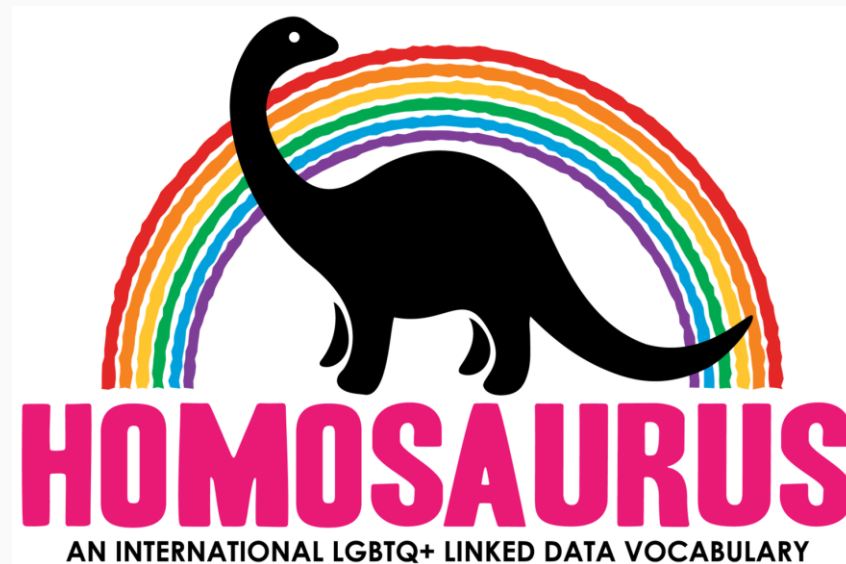


# Meet Homosaurus!

An international, linked-data vocabulary for LGBTQ+ terms • est. 1997



[homosaurus.org](http://homosaurus.org)

# Samples from the alphabetical list of Homosaurus terms

- 2SLGBTQ+
- 5-alpha reductase deficiency
- 69ing
- Aboriginal Australian asexual people
- Aboriginal Australian bisexual people
- Aboriginal Australian gay men
- Aboriginal Australian intersex people
- Aboriginal Australian lesbians
- Aboriginal Australian LGBTQ+ people
- Aboriginal Australian queer people
- Aboriginal Australian transgender people
- Acault
- Actorfic
- Adopted LGBTQ+ people
- Adoptive parenthood
- Adoptive parents
- Ae/Aer/Aerself (Pronouns)
- African American asexual people
- African American bisexual people
- African American gay men
- African American intersex people
- African American lesbians

- Maldivian queer people
- Maldivian transgender people
- Male bonding
- Male gaze
- Male impersonators
- Male prostitutes
- Male prostitution
- Mangaiko
- Manual sex
- Marital status
- Marriage
- Marriage certificates
- Marriage law
- Marriage licenses
- Married people
- Masculine of center
- Masculinities
- Masculinizing vocal surgery
- Mashoga
- Masochism
- Masquerading
- Massage

- XXYY syndrome
- Yan daudu
- Yaoi
- Yaoi fandom
- Yiff
- Yīnyáng rén
- Yo/Yo/Yosself (Pronouns)
- Youth
- Yuri
- Yuri fandom
- Zaps
- Ze/Hir/Hirself (Pronouns)
- Ze/Mer/Zemself (Pronouns)
- Ze/Zem/Zirself (Pronouns)
- Ze/Zir/Zirself (Pronouns)
- Zee/Zed/Zedself (Pronouns)
- Zenanas
- Zie/Hir/Hirself (Pronouns)
- Zie/Zem/Zirself (Pronouns)
- Zie/Zir/Zirself (Pronouns)
- Zme/Zmyr/Zmyrself (Pronouns)

For each term, Homosaurus provides a preferred version, alternates you might see, scope notes...

Preferred Term

African American asexual people English

Alternative Term (Use For)

African American ace people English  
Asexual African American people English  
Asexual African Americans English

Description (Scope Note)

Asexual people of African descent born in the United States or asexual people born in African countries who live in or have a strong connection to the United States. Use for individuals who self-identity as African American. Follow the individual's preference for African American or Black whenever possible.

...sometimes an additional history note, and broader, narrow, and/or related terms.

