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PLEASE WRITE BEFORE COMING.

Now to the web

This is how I'm feeling ready to let you and pass this message on. It has been published and I hope you vote more time to the web.

You are all the wonderful women to meet, in the mails, in person and the world wide web. Great joy.

To all the women, write, post, are I say to YOU. Their generosity to be published must also face the world.

## Winter Solstice

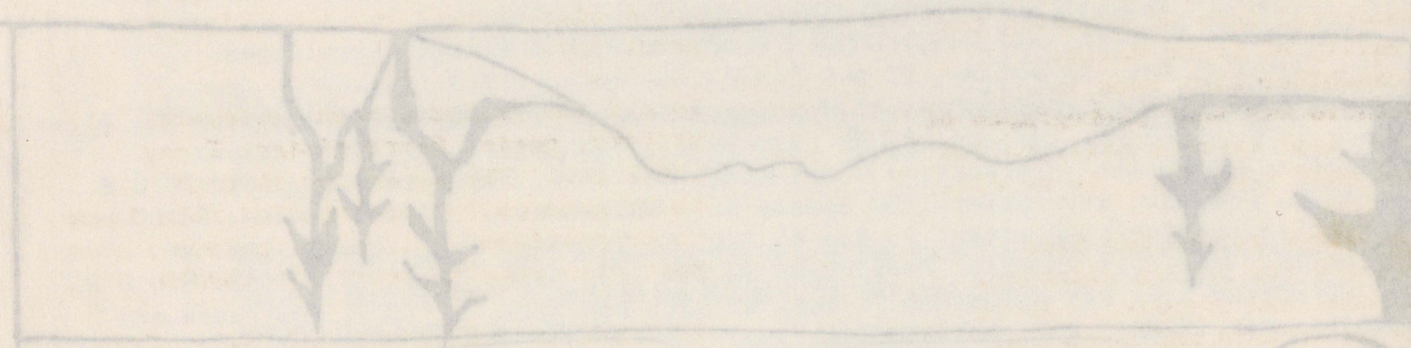
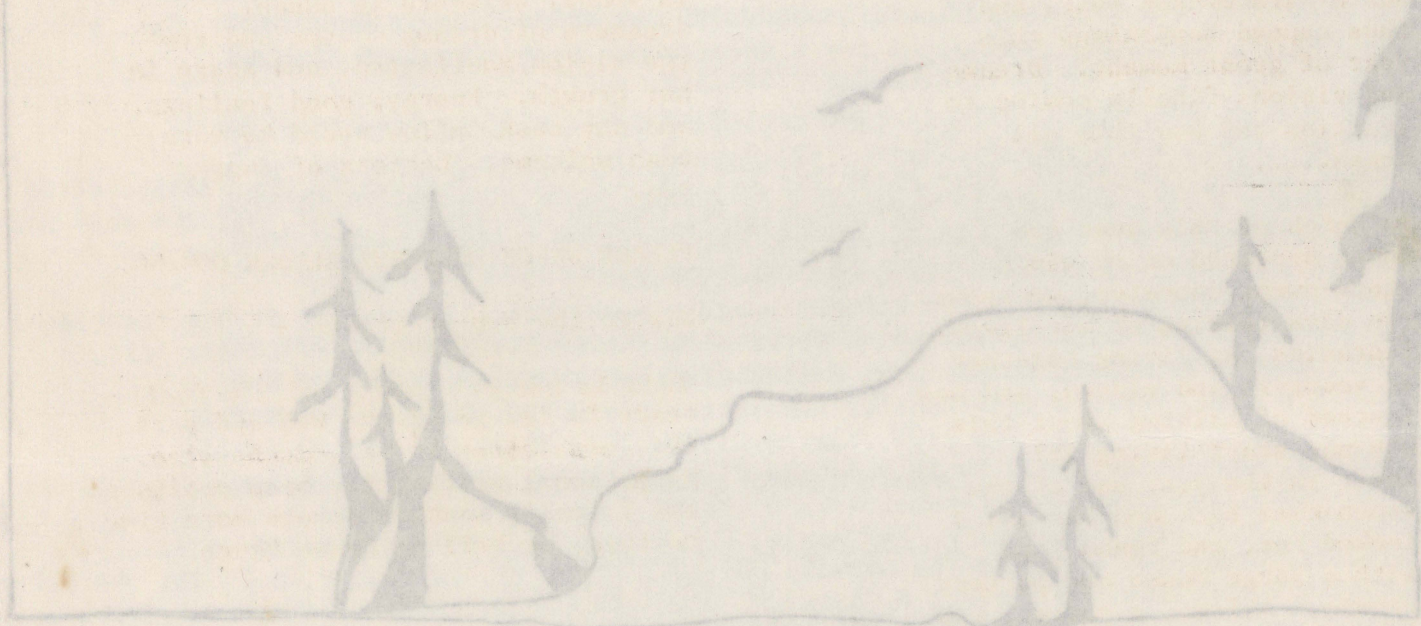
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## WINTER SOLTICE GREETINGS!

