

APPENDIX I

SYNOPSIS *DETRANSITION, BABY*

Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters is a novel, the main character of this novel is Reese. A transgender woman and also the former partner of Amy (a detransition), who lived as a man and became Ames. Reese deeply values motherhood as part of her identity as a woman and hopes to have a baby. Because Reese is unable to get pregnant, she is instead in the field of childcare and mentors other young transgender women, including Ames, while appearing to work as a transgender woman. They (Ames and Reese) were in their thirties and settled in Brooklyn. After their relationship ended, Reese and Ames had been estranged due to Ames' decision to detransition three years prior. Although he was convinced that he was not a man, he was still unsure of his gender identity. Because of the relationship that is too complicated with her gender.

Ames reconnects with Reese, who has long wanted a child of her own, confident that they (Ames and Reese) can form an unconventional family to raise a baby together. Reese also had complicated relationships with others, including having sex with a married man, while Ames tried to live his life as a man again. Reese is the main character in this novel who yearns to be a mother, with the story focusing on her desire for motherhood and her complicated relationships with others. Reese's story illustrates important themes about gender roles, identity, and relationships.

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Torrey Peters was an American writer. Peters was born in July 1981 in Evanston, Illinois. Her father is a professor and her mother is a lawyer. Peters grew and flourished in a community that was neither deeply religious nor socially liberal, and she didn't know the word "trans" until she became an adult.

She grew up in Chicago, then went to college at Hampshire College. During her youth, she traveled to the Dominican Republic as an exchange student and later lived in Cameroon and Uganda. Peters graduated from Iowa University with an MFA degree, and a MA degree in Comparative Literature of Dartmouth College.

Peters' first novel *Detransition, Baby*, published by Penguin Random House in 2021, also received critical success as well as praise for compiling gender exploration, parenthood, and love. It was the first time Peters had published with the mainstream publisher, and of course it was also one of the first time the "great five" publishers would release the novel by an open trans writer.

The *Detransition, Baby* was nominated for female fiction award in 2021, making Peters the first open transgender woman to be nominated for the award. Peters' leaders on the long list of controversy produced by those who did not consider her to be a woman. A letter stated that she was "a man" and therefore did not qualify for the award.