



## George M. Johnson

### Topics

Activism and Social Justice, Best Selling and Award Winning Authors, Culture and Society, Health and Wellness, Journalism, LGBTQIA+

### Travels From

New York

### Bio

George M Johnson is an Award Winning Black Non-Binary Writer, Author, and Activist located in the NYC area. They were awarded the 2019 Salute to Excellence Award by the National Association of Black Journalists for their article “When Racism Anchors your Health, and recently named to The Root 100 Most Influential African Americans in 2020. They were also honored as a 2021 "Heroes in the Struggle Award" by the Black AIDS Institute for their HIV activism and literary contributions. They are the author of the Bestselling Young Adult memoir All Boys Aren't Blue discussing their adolescence growing up as a young Black Queer boy in New Jersey through a series of powerful essays. Their book has been optioned for Television by Gabrielle Union and Sony TV, and will be translated into French, Spanish, and distributed in the UK 2021. George is an HIV and LGBTQ activist, serving as Chair of the Black Leadership AIDS Crisis Coalition for Black Gay Men for AIDS Healthcare Foundation, a National Advisor for ViiV pharmaceutical, and Gilead Speaker. They are also called on to

discuss various issues facing the LGBTQ community from civil rights leaders to politicians. As a journalist, George has written for major and niche media outlets like, Teen Vogue, Entertainment Tonight, NBC, The Root, BuzzFeed, Essence, Ebony, THEM, and The Grio. They have also served as Guest Editor for BET.com's Pride month. They write on topics ranging from Race, Gender, Sex, HIV, Intersectionality, Politics, Culture, Health and Pop-Culture, and is never afraid to "go there" and ask the tough questions. George has also been seen on Politics Nation with Al Sharpton on MSNBC, BuzzFeed's AM2DM, The Grapevine, PBS Nightly News, and various shows on Sirius XM Radio. George also moderates and speaks on many panels throughout the year including clients like Gilead Pharmaceuticals, Twitter & Proctor and Gamble and Human Rights Campaign. On social media, George has an impressive presence, with nearly 80,000 engaged followers on Twitter who are always eager to see what George writing next. ? George is also proud HBCU alum twice over, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated.

## SPEECHES

**LGBTQ Issues and Politics** Discusses LGBTQ policy and law on a macro level and how these decisions play out in community based on different intersections of race and identity.

**HIV Prevention and Treatment** Discusses the history of the HIV epidemic, personal storytelling of his own diagnosis, and how the epidemic has changed with the use of TASP (Treatment as Prevention) and PrEP at race and identity intersections.

**Toxic Masculinity** Discusses how toxic masculinity plays a role in misogyny, homophobia, and violence in the Black community.

**Black Queerness** Discusses Black LGBTQ issues and how race plays a role in the double/triple oppression of people who are Black and Queer.

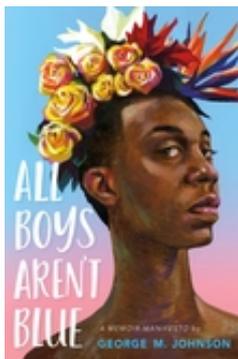
**Stigma and Cultural Competency in healthcare** Discusses how healthcare distrust has created barriers and stigmas to Black Americans navigating the healthcare system and how healthcare providers need cultural awareness to change this.

## BOOKS

[All Boys Aren't Blue](#)A Memoir-Manifesto

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist



and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia.

## HARDCOVER

REVIEWS: "So...that was beyond my expectations! Thank you so much for such an engaging, fun, and informative event. I have never been to a webinar with as much energy and enthusiasm, and I could tell from the chat alone that you were really resonating with the attendees (that is hard to do on a webinar)."

- Lea Vacca Michel, Associate Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology

"Your conversation was a wonderful balm after an upside down couple of weeks. Thank you for sharing wisdom and your joy."

- William Johnson, Lambda Literary

"We would like to thank you, once again, for taking the time to visit the campus and share your knowledge with the campus community. Based on a brief look at the evaluations, the students seemed to really enjoy your presentation!"

- Carleitta L. Paige, Virginia Union University

"The event was absolutely incredible!"

- Ana Barros, Programs and Events Coordinator, Cambridge Public Library

"The event was a huge success and we so appreciated George's vulnerability, compassion, and wisdom."

- Ben Pereira, HubSpot