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## Normal Transsexual CEOs, Crossdressing Cops, and Hermaphrodites with Attitude

By Amy Bloom

Vintage. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 176 pages. Dimensions: 8.0in. x 5.1in. x 0.5in. Amy Bloom has won a devoted readership and wide critical acclaim for fiction of rare humor, insight, grace, and eloquence, and the same qualities distinguish *Normal*, a provocative, intimate journey into the lives of people who reveal, or announce, that their gender is variegated rather than monochromatic female-to-male transsexuals, heterosexual crossdressers, and the intersexed. We meet Lyle Monelle and his mother, Jessie, who recognized early on that her little girl was in fact a boy and used her life savings to help Lyle make the transition. On a Carnival cruise with a group of crossdressers and their spouses, we meet Peggy Rudd and her husband, Melanie, who devote themselves to the cause of ordinary heterosexual men with an additional feminine dimension. And we meet Hale Hawbecker, a regular, middle-of-the-road, white-bread guy with a wife, kids, and a medical condition, the standard treatment for which would have changed his life and his gender. Casting light into the dusty corners of our assumptions about sex, gender and identity, Bloom reveals new facets to the ideas of happiness, personality and character, even as she brilliantly illuminates the very concept of normal....



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