

# Kate Bornstein

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**Here I am.**  
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I am an artist and  
with my voice I am a fierce advocate  
for all misfits, outsiders, anyone  
who feels like they don't  
fit in.

TRANSGENDER PERFORMANCE ARTIST JEWISH  
**KATE BORNSTEIN**  
PLAYWRIGHT YOUTH ADVOCATE

"May your power increase with every shred of power  
you give away in service to another."

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## Kate Bornstein

A fierce advocate for youth and "gender outlaws," Kate Bornstein is a Jewish transgender author, playwright, performance artist and gender theorist. Born Albert Bornstein, Kate was raised in a Conservative Jewish community in New Jersey. She is best known for her groundbreaking books *Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women, and the Rest of Us*, *My Gender Workbook*, and *Hello Cruel World: 101 Alternatives to Suicide for Teens, Freaks, and Other Outlaws*. Her many plays and performance pieces explore queer identity and the rigid binary system of gender and sexuality that reinforce homophobia and transphobia.