

# Gender in History

## TRANSGENDER ANCESTORS=TR/ANCESTORS

In every color of the human rainbow,  
In every time in history,  
In every country of the world,  
In every class of work,  
Every Everybody,

There are always transgender people!  
Transgender people are kings and queens,  
soldiers and artists,  
ambassadors and doctors.

There are times and places where transgender  
people

have special positions in their communities.

Their words and understanding carry  
important meaning for their people.

Learning about transgender ancestors and  
other traditions

teaches us not only about the lives of other  
people, but also about our own lives  
and the many possibilities available to us.



### Hopi Hairstyle:

transgender expression in  
hairstyle, worn half up like a  
woman's and half down like a man's  
as was traditional for their culture.



1479 BC-1458 BC

### King

**Hatshepsut: EGYPT**/Egyptologists  
consider Hatshepsut one of the most  
successful pharaohs. He was not the  
first female to rule as king.

*Native  
Americans believe  
transgender people are  
"honored...they participate in all religious  
ceremonies, and this profession of an  
extraordinary life causes them to be regarded as  
people of a higher order." (quoted from a French  
missionary in 1724) Over 135 North American Tribes  
honored multiple gender roles. This is also found  
throughout Africa, Brazil, Haiti, Chile, Argentina,  
Colombia, Venezuela...*

*Some of the names for  
transgender people in different  
cultures can be found  
on the cover of this  
book.*