### History Note

To acknowledge their multiple marginalization, terms for people of color who are LGBTQ+ use the following format: Racial or ethnic identity followed by gender or sexual identity (e.g., Black lesbians).

### Broader Terms

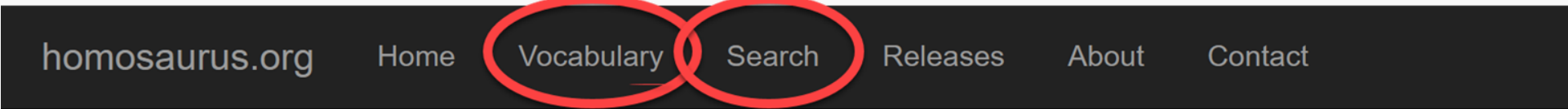
African American LGBTQ+ people

## Hierarchy Display:

African American LGBTQ+ people

**African American asexual people**

Navigation menu at top of each page: **Vocabulary** takes you to the alpha list; **Search** locates keywords.

The list of terms and the description fields are both searched.  
Use asterisk for variant word endings:  
cosplay\* will retrieve cosplaying.

## Search Results for: androgyn\*

Androgynous people

**Description:** People who have a non-binary gender that includes masculine and feminine traits.

Androgynos

## What sorts of terms are included? Amazing breadth, depth, and degree of nuance.

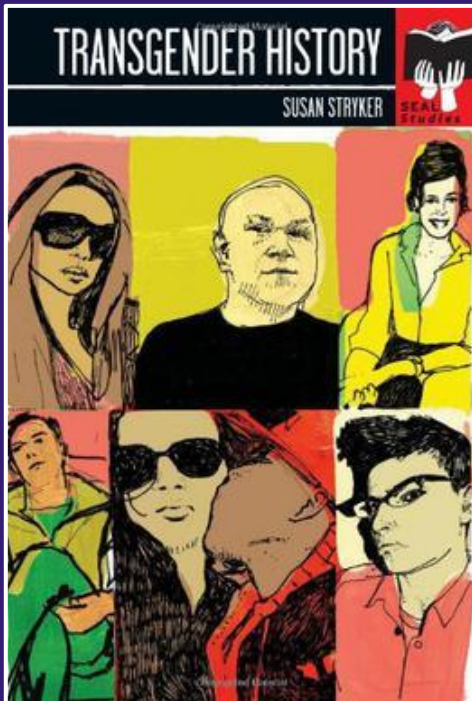
- Sexual orientation
  - Gender identity
  - Sexual practices
  - Pronoun sets
  - Terms from popular culture & fandom culture
  - Non-Western cultures' terms for gender-non-conforming social roles & individuals
  - Scores of terms representing topics that LCSH would lump into the category "social life and customs"
- Terms for intersection of LGBTQ+ identity with other elements of a person's identity:
    - Ethnicity
    - Nationality
    - Occupation
    - Religion
    - Disability status
    - And more!

# How to code terms from Homosaurus

- Use 650 (subject added entry: topical term)
- 1st indicator blank
- 2nd indicator 7 (“source indicated in #2”)
- #2 homoit after the topical term
  
- **650 \_7 Neopronouns #2 homoit**

Do not use the 653 field, which is for uncontrolled terms.  
Homosaurus is a controlled vocabulary.

**LCSH vs.  
Homosaurus:  
Homosaurus offers  
more precise subject  
terms**



**Chapter titles from *Transgender History* (1st edition, 2008)**

1. Introduction to Transgender Terms and Concepts
2. A Hundred Years of Transgender History
3. Transgender Liberation
4. The Difficult Decades
5. The Current Wave

**LCSH in MSU's catalog:**

- 650 \_0 Gender nonconformity †x History
- 650 \_0 Gender identity †x History
- 650 \_0 Transgender people †x History

