In every color of the human rainbow,
In every time in history,
In every country of the world,
In every class of work,

Every Everybody,
There are always transgender people!
Transgender people are kings and queens,
soldiers and artists,
ambassadors and doctors.
There are times and places where transgender people
have special positions in their communities.
Their words and understanding carry
important meaning for their people.
Learning about transgender ancestors and
other traditions
teaches us not only about the lives of other
people, but also about our own lives
and the many possibilities available to us.

Native Americans believe
transgender people are
"honored...they participate in all religious
ceremonies, and this profession of an
extraordinary life causes them to be regarded as
people of a higher order." (quoted from a French
missionary in 1724) Over 135 North American Tribes
honored multiple gender roles. This is also found
throughout Africa, Brazil, Haiti, Chile, Argentina,
Colombia, Venezuela...

Some of the names for
transgender people in different
cultures can be found
on the cover of this
book.

Hopi Hairstyle: transgender expression in
hairstyle, worn half up like a
woman’s and half down like a man’s
as was traditional for their culture.

King Hatshepsut: Egypt/Egyptologists
consider Hatshepsut one of the most
successful pharaohs. He was not the
first female to rule as king.