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*"I've been called a he-she, butch, bulldagger, cross-dresser, passing woman, female-to-male transvestite, and drag....I prefer to describe myself as transgender."*

—Leslie Feinberg



Dear Friends:

Leslie Feinberg is *out*. In the tradition of Edmund White's *This Boy's Life* and Paul Monette's *Becoming a Man*, Feinberg's long-awaited book, *TRANSGENDER WARRIORS: A History of Resistance from Joan of Arc to RuPaul* reveals the remarkable story of one person's journey to self-discovery and liberation. And, as Feinberg discovers, hers is not a unique journey, but one that has roots throughout history and in cultures around the world. I'm pleased to enclose a copy for your review.

Filled with more than 100 (many never before published) illustrations of transgenders around the world, *TRANSGENDER WARRIORS* marks the coming out of a people previously unknown except to a very few. Yet, as Leslie Feinberg discovered through years of research, gender "outlaws" are a part of our everyday lives.

During lonely childhood and teenage years in Buffalo, NY, Feinberg began to search history for others like hir. What s/he found was a long tradition of fighting back against injustice—from Joan of Arc, who was burned at the stake because she refused to stop dressing in traditional male garb, to cross-dressed warriors who fought in 19th-century Ireland and Wales. For hundreds of years, Feinberg argues, individuals who have resisted gender conventions have helped to shape history, and must be received as heroes and visionaries.

Leslie Feinberg is the author of the underground classic *Stone Butch Blues*, winner of the ALA Gay and Lesbian Literature Award and the Lambda Literary Award. As one of our leading transgender activists, Feinberg has developed an international reputation as spokesperson for people who cross the cultural boundaries of gender.

All of us at Beacon are especially pleased to include this ground-breaking project on our spring list. Your organization has been listed as a resource in *TRANSGENDER WARRIORS*, and we'd like to help you make the book available to your members by offering you substantial discounts as detailed by the enclosed discount schedule. Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 742-2110, extension 573, for any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica Mann".

Jessica Mann  
Special Sales Manager

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