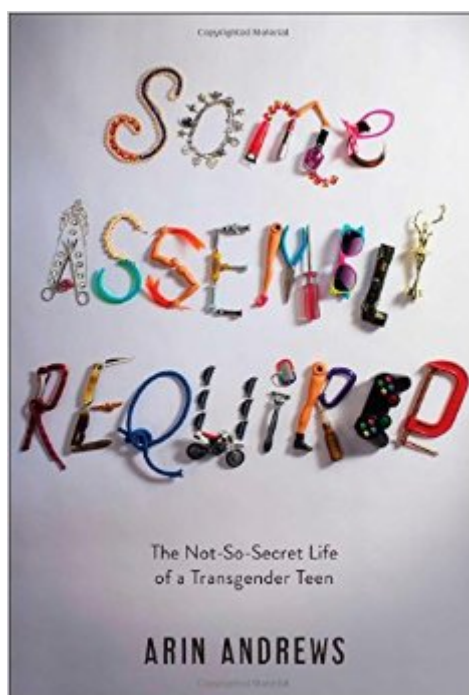


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# Some Assembly Required: The Not-So-Secret Life Of A Transgender Teen



## Synopsis

Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this winning memoir. We've all felt uncomfortable in our own skin at some point, and we've all been told that it's just a part of growing up. • But for Arin Andrews, it wasn't a phase that would pass. He had been born in the body of a girl and there seemed to be no relief in sight | In this revolutionary memoir, Arin details the journey that led him to make the life-transforming decision to undergo gender reassignment as a high school junior. In his captivatingly witty, honest voice, Arin reveals the challenges he faced as a girl, the humiliation and anger he felt after getting kicked out of his private school, and all the changes "both mental and physical" he experienced once his transition began. Arin also writes about the thrill of meeting and dating a young transgender woman named Katie Hill | and the heartache that followed after they broke up. *Some Assembly Required* is a true coming-of-age story about knocking down obstacles and embracing family, friendship, and first love. But more than that, it is a reminder that self-acceptance does not come ready-made with a manual and spare parts. Rather, some assembly is always required.

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Here we have Arin Andrews, a trans guy who was kind enough to invite us into his world. And though he's trans and that's unfamiliar to a lot of people, his life is about as ordinary as can be, complete with relationship troubles, school stress, prom disasters, and self-consciousness. What's extraordinary about him--and about his journey--is the ease with which he invites us into his world

without pretense, refusing to cast himself as "inspirational" while still acknowledging that he knows people will look up to him as he looks up to others who paved the way for him. I really remembered what it was like to be a teenager when I read his book. I wasn't trans, but I had similar issues with feeling like I was trapped sometimes and that weird feeling of desperation that seems so pointless now--this feeling like you're going to be stuck as a kid forever and other people are always going to control your life, and this bursting sense of impatience and despair that comes with not being able to be YOU. As an adult, it's tempting to look back and say "where was that even coming from?" and "why was I so anxious about it?" but that is your whole reality when you're a teen, and anybody who would try to stand over you and tell you your feelings aren't serious or aren't real or lack perspective would just be part of the problem. This is how teenagers are and it is not silly. It is why trans kids who don't have support commit suicide so often. I loved that his mom eventually came around and became supportive, and I love that he acknowledged this doesn't happen for everyone and how lucky he is.

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