

# LGBTQ+ ATHLETES CLAIM THE FIELD

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## Description

In 2015, the world watched as soccer star Abby Wambach kissed her wife after the US women's World Cup victory. Milwaukee Brewers' minor league first baseman David Denson came out as gay. And Caitlyn Jenner, an Olympic decathlete, came out as transgender.

It hasn't always been this way. Many great athletes have stayed in the closet their whole lives, or at least until retirement. Social attitudes, institutional policies, and laws are slow to change, but they are catching up. Together, athletes, families, educators, allies, and fans are pushing for competitive equity so that every athlete, regardless of identity, can have the opportunity to play at their very best.

## Critical Acclaim

- Minnesota Book Award Finalist, **Short-listed, 2017**
- Booklist Top 10 Diverse Nonfiction for Youth, **Winner, 2017**
- ALA Rainbow List, **Winner, 2016**

"[A] valuable survey of the status of LGBTQ+ athletes. . . . Happily, [Cronn-Mills] humanizes these issues. . . . [H]ers is an important contribution to the blossoming field of LGBTQ literature."—**starred, Booklist**

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"The positive tone and multitude of examples create the optimistic belief that LGBTQ athletes will be able to be true to themselves while competing in their chosen sport. High appeal for both athletes and those who support LGBTQ rights."—**Kirkus Reviews**

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