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This the Year of the Dragon has been more than eventfilled. I was born in 1928, which was a Fire Dragon Year, and thus caused happenings this year of great moment! Dreams and visions finally coming to fruition and how this all began.....

In March of this year two women appeared on my windy storm-swept doorstep, we spent two days talking of our lives, fantasies, of living together as youngers and elders, and how instead of talking about this why not start living it? Later in the year one of the women came back and she and I looked for, and found land with a large house and pottery studio. Alison, a potter, was very excited, and I slightly bemused, fell in with the wonderful idea of creating the reality of Crone Haven. Meanwhile, Lisa back in Ontario was sent photographs of the land express mail, called and said - DO IT. So we did.

The large garden has been cleared for Spring planting, mulched and prepared. There is an orchard and wonderful raspberry canes, and one day who knows, maybe some sheep and a goat or two.

SO NOW YOU KNOW WHY THE FALL EQUINOX ISSUE NEVER APPEARED!"

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Now to the Web of Crones -

This is her 4th year, and I'm feeling ready to let go of the Web and pass this newsletter on to someone else. My personal writing has been published and I feel I want to devote more time to this, as well as Crone Haven.

You have all ~~ben~~ wonderful women to meet, in the mails, in person and the world wide connections have given me great joy.

To all the artists, book reviewers, writers, poets, heart sisters I say THANK YOU. The women who through their generosity have enabled this issue to be published, and all previous issues must also receive heartfelt thanks.

IF THERE IS SOME WOMAN OUT THERE OLDER OR YOUNGER WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OVER, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS ON ANY AND ALL ARTWORK, POETRY ETC.

These years have been interesting, stimulating at times frustrating, but I would not have missed them for worlds.

EMMA JOY CRONE  
RR # 1

Hornby Island, B.C.  
VOR 1Z0 Canada



REFUSING TO BUY AN RRSP<sup>\*</sup> by Tannis Atkinson.

As a girl I had so few images of what old women could be. I only knew one unmarried woman my grandmother's age; my Aunt Ferne. I knew her mostly as someone the whole family would visit. My parents and sisters and I would arrive at her tiny one-bedroom apartment in Downtown Winnipeg for Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Papperidge Farm cake. Those visits had the feel of duty. Aunt Ferne was quite self-sufficient. She had left the farm as a young woman to become a nurse and she worked as one until she retired. We visited her at her apartment until she was in her eighties. Then one year a nephew decided she'd gotten too old and the police removed her to a retirement home with concrete block walls.

To be ripped from your home. When poverty means this kind of loss of control, why is it a surprise that women wonder what retirement will mean? Is it an accident that the mythic land of menopause "post-fertility" - is only now being described from a woman's point of view? And that aging is described to women as the worst that can happen to us?

The image of the seedy Insurance salesman bravely conning his way across the scarce prairie has gone the way of the Fuller Brush man. Instead insurance salesmen (and women) are the experts on mutual funds, RRSP transferability and the meaning of Black Monday. They are becoming personal economic forecasters. The insurance salesman who recently conned me made sure I knew the majority of poor people were women; particularly unmarried ones. He then described how an insurance policy, cashed at age 65 would make up the difference between the cost of living and the Canada Pension Plan. This same company had denied me long term disability coverage. This fact forced me to think about what could happen that would leave me vulnerable, without an income. With this grim possibility in mind, I was convinced that I needed life insurance. Later I realized I would rather enjoy my money now than have unexplained monthly deductions from my bank account. Unfortunately I was given no copy of the policy, so I had no way of knowing the procedure for cancelling it. The salesman did not return my calls. Finally, in frustration, I wrote a snarl of a letter to cancel my policy. I had to write to cancel this thing I myself did not have in writing.

