Amazon 2004 review purge, *The Man Who Would Be Queen*

In 2003, editor Stephen Mautner defended his publication of *The Man Who Would Be Queen* by citing the book's Amazon reviews. A subsequent analysis found that over a dozen of the high ratings were by the author's friends and colleagues.

In March 2004, Amazon removed 24 of the critical reviews, including those by many notable scientists and clinicians. This instantly raised the book's average rating from 2 stars to 3 stars. Since that time, dozens of new shill reviewers have emerged to raise the book's rating.

blue = review by Bailey friend/coworker/supporter
red = removed by Amazon March 2004

Date	Title	Reviewer	Rated
2004			
05 Mar	Even -handed new book offers new insights for transsexuals	"John Davenport "	5
04 Mar	Worst book on transsexualism in 20 yrs.	Tara Taylor	1
26 Feb	Captivating study of homosexuality and transsexuality	"Michael McClure"	5
22 Feb	Where is the Research	jacquelyn a richter	1
17 Feb	Well argued Book on Homosexual/Straight Transsexual Men	"guba56666 "	5
12 Feb	A truly dreadful book	Geoff Puterbaugh	1
29 Jan	Wonderful and engaging	"Simon LeFrance"	5
26 Jan	The Man Who Would Be Queen	"A reader"	1
26 Jan	Entertaining Read Of An Interesting Theory	"A reader"	5
21 Jan	Predator masquerading as preacher	"A reader"	1
06 Jan	Junk Science	"A reader"	1
2003			
08 Dec	Clear, Concise and Well-Argued	"A reader"	5
30 Nov	Not a factual expose	"A reader"	1
28 Nov	Polemic not research	"A reader"	1
25 Oct	Engrossing and very readable	Judith Flynn Chapman	5
24 Oct	The man who would be... wrong!	"A reader"	1
04 Oct	Perfect Holiday Gift for All Your Trans Friends	"A reader"	1
24 Sep	A great satire on scientific writing	"A reader"	1
11 Sep	Simple minds love simple answers	"Darrin"	1
08 Sep	This book is just a travesty	"A reader"	1
19 Aug	Some the previous reader reviews are excessively negative	"redpoppy"	5
18 Aug	Compelling, Dispassionate Study of Gender Identity Disorder	"Joseph Giannini"	5

16 Aug	Wonderfully readable book on gay males and transsexuals	Steve Sailer	5
17 Jul	Not science	Barb Nash	1
29 Jul	Queen for a day	"A reader"'	1
24 Jul	Not even close to the truth	Debra London	1
24 Jul	What a Joke	"A reader"	1
21 Jul	A Misguided Reference Book	"Ms. Eda Bagel"	1
17 Jul	Not science	Barb Nash	1
17 Jul	Fine writing?	"A reader"	1
16 Jul	Junk Science of the Worst Kind: Negative 5 Stars!	A reader	1
16 Jul	File Under Science Fiction	cindyscott54	1
16 Jul	The "Science" of Gender-Bending?	Vanessa Foster	1
11 Jul	An insult to transsexuals	stuttle@speakeasy.net	1
08-Jul	"Queen" - Sorry Pub-Crawling Pseudo-science	Kristina-Maia DeMott	1
07-Jul	Stupid title, stupid book	"A reader"	1
05-Jul	Why is this book so controversial?	Steven J Gaulin	5
04-Jul	Highly recommended work on sexual behavior	xxxxxxasdf	5
25-Jun	The Man Who Would Be a Scientist	G.R.Morgan	1
24-Jun	Disappointed	"A reader"	1
23-Jun	Junk science in drag	Margaux Ayn Schaffer	1
21-Jun	A good example of junk pseudoscience	"A reader"	1
12-Jun	A small sampling, but a valid hypothesis	"A reader"	5
04-Jun	1 of the most unsympathetic accounts of transsexuality ever	Ben A. Barres	1
04-Jun	No Science, No new ideas, prurient sex interest	Roni Asher	1
02-Jun	Pseudoscience and Insulting	Kelly Novak	1
24-May	A Painful Betrayal	“Genny Dysphoria”	2
14-May	Pros and Cons	"sandralb"	1
14-May	No original research	Bruce W Frier	1
12-May	I read it twice	"Timothy McLaughlin"	1
12-May	From out of the dark past	"chrlisue"	1
12-May	Horrible fiction	"timbobby4"	1
09-May	The SPECULATION of transsexualism	"Chrys"	1
07-May	Controversial But needs to be read	"A reader"	5
07-May	Don’t be fooled	"A reader"	5
05-May	A masterpiece	Seth Roberts	5
04-May	An embarassmant to Academy Press	Christine Beatty	1
04-May	Some stuff wrong, but something important right	Stephanie Velasquez	4
02-May	Hardcore sexual hype not hardcore science	"Shell"	1
30-Apr	What’s the fuss about? Read the book, think for yourself	breedsm	4

29-Apr	Junk Science	"A reader"	1
29-Apr	Nurturing all our children	"A mother"	5
27-Apr	How to bring science into disrepute	Andrea Brown	1
26-Apr	Exploitation for profit	"Rapunzel"	1
26-Apr	Who took the sex out of transsexualism	Karen Gurney	1
25-Apr	What a load of bovine excrement	"A reader"	1
24-Apr	Read the original research if you don't believe it	[David Buss]	5
24-Apr	Excellent book on male homosexuality	Bradley M. Cooke	5
24-Apr	Gritty and honest	Kathleen Becker	4
24-Apr	Garbage in, garbage out	"Vanessa"	1
24-Apr	Generalizations and stereotypes abound	"s_04232003"	1
23-Apr	What a waste of money!	"Holly_h"	1
22-Apr	Possible well intentioned but flawed part 2	"Elizabeth"	1
21-Apr	Horrifying	"A reader"	1
18-Apr	Outstanding scholarship	[Anne Lawrence]	5
18-Apr	Shameful	A reader	1
18-Apr	The National Academy of Science meets the National Enquirer	[Rebecca Allison]	1
18-Apr	Where's the science?	"A reader"	1
18-Apr	Hostility to autogynephilia theory	Kendra Blewitt	5
28-Apr	Misdirected	Helen Boyd	2
17-Apr	The Man Who Would Be Queen	Ray Blanchard	5
17-Apr	Strongly recommended!	Khytam Dawood	5
17-Apr	Possibly well intentioned but seriously flawed	"Elizabeth"	1
14-Apr	Nonsense	"A reader"	1
13-Apr	Totally off base	"A reader"	1
11-Apr	J. Michael Bailey's caricature of transsexual women	Lynn Conway	1
09-Apr	A curate's egg	Jed Bland	3