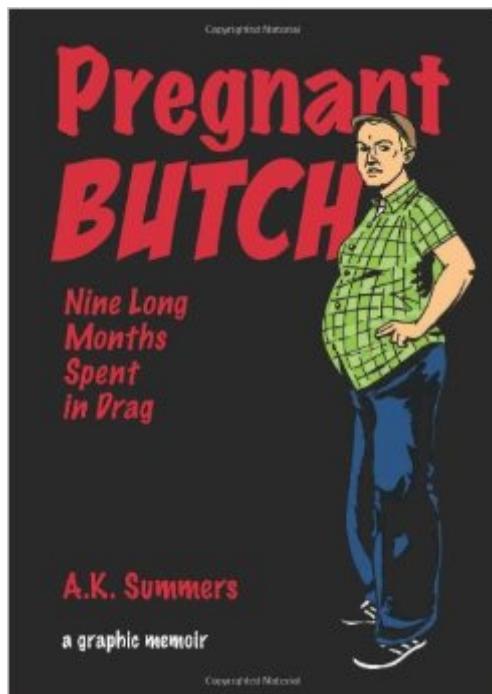


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# Pregnant Butch: Nine Long Months Spent In Drag



## Synopsis

First pregnancy can be a fraught, uncomfortable experience for any woman, but for resolutely butch lesbian Teek Thomasson, it is exceptionally challenging: Teek identifies as a masculine woman in a world bent on associating pregnancy with a cult of uber-femininity. Teek wonders, "Can butches even get pregnant?" Of course, as she and her pragmatic femme girlfriend Vee discover, they can. But what happens when they do? Written and illustrated by A.K. Summers, and based on her own pregnancy, *Pregnant Butch* strives to depict this increasingly common, but still underrepresented experience of queer pregnancy with humor and complexity; from the question of whether suspenders count as legitimate maternity wear to the strains created by different views of pregnancy within a couple and finally to a culturally critical and compassionate interrogation of gender in pregnancy. Offering smart, ambitious art, this graphic memoir is a must-read for would-be pregnant butches and anyone interested in the intersection of birth and gender, as well as a perfect queer baby shower gift and conversation starter for those who always assumed they "got" being pregnant.

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## Customer Reviews

Never written a review before, but had to for this unbelievably wonderful graphic memoir. The artwork is amazing. I'm a straight parent of three, and I can say unreservedly that this is a universal story albeit told from a very personal point of view. Summers shies away from nothing and exposes the dark underbelly (so to speak) of pregnancy and childbirth, while also being laugh-out-loud funny. The only bummer about this book is that it was over too soon. Can't wait for more from this

author/artist.

Laugh out loud funny on some pages, and painful on others. Energetic, expressive drawing. I think many pregnant people (not just pregnant butches) will recognize the dark and comic insights about how pregnancy alters self-image, public experience, and sense of body and identity.

I bought this because I was excited over it being an LGBT graphic novel, and I really enjoyed it. I gave it to my girlfriend afterwards (she identifies as butch) to read which she claims to have been very insightful. Good read and would definitely recommend!

I'm a midwife and I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It's honest and funny. Maybe we're in a different place in terms of gender nowadays . . . maybe not so much. Regardless, this is a unique memoir of pregnancy from a fresh perspective.

This book hit on more things I relate to than anything else I've read in pregnancy.... and I've read a lot. I really appreciated the forward acknowledging the ways in which an experience sits in a particular moment in history. Still even as a transgender man doing this pregnancy thing around the same age 10 years later, so much is relatable and on point. A bucket load off thanks to AK Summers for sharing her experiences in smart and well illustrated ways.

Pregnant Butch is funny, endearing, honest, and tolerant -- and also bitchy, sharp, uncompromising, and confronting. (The graphic art is great -- and a masteful play on TinTin.) It teaches without sanctimony or jargon-ridden. Every parent or parent to be -- emphatically including straight men -- should read it.

Very amusing, relatable, and sharp graphic novel. I especially appreciated the discussion of the author's gender presentation as "butch," and its relationship to sexual identity groupings. Maybe heterosexual women can be "butch" too?

When self-proclaimed butch dyke Teek and her partner Vee decide it's baby-having time, they have NO idea what they're in for. The usual pregnant-woman physical complaints, plus a whole different level of identity issues for Teek. I laughed at the comment in the Acknowledgements that "straight women want to read something other than dreck about pregnancy too." While I'm not straight, I

completely agree that even gals who have babies in the most traditional way don't necessarily want sunshine and sparkles pregnancy tales! And this book is not sunshine or sparkles. It's honest, raw, real, thoughtful, incredibly funny, and has a happy ending.

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