The prospect of growing old would be so much easier if we could each only find a bundle of money. That option, is regrettably outlawed. This month a few bags of money fell out of a Loomis truck on a Toronto freeway in rush hour. A blizzard of money. A police office appears on The Journal, proud he was lucky enough to be wearing his uniform at the scene. He warned that he wrote down licence numbers of commuters who fled the scene. Is it any wonder the RCMP is the symbol by which Canada is known internationally?

Earlier, this century, perhaps the connection between savings and the police was clearer. Once there were War Bonds. When I was eight Canada Savings Bonds- twenty years of money in gradual denominations-were the prize savings for some children. Now we have RRSPs. Half of all Canadian households own one. So what brings me to wonder what happens to the \$8.5 to \$9 Billion that was 'pumped' into RRSPs this year?

Several months ago, I was struck by the ferocity of the RRSP ad competition. It seemed a greater spending spree than Christmas. News stories the week of the RRSP deadline highlighted the fact that next year's limit will be \$15,000. That way, if your income is a mere \$83,000 you will be able to claim the maximum tax deduction.

If, like some women I know, you will never earn enough to be able to use an RRSP as a tax deduction, what will become of you? You will be accused of not planning for the future. BAG LADIES, as is widely 'known' are women who have rejected family ties. So we are told now to work now to buy our future. If we do not earn enough, banks compete to lend us money to allow



Susan B. Anthony



RRSP's contd.

us to buy RRSPs. Retirement on credit. Sign up today. Such convenience. Monthly deductions.

Can the future be worse than the present? Last week, a woman I know was raped in revenge for taking a man to court for assaulting her. It reminded me how close violence always is for women. What sense does retirement planning make? How can I retire from that fact that millions are spent to give the RCMP new uniforms, while rape crisis centres must make public appeals for funding to continue operating? The incentive to support a cause you understand and support is not a tax deduction to the same scale as an RRSP

What is this land of RRSPs doing for women who want to live? Women are taught to fear aging. We are encouraged to indebt ourselves now. We are taxed while much-most about our lives is ignored. Women singlehandedly raise children, women live together, women are lovers: none of this is reflected in allowable tax deductions.

This year, I decided it was an act of civil disobedience to refuse to buy an RRSP.

(\*RRSP - Retirement Savings Plan.)

Oh, womanhood  
How You have learnt to  
Suffer.

Your suffering seems  
Endless,  
Its variety,  
Its depth.

When, when  
Comes that day  
Of joy and  
Celebration?

When will the  
Law  
Of power and force  
Be broken and die?

Sisters,  
Can we not create  
A new world?

We have dreamt  
Of it  
Often enough.

Alison Bowe

#### OLD LESBIANS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee for the second West Coast Celebration for Old Lesbians, tentatively scheduled for June, 1989 in the Bay Area, meets second Sunday of every month at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., San Francisco, from 12 to 2 pm. The Committee wants to create a Conference that looks at issues which affect the lives of all Lesbians over 60. Lesbians of color are particularly urged to participate in shaping the Agenda. Please contact Dottie Fowler at 585-6198, or Sally Binford at 989-5372 for further information.

#### 'Woman Who Beat KKK' Beulah Donald, 67, Dies



Beulah Donald

Mrs. Beulah Mae Donald, who fought to see two Ku Klux Klan members convicted of hanging her 19-year-old son and won a \$7 million judgement against the hate group, died recently of natural causes in Mobile, Ala. She was 67 years old.

Mrs. Donald endured years of legal red tape and trials before justice was served in the murder of her son Michael, 19, who was beaten to death and found hanged in Mobile in 1981. Mrs. Donald, who will be remembered as the woman who beat the Klan, said of the hefty judgement against the KKK: "If I hadn't gotten a cent, it wouldn't have mattered. I wanted to know how and why."

Morris Dees, who along with attorney Michael Figures, were counsel for the Donald family, said, "I just think she was a brave and courageous mother whose love for her son ensured that he did not die in vain." *Jer 10/10/88*

WANTED: Correspondence with lesbian couples who have had a ceremony of bonding/commitment, for upcoming book. Please write CONANT, BOX 744, BUFFALO NY 14209 USA and I will respond. Thanks. 4.

