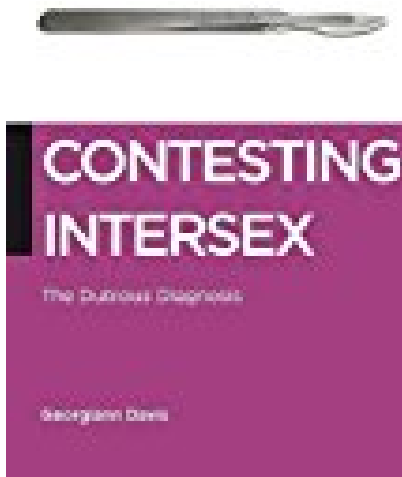


# Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics

---



## BOOK DETAILS

- Author : Georgiann Davis
- Pages : 240 Pages
- Publisher : NYU Press
- Language : English
- ISBN : 1479887048

 [DOWNLOAD](#)



## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Watch Georgiann Davis in National Geographic's Gender Revolution documentary with Katie Couric. A personal, compelling perspective on how medical diagnoses can profoundly hurt, or help, the lived experiences of entire communities. Winner, 2016 Donald Light Award for the Applied or Public Practice of Medical Sociology, presented by the American Sociological Association. When sociologist Georgiann Davis was a teenager, her doctors discovered that she possessed XY chromosomes, marking her as intersex. Rather than share this information with her, they withheld the diagnosis in order to "protect" the development of her gender identity; it was years before Davis would see her own medical records as an adult and learn the truth. Davis' experience is not unusual. Many intersex people feel isolated from one another and violated by medical practices that support conventional notions of the male/female sex binary which have historically led to secrecy and shame about being intersex. Yet, the rise of intersex activism and visibility in the US has called into question the practice of classifying intersex as an abnormality, rather than as a mere biological variation. This shift in thinking has the potential to transform entrenched intersex medical treatment. In *Contesting Intersex*, Davis draws on interviews with intersex people, their parents, and medical experts to explore the oft-questioned views on intersex in medical and activist communities, as well as the evolution of thought in regards to intersex visibility and transparency. She finds that framing intersex as an abnormality is harmful and can alter the course of one's life. In fact, controversy over this framing continues, as intersex has been renamed a 'disorder of sex development' throughout medicine. This happened, she suggests, as a means for doctors to reassert their authority over the intersex body in the face of increasing intersex activism in the 1990s and feminist critiques of intersex medical treatment. Davis argues the renaming of 'intersex' as a 'disorder of sex development' is strong evidence that the intersex diagnosis is dubious. Within the intersex community, though, disorder of sex development terminology is hotly disputed; some prefer not to use a term which pathologizes their bodies, while others prefer to think of intersex in scientific terms. Although terminology is currently a source of tension within the movement, Davis hopes intersex activists and their allies can come together to improve the lives of intersex people, their families, and future generations. However, for this to happen, the intersex diagnosis, as well as sex, gender, and sexuality, needs to be understood as socially constructed phenomena. A personal journey into medical and social activism, *Contesting Intersex* presents a unique perspective on how medical diagnoses can affect lives profoundly. Instructors Guide Ask us about setting up a Skype-in with the author for your class

**CONTESTING INTERSEX THE DUBIOUS DIAGNOSIS BIOPOLITICS** - Are you looking for Ebook Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics ? You will be glad to know that right now Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics is available on our online library. With our online resources, you can find Applied Numerical Methods With Matlab Solution Manual 3rd Edition or just about any type of ebooks, for any type of product.

Best of all, they are entirely free to find, use and download, so there is no cost or stress at all. Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics may not make exciting reading, but Applied Numerical Methods With Matlab Solution Manual 3rd Edition is packed with valuable instructions, information and warnings. We also have many ebooks and user guide is also related with Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics and many other ebooks.

We have made it easy for you to find a PDF Ebooks without any digging. And by having access to our ebooks online or by storing it on your computer, you have convenient answers with Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics . To get started finding Contesting Intersex The Dubious Diagnosis Biopolitics , you are right to find our website which has a comprehensive collection of manuals listed.