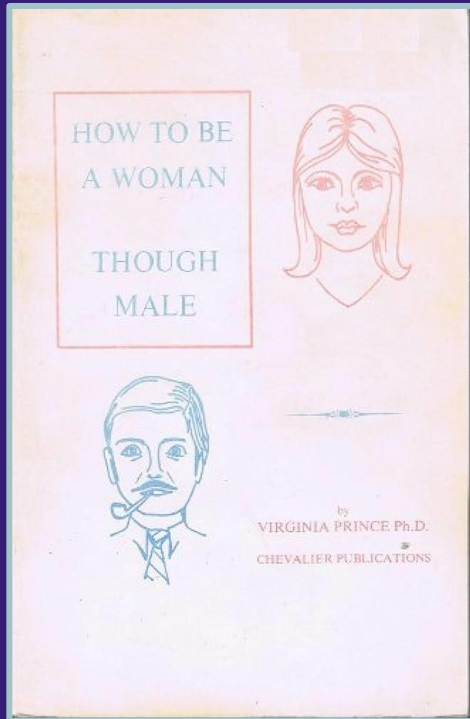
**Terms available in Homosaurus:**

- 650 \_7 Transgender identity †2 homoit
- 650 \_7 Transgender people †2 homoit
- 650 \_7 Anti-transgender discrimination †2 homoit
- 650 \_7 Anti-transgender violence †2 homoit
- 650 \_7 Gender-affirming surgery †2 homoit



# LCSH vs. Homosaurus:

## Terms applied to a historical work

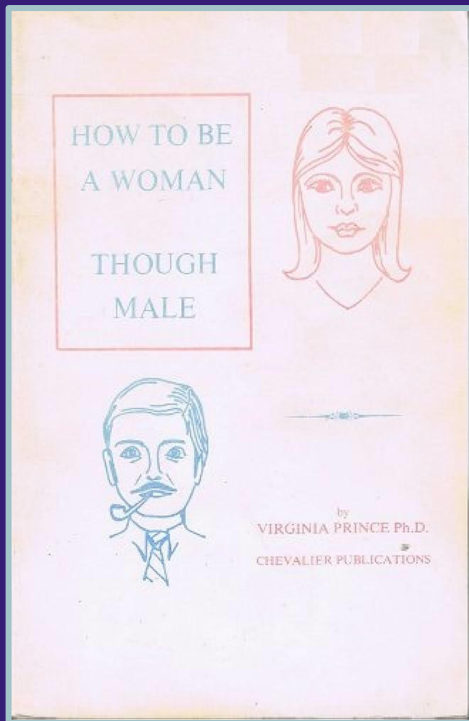


## Chapter titles from *How to Be a Woman, Though Male* (1971)

1. Introduction to cross-dressing
2. Physical modifications of the body
3. Your crowning glory: your wig
4. Cosmetics: type and proper use
5. Clothing and costume
6. Accessory items
7. Jewelry and ornamentation
8. Feminine attitudes and points of view
9. Behavior patterns
10. Public conduct
11. Legal matters
12. Sex and gender
13. Change of gender: full time woman
14. Change of sex through surgery

**LCSH vs. Homosaurus:**

**Eliminating terms now  
considered offensive**



**LCSH headings assigned to this book in MSU's catalog:**

650 \_0 Cross-dressing

650 \_0 Transsexualism

650 \_0 Transsexuals

**Homosaurus provides very close parallels:**

650 \_7 Crossdressing †2 homoit

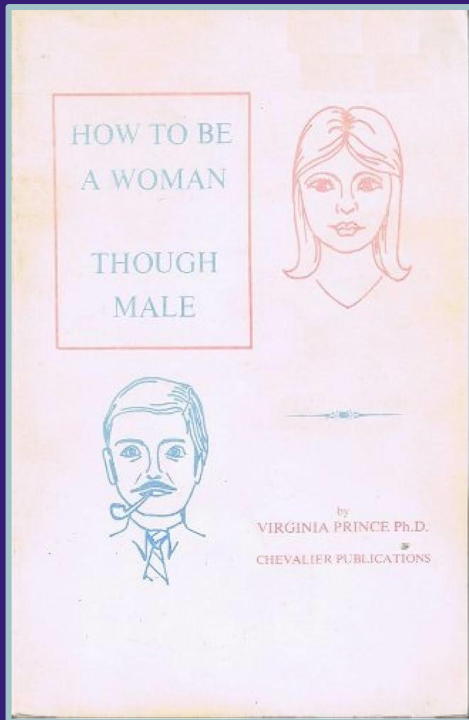
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650 \_7 Transsexual people †2 homoit

