

## Roberta Cowell

Cowell, Roberta (1954). *Roberta Cowell's Story*.

Kennedy, Pagan (2007). *The First Man-Made Man: The Story of Two Sex Changes, One Love Affair, and a Twentieth Century Medical Revolution*.

Of the two major biographies that Roberta is included in, Kennedy's is by far preferable to Hodgkinson's. She covers more of Roberta's life and is able to include information that Hodgkinson felt obliged to omit. She is also far less insensitive in her depiction of the biography's transgender subjects, although far from perfect, and both biographies deadname and misgender both Roberta and Michael Dillon freely.

Hodgkinson, Liz (1989). *Michael, Née Laura*.

Hodgkinson's book was also published under the title *From a Girl to a Man: How Laura Became Michael*. As far as I can tell, there is no significant difference to the texts, but I only had access to the first edition.

Fisher, John Hayes, director (2015). *Sex Change Spitfire Ace*.

Fisher's documentary, in which Liz Hodgkinson speaks more openly about the primary sources for Roberta's relationship with Michael than she was able to in her book, was titled *The Sex Changes That Made History* for Australian release.

Hodgkinson, Liz (2015). "Tragedy of the World's First Sex-Change Couple." *Daily Express*. <https://www.pressreader.com/uk/daily-express/20151023/282033326049260>

This documentary brings little new to the table, but does allow us to see some of the primary sources for ourselves, as well as including footage of Roberta and Michael.

Bateman, Michael (1972). "Interview with transsexual Roberta (Betty) Cowell". *The Sunday Times*.  
[http://www.lizhodgkinson.com/lh/journalismArticle/interview\\_with\\_transsexual\\_roberta\\_betty\\_cowell](http://www.lizhodgkinson.com/lh/journalismArticle/interview_with_transsexual_roberta_betty_cowell)

Bateman's article, preserved on Hodgkinson's website, is the source for several of Roberta's negative quotes about other transgender people, as well as her claim to have XX chromosomes.

Cowell, Alan (2020). "Overlooked No More: Roberta Cowell, Trans Trailblazer, Pilot and Auto Car Racer", *New York Times*.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/05/obituaries/roberta-cowell-overlooked.html>

Bell, Matthew (2013). "It's easier to change a body than change a mind': The extraordinary life and lonely death of Roberta Cowell". *The Independent*.  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/profiles/its-easier-to-change-a-body-than-to-change-a-mind-the-extraordinary-life-and-lonely-death-of-roberta-8899823.html>

King, David (1996). Gender blending: Medical perspectives and technology. In Richard Ekins and David King, *Blending Gender: Social aspects of cross-dressing and sex-changing*.

King's chapter discusses some general contemporary background to accessing medical transition, and in particular the need for British transgender women to go overseas to receive an orchidectomy.

MedlinePlus. *46,XX testicular disorder of sex development*.  
<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/46xx-testicular-disorder-of-sex-development/#references>

This and the following source provide information about the intersex variation that Roberta implicitly claimed to have; both mention the infertility of people with this variation, one of the reasons that Roberta's claims to be intersex are doubtful.

ScienceDirect. *XX Male*.  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/medicine-and-dentistry/xx-male>

Aoi, Hana (2018). *I ≠ T (Intersex is Not Equal Trans)*.  
<https://brujulaintersexual.org/2018/03/27/intersex-is-not-equal-trans-hana/>

This and the following source describe the effects of transgender people claiming falsely to be intersex on intersex people, communities and resources.

Cadet, Peggy and Feldman, Marc D. (2010). "Pretense of a Paradox: Factitious Intersex Conditions on the Internet", *International Journal of Sexual Health* Vol. 24, No. 2.