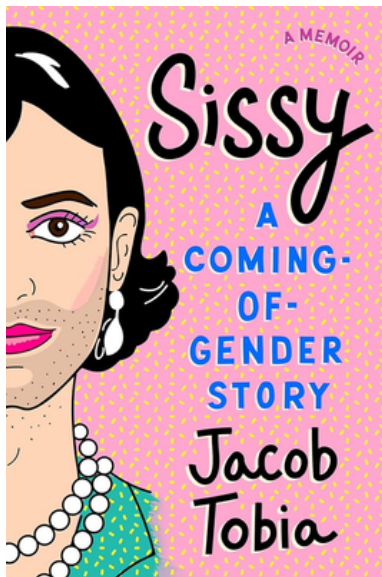


CELEBRATE YOU!



As our book of the month choices demonstrate, self-identity can be expressed in many ways, and personal style can play a huge role in how we choose to present ourselves to the world. Maybe you connect with Trinity Neal, whose use of wigs helps connect you to your identity or experiment with other versions of yourself. Or maybe you're inspired by Jacob Tobia, who blends traditional feminine and masculine clothing, creating somewhere in between styles that feel true to you.

To celebrate your personal journey and identity, our project is to create a self-portrait highlighting whatever it is that makes you unique. Consider Trinity's family's wig options before creating a one-of-a-kind rainbow or try sketching the fabulous outfits Jacob assembles as they continue to live their truth. This is your opportunity to use art to express who you are or who you are working on becoming. Experiment with forms of expression that present a self-portrait the celebrates YOU.



June Book of the Month

Our adult selection continue the celebration of gender nonconformity. "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" is a memoir by writer, producer and performer Jacob Tobia, who calls out gender stereotypes by exploring their childhood and upbringing. This book is for everyone and encourages all readers to reframe their perspective about gender, both their own and that of others.

"My Rainbow" celebrates how a supportive family can help a transgender child grow in confidence and allow them to show up as their full, authentic self. The mother-daughter writing team of DeShanna and Trinity Neal use their life experiences to advocate for Black and transgender rights and awareness. Illustrator Art Twink provides beautiful artwork to bring this story to life.