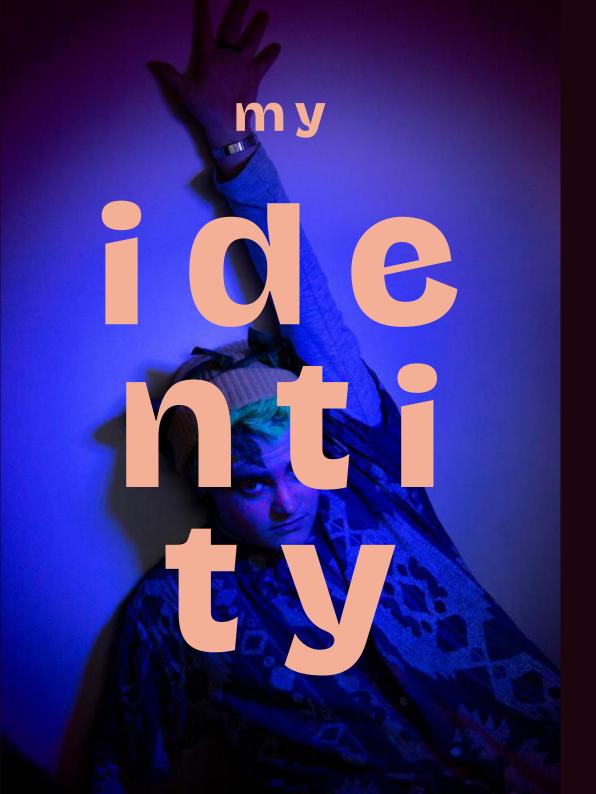
my identity



a photographic book exploring trans and non-binary identity



My journey with my identity is a bumpy one. Its an everyday struggle.

But it is a battle that I choose to fight every day.

I think my biggest struggle in the beginning was internalised transphobia, I had no problem with anyone else, I was happy that other trans people had found who they were and grabbed it with everything they had. But I couldn't help but think that I was a fraud, an abomination of nature. I felt like I was a fraud for pretending to be a woman, but I was stuck in the body of one. Through any fase I went through, the way I felt about myself and my body didn't ever change.

Before puberty I thought that it would be the thing that would make me feel "right", I would have a bigger chest and hips and that was what was missing. And for a little bit it was, surprisingly. I felt beautiful and cute. However, those feeling started to turn into guilt, whatever puberty had done to me it felt like someone had switched it with someone else... I wondered if there was some girl out there that had lost her body to me and I to her.



I was wrong, no one lost my body. I am a proud trans man, everything that I went through in my transition has taught me invaluable lessons.

Being able to go on testosterone has allowed me to feel more comfortable in my skin. All the support and love I have received along the way prove that it is okay to be me, to be trans.





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