



Beyond Binary

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- **Beyond Binary** is a choir of many voices from different generations, backgrounds and identities who share how gender identities beyond binary boundaries can be experienced, lived, questioned and rethought

The photo book **Beyond Binary** invites readers on a journey into a utopia of gender diversity, transcending the conventional male/female gender norm. It showcases the visibility, self-determination, and empowerment of people with (trans*) non-binary gender identities across several generations.

The people featured in Beyond Binary are aged between 15 and 72 years. They reveal that gender is an infinite spectrum, where “male” and “female” are merely two poles. In addition to their portraits, the individuals provide us with deep personal and unfiltered insights into their various lived experiences and emotional states through handwritten letters. These insights cover not only gender diversity, but also topics such as neurodiversity, ableism, racism, polyamorous family structures, parenthood, ageing, trauma, and discrimination —along with questions of freedom and autonomy.

Text in English and German.

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