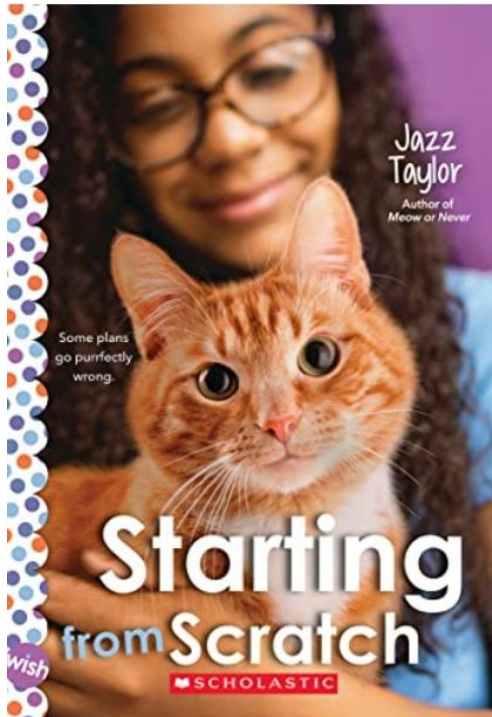


# STARTING FROM SCRATCH: A WISH NOVEL



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## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains alternate gender ideologies.

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Page	Content
52	<p>"Oh my god, I forgot to tell you. It's an enby flag!"</p> <p>"Oh, cool!" Dani told me she's nonbinary last year. Enby is short for the letters N and B, for nonbinary. I didn't get it at first, but she explained it like this: She doesn't feel like a girl, but she doesn't feel like a boy either. It's like gender is on two sliding scales, one that's masculine, one that's feminine, that go from 0 to 100. Some people feel 100 percent feminine and 0 percent masculine, but Dani feels maybe 65 percent feminine and...</p>
117	<p>"Mr. Parker called us 'girls.'"</p> <p>..."But you're not."</p> <p>"Right." Dani sighs again.</p> <p>..."Well, the scales thing is only kind of true. I read that when you explain being enby to people, that's what you should say."</p> <p>..."I'm not just more 'girl' than I am 'boy.' Like, gender's not on two lines. It's more like...something else entirely."</p>
118	<p>Dani's explanation with the scales still just used feminine and masculine. That's still binary- only two options. It's not a question of if Dani is more girl than boy; Dani is saying nonbinary is separate, and doesn't have to rely on those two options to exist.</p> <p>..."Remember when I asked you to use she/they for my pronouns?" I nod.</p> <p>..."As for she...That's what I use at school because I didn't want anyone to find out before you told them. But also...I guess I still think of you as she." I gasp, my hand over my mouth. "But that's wrong, isn't it? Since gender isn't a line."</p> <p>..."I said I wanted to use she/they last year because I was still figuring things out. But I'm sure now. She/they isn't for me, because I'm not a girl at all. I think I'm ready for they/them."</p>