Fayetteville, Arkansas.



CALL ME WOMAN, by Ellen Kuzwayo  
1985, Spinsters Inc.

Ellen Kuzwayo's Autobiography CALL ME WOMAN reads like a diary of the life of a black South African woman must lead under the restrictions and degradations of apartheid law. Ellen Kuzwayo writes the history of raw effort and struggle of a woman creating a place of dignity and worth in a society which by its definition of the black woman as a minor of inferior intellect and morals, denies her even the basic consideration of humanity.

CALL ME WOMAN is an important historical document, recording the conditions of oppression, the actions and words, the monumental tasks of organization and reconstruction undertaken by black women during Ellen Kuzwayo's lifetime. Kuzwayo breaks the silence surrounding the life and history of a black woman in present day South Africa.

Reading CALL ME WOMAN is an act of empowerment for all women. Kuzwayo's personal struggles are often universal but doubly courageous because of the conditions of her history and society. Hearing Kuzwayo's voice we know that apartheid has failed and this woman triumphed.

Amanda



Ellen Kuzwayo at the 3rd International Feminist Book Fair, Montreal, 1988.

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A recording of the English poetry reading June 18/88 during the 3rd International Feminist Book Fair in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The title inspired by Gillian Hanscombe's poem "No one is Proud of Dykes", Suniti Namjoshi, moderator for the reading, introduces each poet. An 85 minute tape. Part of the profits from sale of this tape will go to the 4th International Book Fair.



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If not travelling and would like to help keep this Centre available for womyn, you can send, feminist books & magazines (in small parcels) bedding, blankets, sheets, pillows, office supplies and money for running OASIS.

WRITE BEFORE GOING THERE TO: Safuega, OASIS, Lista de Correos, TEPOTZLAN, Morelos 62520, Mexico.

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## STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION GROUP FOR RIGHTS OF OLDER WOMEN - G. R. O. W. VICTORIA.

is starting a support group for women of middle years, from the age of 40 to retirement. Topics to be discussed:-

Health, money, housing, retirement, the "empty nest", loss of friends and relatives, changing status, self-esteem, positive aspects of aging, and anything else decided on by the group.

Led by Jean Ostrowski it will meet at SWAG suite 320, 620 View St. Sat. mornings 11 am - 1p.m. Bring lunch, coffee and tea provided.

There will be a party in December to celebrate aging. Car pool for members having difficulty getting to the meetings. Info. call 381-1012.



Thoughts, Autumnal Equinox

I am in the autumn of my years  
 Sun in Libra  
 Balanced between  
 The Woman The Crone  
 The Fulcrum  
 The Child

My emanations are crimson of the sunset,  
 golden of the sleepy maple  
 Silver is my crown, like the sheen  
 of cool water  
 under the harvest moon.

I gather my blessings around me  
 To keep the chill from my bones,  
 For Winter nips playfully  
 At my slower footfall.  
 My blessings are carefully polished  
 To set forth upon my table  
 for all to share  
 To know me

Spirit Knowledge Silence Volition Daring  
 In balance I look back fifty years.  
 My children's children will plant the next Spring  
 Gazing through dry cornfields ahead  
 Transformation awaits  
 In the Summerland.  
 There I will take my bounty,  
 and play in the warmth, forever.

Miriam Carroll

(Miriam is in the process of publishing a book  
 of poetry)

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In 1735 witchcraft was banned in England.  
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 April of 1988 a new law was proposed in  
 Parliament--to ban witchcraft in England. 7.



The following is an article from Older Women's Network, Mendocino, Ca.

from Shevvy Healey

see Resources for address.

I started to call myself an old woman when I became 62. I have said the words, "I am an old woman" many times in the last four years since I first began that practice. And almost always I get the same response. "Don't talk that way. Age is only a state of mind. If you feel young, you are young."

The almost universal response to me is to be "kind", to attempt to extend comfort, to assuage fear, somehow to ignore or minimize the catastrophe of being old, to reassure that being old doesn't really mean being OLD! For what could be worse! We are, therefore, "senior" or "elder" or "older" (than whom?), or in our "golden" years. While those labels attempt to disguise the "shameful" fact of old, our colloquialisms say the opposite. To be old means you are "fading fast", "over the hill", "down the drain", "out of date". The American Association of Retired Persons even tried to run a contest to find another word for "old!" Small wonder, for "old" has become a category of denigration, not simply a biological time of life.

