



## *Femme Reading List*

*"Femme is a vibrant and ever-evolving political identity, gender, and/or gender expression which subverts traditional markers of womanhood in order to redefine femininity. Femme allows us to resist white, heterosexist, and patriarchal control while loving our whole selves."*

*-Stefani Vargas*

1. Andi Shwartz - [Locating Femme Theory Online](#)
2. Chloë Brushwood Rose and Anna Camilleri - [Brazen Femme: Queering Femininity](#)
3. Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy & Madeline D. Davis - [Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold](#)
4. Heidi Levitt - [The Misunderstood Gender](#)
5. Ivan Coyote & Zena Sherman - [Persistence All Ways Butch Femme](#)
6. Joan Nestle - [The Persistent Desire](#)
7. Jack Halberstam - [Female Masculinity](#)
8. Joey F. Cooter - [Butch, Femme, or Neither? What Owning These Identities Means](#)
9. Julia Serrano - [Whipping Girl](#)
10. Kate Bornstein - [Gender Outlaw](#)
11. Katherine Giunta - [Lesbian femininity: Understanding the legitimacy and erasure of queer femmes](#)
12. Laura Harris - [Femme: Feminists, Lesbians and Bad Girls](#)
13. Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha - [Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming Her Way Home](#)
14. Leslea Newman - [The Femme Mystique](#)
15. Michelle Gibson and Deborah Meem - [Femme/Butch: New Considerations of the Way We Want to Go](#)
16. Rhea Ashley Hoskin - [Femmephobia: The Role of Anti-Femininity and Gender Policing in LGBTQ+ People's Experiences of Discrimination](#)
17. Sally R. Munt - [Butch/Femme: Inside Lesbian Gender](#)
18. Sassafra Lowrey - Visible: A Femmethology, [Volume 1](#) & [Volume 2](#)
19. Katie West, Jasmine Elliott - [Becoming Dangerous: Witchy Femmes, Queer Conjurers, and Magical Rebels](#)