

I am a transman and studying biology in university. I am top of the class, assigned female at birth and look younger than my age, no one would believe I am a pedophile.

When I was 16, I realised I was attracted to young boys, about 5–12 year olds. I started to hate and loathe myself, to think that I'm a monster who is destined to molest children. I was depressed, but then I found Virtuous Pedophiles. It was such a relief to hear that there are people who have the same attraction and who don't act on it, that it's possible to live without hurting a child. I have never touched a child sexually, and I never will.

I have told about my attraction to a few friends, and I actually started to date one of them (who is asexual) a few months after my coming out. Our relationship ended, but I have faith that I will find a person who I can have a loving, non-sexual relationship with. I have accepted my attraction as a part of myself, and realised that it doesn't define me as a person any more than being a feminist.

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20 years

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