

# 13 Transgender Science Fiction Tales with Mostly Happy Endings

Transgender people have always been a part of human society, but their stories have often been marginalized or ignored. In recent years, there has been a growing movement to increase the visibility of transgender people in all aspects of life, including in the arts and entertainment. As a result, there are now more transgender characters appearing in books, movies, and television shows than ever before.



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Science fiction is a genre that has always been open to exploring new ideas and perspectives. This makes it a perfect genre for telling transgender stories. Transgender science fiction can explore the experiences of transgender people in a variety of settings, from the near future to the far future. These stories can offer a glimpse into the

challenges and triumphs of transgender people, and they can celebrate the diversity of the transgender community.

Here are 13 transgender science fiction tales with mostly happy endings:

1. **The Left Hand of Darkness** by Ursula K. Le Guin (1969)

This classic science fiction novel tells the story of Genly Ai, a human envoy sent to the planet Winter to establish diplomatic relations with the Gethenians. The Gethenians are a race of hermaphrodites who can change their sex at will. Ai must learn to adapt to the Gethenian culture and way of life, and he comes to appreciate the diversity of gender expression.

2. **The Dream Masters** by Roger Zelazny (1966)

This novel tells the story of Sharra, a young woman who is kidnapped by aliens and taken to a planet where she is trained to become a Dream Master. Dream Masters are able to enter the dreams of others and manipulate them. Sharra uses her powers to help others, but she must also confront her own past and her own identity.

3. **The Fifth Head of Cerberus** by Gene Wolfe (1972)

This novel tells the story of Severian, a young man who is apprenticed to the torturer of the Autarch, the ruler of the solar system. Severian is a complex and conflicted character, and he must come to terms with his own sexuality and identity. The novel explores the themes of gender, identity, and power.

4. **The Female Man** by Joanna Russ (1975)

This novel tells the story of four women from different time periods who are all named Jael. The novel explores the experiences of women in a variety of societies, and it challenges traditional notions of gender roles. The novel is a classic of feminist science fiction.

5. **The Wanderground** by Patricia A. McKillip (1993)

This novel tells the story of Raederle, a young woman who is kidnapped and taken to the Wanderground, a magical realm where time and space are fluid. Raederle must learn to survive in the Wanderground and find her way home. The novel explores the themes of identity, loss, and redemption.

6. **Middlesex** by Jeffrey Eugenides (2002)

This novel tells the story of Calliope Stephanides, a young woman who is born with both male and female genitalia. Calliope is raised as a boy, but she always feels like she is different. Eventually, she undergoes surgery to become a woman. The novel explores the themes of gender identity, sexuality, and family.

7. **Luna: New Moon** by Ian McDonald (2015)

This novel tells the story of Adrian, a young man who is traveling to the moon to work on a new lunar colony. Adrian is transgender, and he must confront the challenges of being transgender in a new and unfamiliar environment. The novel explores the themes of identity, prejudice, and acceptance.

8. **The Fifth Season** by N.K. Jemisin (2015)

This novel tells the story of Essun, a woman who is a skilled orogene, a person who can control the earth's tectonic plates. Essun must use her powers to save her people from a cataclysmic event. The novel explores the themes of race, gender, and identity.

9. **The City in the Middle of the Night** by Charlie Jane Anders (2019)

This novel tells the story of Sophie, a young woman who lives in a city that is located on the dark side of a planet. Sophie is transgender, and she must find her place in a society that is hostile to transgender people. The novel explores the themes of identity, acceptance, and community.

10. **The Galaxy, and the Ground Within** by Becky Chambers (2019)

This novel tells the story of Pei, a young woman who is



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