**But...**

## LCSH vs. Homosaurus:

### Eliminating terms now considered offensive, part 2

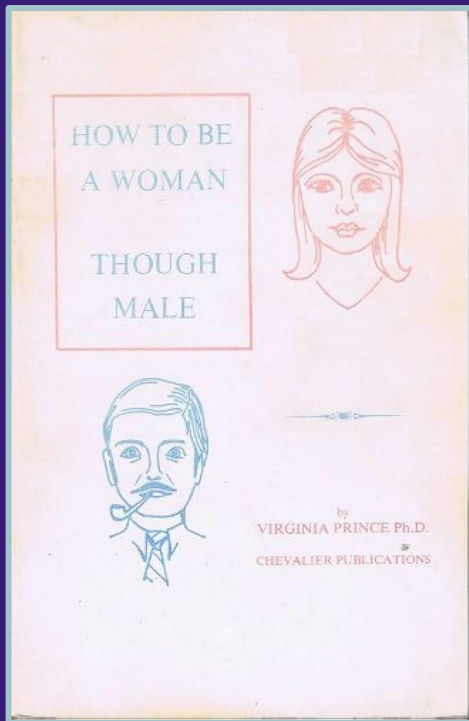


Homosaurus provides this definition:

**“Transsexual people:** Individuals who transition from female to male or male to female. Generally refers to individuals who transition their physical bodies to align with their gender identities. *Though this term was popular in the 20th century and is still in use today, it has been largely replaced by "transgender people" and "trans people." Some but not all people regard this term as outdated and offensive. Only use to describe people who self-identify as transsexual.*”

## LCSH vs. Homosaurus:

### Eliminating terms now considered offensive, part 3



So instead of Transsexual people, Homosaurus suggests **Transgender people**.

However, in the definition for that term, Homosaurus suggests looking for more specific terms:

**“Transgender people:** Broad term for people *who do not conform to their gender assigned at birth.* Add more specific terms when possible.”

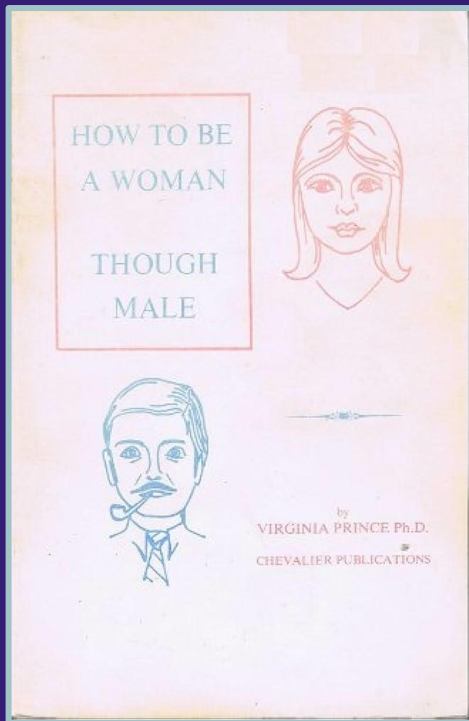
In this case, an appropriate narrower term exists:  
**“Trans women:** Women who were assigned male at birth.”



650 \_7 Trans women ≠2 homoit

## LCSH vs. Homosaurus:

### Eliminating terms now considered offensive, part 4



The LC headings for this book also include the term Cross-dressing. The equivalent Homosaurus term is **Crossdressing** (no hyphen).

## But...

Compare the definitions of these terms:

**Transgender people:** Broad term for people who do not conform to their gender assigned at birth.

And, **Trans women:** Women who were assigned male at birth.

