

# Media Kit

## Ella Marques

### Woman (Transgender) author



Hi, my name is Ella Marques, I transitioned from a male to female some years ago, at the age of sixty. I am an MTF transgender woman, meaning I was born a male but always knew that I was a girl, and finalized my journey to become my real self.

Yes, I was born in Portugal in 1956, in another world, and had an incredible international life. I went to Le Rosey a very high class international Boarding school in Switzerland, Studied Mechanical Engineering in London and spent a large time of her life in Switzerland where I had a very good business career, two different marriages and three wonderful kids, well my last one was born near Paris, France. I lived in many different countries, Switzerland, Portugal, England, France, Brazil and now in the USA. I have three nationalities, visited over eighty five different countries either for business or pleasure.

Now I live in south Florida. I started to write some years ago because I wanted to support my transgender community, and I found that I really liked it. Probably it comes in the family, my grandfather wrote three books as well.

My audiences are mostly:

- The transgender and the LGBT community. It's all about our experiences, how difficult it is to come out and assume what you really are.
- Supportive people for the transgender community and counselors can learn about our lives, great and sometimes no so great experiences
- Parents and family of transgender people can understand us better and support us
- General people that want to understand our community better

All my books are positive, I tried to make them somehow funny and easy to read.

I wrote three books until now and some more are coming soon:

***"I was born a boy, from Venus" Time to be yourself*** is an autobiography and tells about my life and my struggles with my femininity.

***“Coming Home to Venus”*** *The story of a woman transitioning to her real self*, biographical history of my transition and some information how it’s done

***“Eva’s World” A Real Woman’s life*** is a fiction novel of Eva, an international transgender woman, her friends, her lovers and her traveling. It is about being pansexual and some issues that transgender have in their relationships.

I would like to ask you to promote me and my books as an LGBT writer.

Thank you in advance

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Ella Marques is an extraordinary woman who chose to start transitioning when she was 60 years old. She wrote about her journey to finally being true to herself in a refreshingly frank and enthralling memoir *I WAS A BOY FROM VENUS*. Ella sat down to talk to [QUEERGURU](#) on the eve of her Book Signing at [STONEWALL NATIONAL MUSEUM – WILTON MANORS GALLERY](#)

<http://www.queerguru.com/ella-marques-talks-about-being-a-boy-from-venus/>

Great Interview with Ella Marques. Monika Kowalska in *Heroines of my life*

<http://theheroines.blogspot.com/2017/06/interview-with-ella-marques.html>

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# “I was born a boy, from Venus.” Transwoman’s memoir brings laughter and tears

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“Give my mink coat to your brother,” was one of the last things Ella Marques’ mother ever said to her daughter, Luisa.

At the time, Marques didn’t understand. Now she does — and is certain that her mother knew who she really was, and accepted it.

Marques is a transgender woman.

There was always something about bras and panties that attracted her. When she was 5 years old and known as Fernando, Marques was a frequent visitor to her sister’s closet, and blonde-haired dolls always found themselves in her hands.

Now, Marques of Boca Raton has written a memoir to protect transgender kids from suffering the way she did. At the age of 60, she is still in the process of transitioning. Through her book, she shares her life as not only someone who is transgender, but as a citizen of the world.



Ella Marques working at home before her transition. This photo is also in her memoir, ‘I was born a boy, from Venus: It’s time to be yourself.’  
Courtesy of Ella Marques

In her book, “I was born a boy, from Venus: It’s time to be yourself,” Marques bares her soul in order to give transgender children a chance to live normally and happily. Readers follow along with her as she travels the world and realizes what it means to be transgender. The book is about the courage it takes to become one’s true self and the impact on society at large.

Marques, a longtime manager for several international companies, spent 25 years in a traditional relationship with a woman. They were married 21 years and together raised four children. Two years ago, after 55 years of knowing, she began her physical transition to match her gender identity.

Born in Portugal, Marques spent most of her life painstakingly hiding the truth about her gender identity. She was filled with guilt at a very young age, calling herself a victim of a society that did not understand what it means to be yourself. To run away from herself, she said she worked, ate and drank unsuccessfully to escape her feelings.



Ella Marques, author of ‘I was born a boy, from Venus: It’s time to be yourself.’ - Courtesy of Ella Marques

While presenting as a man, Marques said she was functioning, but not living. In her book she writes about what she calls “gender gymnastics” as she struggled to find safe places to express herself. Then one day, it became too much. She was depressed, smoking two packs of cigarettes a day and had several nervous breakdowns.

Six years ago, she moved to the United States, settling in South Florida. Her mission is to help protect transgender children from hate, and give them a chance at living normally. She volunteers at [Compass LGBT Community Center](#) in Lake Worth and is a member of [Transcendence](#), a social support group and mentoring program for transgender children. The worst things parents can do is force them to be something they’re not, she said.

“If you don’t let your kids have their own personality, they will suffer all their lives,” she said.

Marques said that there is a gender revolution happening, despite the danger of being trans. For those who are less fortunate, awareness is lifesaving. By sharing her story, she said she hopes to be a source of emotional support and help other transgender people feel safe and comfortable to be themselves. All she asks, she said, is for people to open their eyes.

“People are starting to understand what’s going on inside of the head of a transgender person,” she said. “We’re not alone.”



Author Ella Marques celebrating a birthday. She will be 61 on Aug. 13.

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