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Intersex Activist & Author Featured in Rolling Stone, Psychology Today, The New York Times, and more

In March, 2017, Hida Vioria published *Born Both: An Intersex Life*. The memoir has received rave reviews by [The Washington Post](#), [Kirkus Reviews](#), [The New York Times](#), and more, has been assigned reading for university classes, and Vioria has been interviewed in conjunction in [Rolling Stone Magazine](#) and [Psychology Today](#), among others.

In June, Vioria announced that s/he's joined the historic movement for non-binary legal gender recognition as the nation's second recipient of an [intersex birth certificate](#).

"Vioria does us the even greater service (it's more of a gift, really) of showing us what it means to live not just as both a man and a woman but also as a third gender that eventually emerges as the right one." – *The New York Times*

Hida is the founding director of the Intersex Campaign for Equality, and is a recognized leader in the intersex movement. S/he is a frequent consultant (UN, Lambda Legal), speaker, television and radio guest (*Oprah*, *Aljazeera*, *20/20*, *BBC...*), and one of the world's most widely published intersex authors (*Daily Beast*, *CNN.com*, *The NY Times*, *Huffington Post*, *The Advocate*, *Ms.*).

"Her book is fierce, brave, and a clarion call to celebrate our differences."
– [People](#)

"Vioria... eloquently tells a deeply personal story within larger structural narratives of race/ethnicity, gender, and class, making for a simultaneously pleasurable and informative read" – Georgiann Davis, PhD, author of *Contesting Intersex: The Dubious Diagnosis* and assistant professor of sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Intersex people are born with sex characteristics that do not fit typical binary notions of male or female bodies. – UN Free & Equal Campaign's Intersex Fact Sheet (which Vioria edited).

Influence:

- Over 40 million television viewers watched he/r appearance on [The Oprah Winfrey Show](#).
- Authored [the first global call for human rights](#) by and for intersex people.
- First intersex person to speak, by invitation, at the [United Nations Headquarters](#) in NY.
- Created the groundbreaking resource, [Your Beautiful Child: Information for Parents](#).
- Promoted the "being intersex is as common as having red hair" analogy which arose from he/r 2009 interview on *The Tyra Banks Show* and is used by intersex activists and allies worldwide.
- Vioria's [Intersex Campaign for Equality](#) was the first American intersex organization to call for an end to the label, "disorders of sex development," and to use the 1.7% prevalence statistic used today.
- He/r memoir [Born Both: An Intersex Life](#), is the first book by an intersex author to be released by a Big 5 publishing house, and was selected as one of *People's* six "Best New Books" (4/3/17 newsstand issue).
- Published in the college curriculum textbook, [Queer: A Reader for Writers](#) (Oxford University Press).
- Over 1 million views of Hida's videos online (YouTube, Facebook, Vimeo).

Notable Media:

[ABC's 20/20](#), [Aljazeera](#), [NPR](#), [The NYT](#), [Psychology Today](#), [Washington Post](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [NewNowNext](#), [Out](#), [People](#), [National Geographic](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Daily Beast](#), [The Advocate](#), [The Oprah Winfrey Show](#), [Buzzfeed](#) and [CNN.com](#).

Upcoming and Recent Speaking Engagements:

- October** Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) Pride Month Keynote Presentation
- September 16** Lambda Archives of San Diego Annual Gala Keynote Presentation:
- April 24** Santa Monica Public Library, *Born Both* reading and Q&A.
- April 22** Los Angeles Festival of Books. *Born Both* reading and Q&A.
- April 7** San Francisco JCC Arts & Ideas Series, "Exploring Intersex." Reading, discussion and Q&A.
- March 30** Elliot Bay Book Company, Seattle, *Born Both* reading and Q&A.
- March 17** Collected Works Bookstore, Santa Fe, *Born Both* reading and Q&A.
- September 2016** Stanford University, World Sexual Health Day panelist, "Eliminating the Myths."
- April 2016** Princeton University, "Sex is Complicated: Intersectionality and Intersex Human Rights, Identity, and Discourse."