How many times have you heard, "Age means nothing to me", as though to bypass our age is courageous and enlightened. It is precisely because age is terribly important in our ageist society that we have so many euphemisms for "old" and so many cheery ageist homilies, all disguised as so-called compliments. We keep hearing ageist sayings so often we hardly notice: "Age before beauty". "You must have been a child bride". "You look young enough to be her sister not her mother". "You don't look that old".

When we use these euphemisms, we buy into those terrible stereotypes that to feel young is to feel good, to feel old or to be old is to feel bad, to be bad. We thus equate youth with beauty and desirability, old age with ugliness and powerlessness.

So I deliberately choose to name my age. I do so, first of all, to maintain my sense of myself with respect. Secondly, I do so as an opening wedge in combatting my own hidden ageism and that of those I meet. By telling my age, I feel myself personally challenging the myths of aging, refusing to collude with the euphemisms that serve as apologies for my time of life!

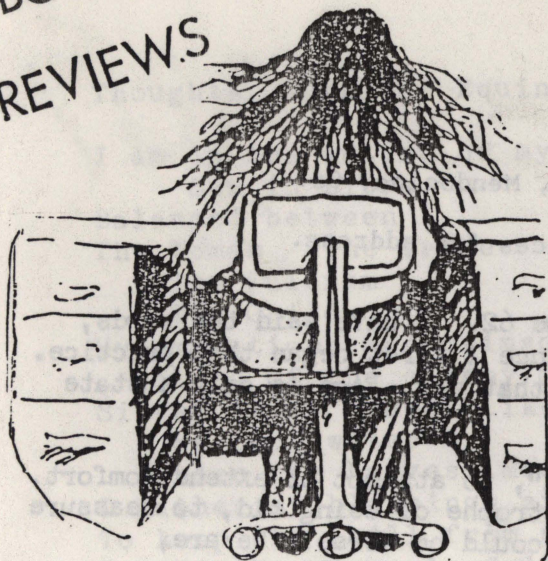
And as we all break our silence, as we confront ageism and name our oppressors, as we fight with all our power and passion, we truly come into our own!

### Action for seniors

On February 9, 1988, the Honourable Jake Epp, Minister of Health and Welfare, and the Honourable George Hees, Minister of State for Seniors, announced a new Seniors Initiative. The initiative will add another \$30 million annually to federal government contributions to improve the quality of life for seniors in Canada. Elements of the Seniors Initiative include a Seniors Independence Program; additional resources for the New Horizons Program; a new research fund for diseases affecting seniors' independence; and an increased budget for the National Advisory Council on Aging. For further information on the Seniors Initiative, contact: Seniors Secretariat, 10th floor, Jeanne Mance Building, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9.







# OURSELVES, GROWING OLDER

*By Paula Brown Doress and  
Diana Laskin Siegal and  
The Midlife and  
Older Women Book Project*

*In cooperation with  
The Boston Women's Health  
Book Collective, authors of  
The New Our Bodies, Ourselves  
WOMEN AGING WITH  
KNOWLEDGE AND POWER*



OURSELVES, GROWING OLDER 1987

They've done it again! The Boston Women's Health Collective in collaboration with Paula Brown Doress, Diana Laskin Siegal and the Midlife Older Women Book Project have put together the first really comprehensive reference for us. Their positive focus on "the potential of the second half of life" is a joy to read.

I dipped into the book first from the well-organized index to subjects of particular interest to me, but soon found myself following threads through the whole work and finally couldn't put it down until I'd read it all.

They've covered everything! From lifestyle, work and relationships; childbearing, money and health; housing, common problems and dying to changing society and ourselves. The print is clean; women's voices come through in italics; summaries, guidelines and suggestions in well-marked boxes. There are clear diagrams, wonderful photographs and lists of resources - groups, organizations and publications.

If you've just turned forty, sixty-five or ninety, borrow this book from your library or Women's Centre. Or share the cost of buying it with a friend or two. Here at last is solid information, all in one book, to help us make intelligent choices on every aspect of "aging well with knowledge and power."

