

## **Wrapped in Blue**

*by Donna Rose*

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There are a lot of books written by transsexuals reporting their transition experiences. This one stands out as the best mtf book I have reviewed.

Wrapped in Blue goes far beyond a chronological story of transition and the personal emotional and physical stresses that transition entails. The book's strongest point is the in-depth revelation of the emotional and psychological upheaval experienced by almost everyone in frequent contact with Donna during her transition.

As David Rose, Donna had been an athlete, a very competent employee, and a loving husband and father. David and his wife Elizabeth stood as an example of a successful, loving couple to all who knew them. But David had been suppressing his deeply-felt awareness that he should be female, even while being deeply in love with his wife.

Donna provides rather complete and graphic descriptions of various procedures – enough to make your eyes water and your teeth curl – especially if you are male. For example, early one morning she had electrolysis on her genital area in preparation for surgery. Then she went to work. Three hours later she was asked “what happened?” by her boss – and friend. She told him – and us – in excruciating detail.

This well-written book tops my list of mtf transition stories. It is a must-read for anyone who truly wants to know what is involved in mtf transition.

*Reviewed by Dave Parker*