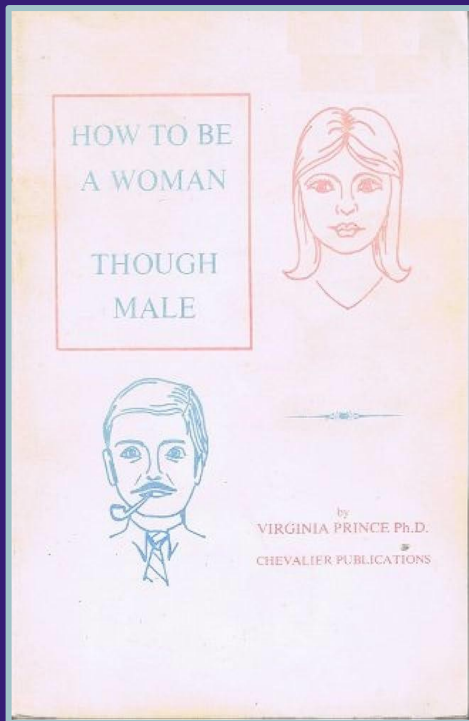
**Crossdressing:** The practice of wearing clothing stereotypical to a gender *other than the individual's predominantly-assigned gender*.

And, **Crossdressers:** Individuals who were clothes stereotypical to or associated with a gender *other than their predominantly-identified gender*.

These are two distinct groups! Depending on the source, it may not be appropriate to use these headings simultaneously. You need the book in hand to decide.

## LCSH vs. Homosaurus:

### Eliminating terms now considered offensive, part 5



## Other Homosaurus terms relevant to this book:

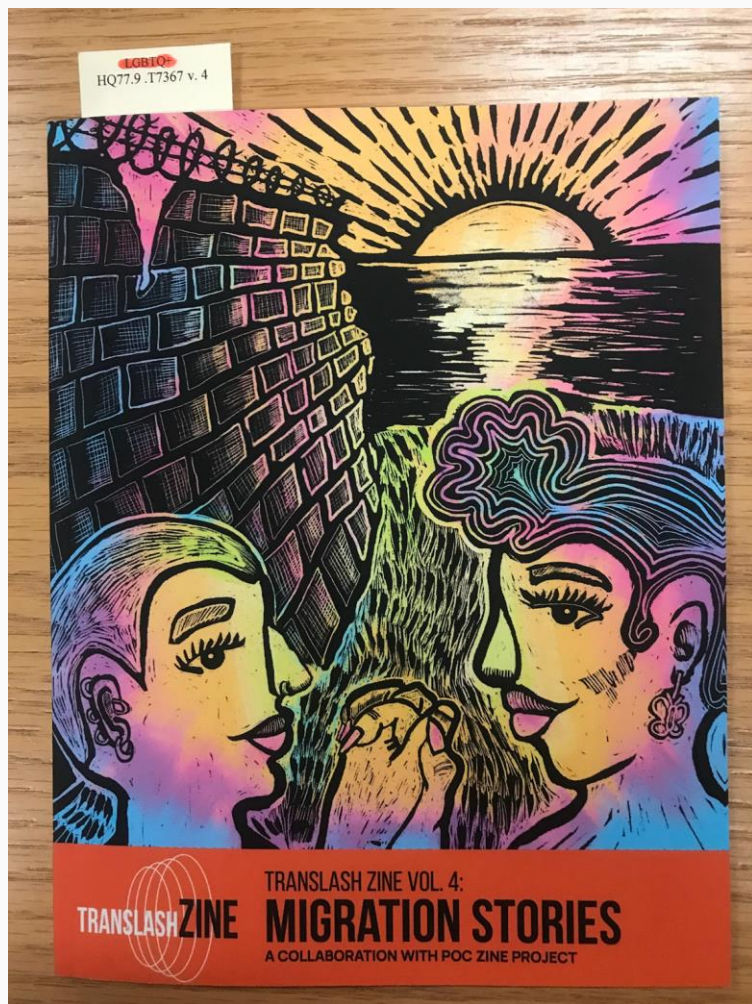
**Clothing:** Items worn on the body for protection, insulation, and self-expression; typically made of fabric or textiles.

**Gender affirming surgery:** Any of various surgeries undertaken to affirm an individual's gender. Most often applied to transgender people, but may also refer to certain procedures undergone by cisgender and intersex people.

**Birth certificate amendments:** Formal changes to an individual's birth certificate, typically to reflect a change to the individual's legal name or gender or sex marker.

- Broader term: LGBTQ+ personal and family law

As always, you would examine the source to see if these topics are given enough attention to warrant assigning a heading. In this intro, we're only identifying possible headings to use.



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I'm happy to consult!  
Find me on Teams or E214.  
-- Ruth Ann