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I really dare you to read this thought provoking, insightful novel, that shares with us many truths, what is happening to our Mother the planet, our own ways of relating to each other, and as women who carry inside ourselves the secret of how we can and must work towards change.. I found much beauty in the verbal drawing of pictures of nature, the way women were finding ways to overcome their difficulties, and the fun and delight of some of the relationships. The harshness of reality is there too. However, it confirmed my belief in the magic and power held within us all as women.

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Tough Dove Books also have printed some new and very lovely TAROT CARDS. The instigator of the words and lovely line drawings is JESSE COUGAR. As I have been a long time student of the Tarot I was excited to receive this deck. It is one I can relate to more easily than others, as I found the drawings less 'busy' than most other decks I have used. The simplicity of line and the images in the major Arcana of powerful women is really exciting. Words on the back of the cards may be distracting to some, but the messages printed there makes us aware of our truths in the life we lead, and how we may overcome. Thoughtful and beautiful indeed is this new deck, and comes to us wrapped in pure silk.

Write Tough Dove Books (address above) for your deck, include \$14.95 + \$1 shipping (U.S. funds) \$2:50 Canadian for shipping costs.



FIREWEED - a feminist quarterly published two issues on CLASS - Gert Beadle reviews below the Fall, 1987 issue. Edited by Cy-Thea Sand, thanks to whose encouragement Emma Joy submitted her first piece to get published. Cost \$3.75. Write PO Box 279 Station B. Toronto, Ont. M5T 2W2

Fireweed has always provided us with a gut level perspective on the issues that should concern us, Race, Sex and class, the bones of universal oppression. Why I Can't Write About Class, by Nym Hughes is a classic piece that covered most of the bases as seen by a thoroughly politicised working class mind that has the intellectual honesty to challenge the movement for its shallow presentation of the subject.

This disappointment with the mainstream feminist community runs through most of the articles in Fireweed's Class issue, the acceptance that it is a middle class effort, the self-stigmatizing degradation of seeing the gap between the cleaner and the lecturer as the reality between the classes of feminists.

What emerges is an under class of the working class which is mainly women struggling not for a middle class rung but a secure footing on decent employment.

Mary Bill from 'In the Turning' expresses the reality of that struggle and the rage of her powerlessness to change it even within the feminist Centre.

Joy Sykes who writes from both a feminist and socialist background is familiar with the

Anger is a tool for change when it challenges us to become more of an expert on the self and less an expert on others.

— Harriet Goldhor Lerner, PhD, The Dance of Anger



FIREWEED review (Contd.)

politics of class consciousness has used her experiences to confirm herself as equal if not superior. As working class feminists we are all aware or should be, of the uncivilised indifference with which our governments manage immigrated women, it is an insult to us all, and the more we hear their story and support them, the closer we come to the ideal of a Universal sisterhood where Class is of less importance.

The movement has not made a determined effort to come to terms with it's own denials in this area slipping into elitism almost unconsciously, as even the half privileged are known to do.

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LESBIAN COUPLES by D. Merilee Clunis and G. Dorsey Green.  
Seal Press, Seattle, Wa. \$10.95  
U.S.

On first skim Lesbian Couples reads as an elementary guide for lesbains encountering the beginning struggles in lesbian love relationships. On further reading, therapists Clunis & Green dive into the stages of relationships and provide examples, insights and alternatives to the experiences that lesbian couples face living and/or loving together. Some chapters such as the one on lesbian couples and children are weak in terms of practical information for parenting dykes and other sections such as understanding each other present clear effective communication skills.

Clunis & Green begin to address racism's affects on couples and follow this chapter with another

on differences, including class, age, politics, values, spiritual path and definition of sexual orientation.

Lesbian Couples. has some suggestions for disabled and able-bodied partners, discusses issues around recovery and attempts not to pass judgement on monogamy/non monogamy.

As a past partner in a few long term relationships I can cry, laugh and love reading the chapter Endings. The final chapter is one on Beginning again with some questions to help ourselves understand the past with guidelines that we should probably memorise and put to work before chosing a new partner. If you are in, wanting or working with partner/relationships, you will want Lebian Couples on your required reading list. If not, you may want to pick up a copy and reaffirm your choice. One thing for certain upon reading Lesbian Coupls we are reminded that we are all different in our sameness.

Jody McMurray.

