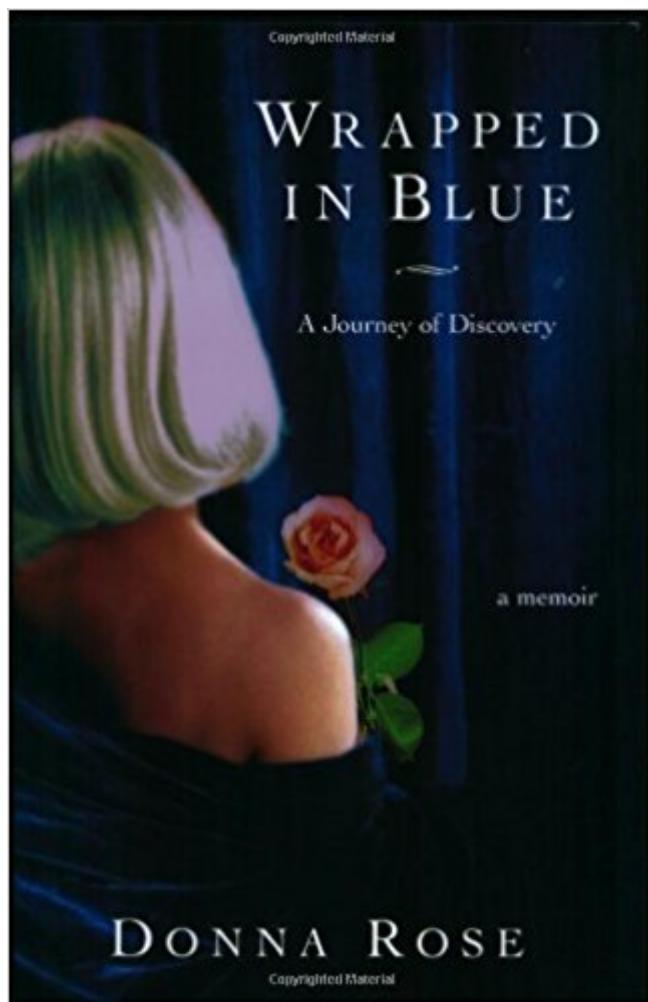


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# Wrapped In Blue: A Journey Of Discovery



## **Synopsis**

Wrapped In Blue is Donna Rose's deeply personal memoir of self-discovery. The emotional story of her courageous and difficult journey across the gender line challenges the reader to consider life, love and gender in a new and insightful way. In the process, it provides a unique, intriguing, and sometimes humorous perspective on the differences between men and women.

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This book reads with a clear honesty which brings to light its trenchant, powerful story in a captivating way. -- Kate Davis, Producer/Director "Southern Comfort" Transitioning through gender reassignment, hers is a solid, heartfelt awakening of femininity and masculinity. Hope is buoyed for us all. -- Gianne E. Israel, Author/Gender Specializing Counselor&#x85;the crossing of the inviolable gender border...takes on the beautiful mythic proportion of the hero's journey. -- Randi Ettner, PhD, Author

Donna Rose has a remarkable story. For her first 40 years she lived a successful and seemingly full life as a man. She was a world-class collegiate athlete, a husband, a father and a successful businessman. That world imploded under her need to explore and reconcile vexing gender confusion that had plagued her since childhood. Donna's transformation has been extraordinary. Very few who meet her today have any clue about her unique pedigree. She is a noted speaker and educator, as well as an advocate for transgender and diversity issues. She actively promotes the

power of the human spirit, and the ability that each of us has to define and manage our lives.

Many people aspire to write a book, yet so many lack either a meaningful and moving story to tell, or they lack the literary skill to bring it off. I'm happy to report that Donna Rose manages marvelously in both departments. As someone formally trained in writing and story analysis, and who has several decades of paid journalistic experience, I'm always pleased to see someone with the chops to tell a story well. Good use of structure, balance of narrative and dialogue, of exposition and emotion, and an unwavering focus on story, make this book a fast and compelling read. That alone is worth the cover price. Equally attractive is Rose's unflinching honesty, her willingness to admit mistakes she's made and to not blame others when it wasn't due. Her tale doesn't wallow in victimhood or self-pity, just what reads as a fair and even recollection of feelings, some quite painful and infuriating, yet also filled with elation and joy. One of the mistakes some trans authors make is to spend too much time dwelling on gender theory or justifying their existence or otherwise losing focus on their journey. Happily, Rose has attained an effective balance of explaining without justifying, extolling without preaching, and informing without lecturing. For any non-trans person who wants to understand one of the common trajectories of a transsexual woman's experience -- a person who fought for decades against the distressing feelings common to those born into the wrong body, and who then finally accepted and embraced their womanhood -- "Wrapped in Blue" is as good as an example as one could hope for.

This was the very first book I read on the issue of transsexuality and transgenderism. As I read each chapter I found that it was very easy to relate to or empathize with the feelings and issues that the author was describing and living through. This was not a "how great it is to be transgender book" but rather a true look at the struggles and challenges faced not only by the author but by her family as well. At times the author struggled with her decision to transition so much so that at one point she even had surgery to remove her breast implants only to have them put in again. I recommend this book for anyone struggling with transgenderism or for anyone that knows someone who is or would just like to better understand those who are. When you read it keep an open mind and an open heart. Since reading this book I have had the opportunity to meet and share a birthday dinner with the author, her mother and her sister. The experience was truly enjoyable.

I first read "Wrapped in Blue" a month into my transition -- months before hormone therapy and long before any surgery. I cried when I read it and I think I underlined half the book. Now, after HRT, FFS

& SRS, I went back and reread this book. As much as it meant to me when I first read it, I now have an even greater appreciation for what Donna wrote. Every transsexual has a different set of experiences, but Donna's story contains so many universal elements. In many ways, Donna's story is my story and the story of many of my friends. It is such a basic human story. Most people will never understand why we need to transition, but they understand how it feels to be lost and unhappy. We each undertake an incredible journey to find ourselves. While transsexuals end up at a place that is foreign to most people, the idea of undertaking such a journey is universal. That is the story that Donna tells. I recommend this book to transwomen just starting transition because of its honesty. I also recommend Jenny Boylan's book — *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*. For friends and family I recommend Joanne Herman's — *Transgender Explained For Those Who Are Not*.

Donna Rose undergoes one of the most incredible physical transformations I've ever seen. The before and after pictures are truly striking, in a good way. I also thought it was amazing that at one point she "caved" and started to de-transition by having her breast implants removed only to eventually have them put back in again.

This book touched me to my soul!! This book is a close second to Annah Moore's book. The soulfulness that she puts into this story is profound and I thank Donna for this. She puts her very life before you and focuses on the important things in life, such as love and relationships. She shares her joys and her sorrows and I am coming away with a deeper understanding of the Transsexual Journey. I also learned a few things about surgery in this book which were enlightening, so that is good. Donna says, the transsexual journey is not about gender but about self and I could not agree more! Our journey is one of self discovery and self expression, gender is just part of that.

I've known Donna for some few years. This look into her journey was enlightening. Everyone of us in the lgbt community can relate to and understand her inner conflicts and the ultimate resolution. For those who are not in this community, the insights can be very helpful in a better understanding of us. We are who we are. We become what we must. Donna did and I am very happy for her.

Very worthwhile read for anyone considering transition. A real warts and all personal example of the nitty-gritty of transition.

A book that gives people insight as to what a person goes through when attempting gender re-assignment. One usually has to be prepared to give up on what is close and dear to achieve what their goal is. This book can be a great help to others either taking or contemplating this path. Best of luck to Donna and to all others!

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