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The OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE—or OWL—is working to win decent, affordable health care for midlife and long-living women—and all Americans. We have made some important gains, though much still remains to be done. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP to improve the "picture of health" for women as they grow older. In addition to health care, OWL's national agenda targets the issues of Social Security reform, pension rights, caregiving, budget cuts, employment, and staying in control until the end of life. \$10 for 1-year membership. OWL, 730 11th St. NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20001.



# NIGERIAN WOMEN CAMPAIGN AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION -

A campaign to educate rural women in Africa about the dangerous and oppressive consequences of traditional practices such as female genital mutilation and forced feeding of women to increase their attractiveness to men has been launched in Nigeria. The educational campaign will include house-to-house visits in rural communities, countryside 'enlightenment tours where field workers will speak to rural women in markets, fields and roadsides; radio TV and newspapers ads; plus distribution of printed materials.

"We are unanimous in recognizing that the fight is ours and do not accept campaigning methods imposed on us from outside" writes Hannah Edemikpong of the Nigerian Women's Centre. Contributions are urgently needed to help carry on this campaign. Donations may be made by personal check, bankdraft, International money order, or banknotes in an currency to Hannah Edemikpong, Women's Centre, Box 185, Eket Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, W. Africa.

(reprinted from ATALANTA  
a Gerogia women's newsletter)

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Come walk along the beach with me  
said the woman to her friend  
tell me stories of yourself  
what you feel and all the rest  
from the sad to the very best  
for all these things are you  
later on I'll share my thoughts  
so you can know me too ...  
Come walk along the beach with me  
said the woman to her friend.

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Bern  
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Come walk along the beach with me  
said the woman to her lover  
holding hands we walk in silent step  
bursts of voice and laughter  
playing tag, skipping waves  
finding shells of midnight skies  
telling stories all woven together  
a radiant smile upon our lives ...  
Come walk along the beach with me  
said the woman to her lover.

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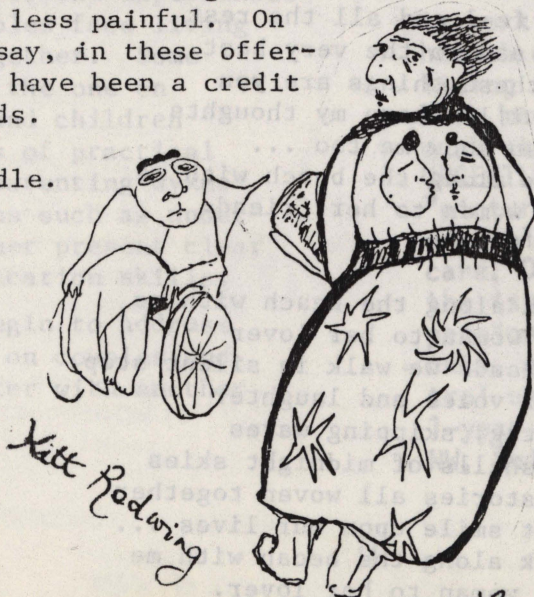
A WIDER GIVING - published by Chicory  
Blue Press, Connecticut 06756.  
1988 - \$14.95 U.S. plus \$1.00 shipping

This collection of poetry and prose is a painful reminder of a common thread in the generation now writing the experiences of how it was for that woman with the creative impulse to write - without time or encouragement. It has an unspoken promise that when the chores are done we might spend a little time at inconsequential things that please us. Like the man said "my wife can do anything she wants but not on my time." The collection would encourage us to believe we have two lives to live, and the frustrations if the first one would provide grist for the second. Those who sold out the second for the doubtful first are a legion.

Those of us who, in later life, have picked up the promise of that second life and refused to be silenced have a wide experience to draw from as the collection shows, but more than this, the support and encouragement of other women are everywhere documented. This is particularly pleasant to me, since I have long come to believe, any encouragement from the distaff side will have a hook in it.

Obviously the determination to not only write but write well is the motivation here, I notice a recognition by some, of the advantage of being old enough to have nothing to lose makes candour less painful. On that point, may I say, in these offerings at least they have been a credit to their backgrounds.

Review by Gert Beadle.



Gert sent a letter with the review opposite which she gives me permission to quote:-

"This was a hard review for me - it reminded me of a lot of things and made me angry. These women, middle-class educated from backgrounds of scholars and creative endeavours, living the protestant ethic of Women's Role, had all the tools. Some poetry that struck a chord. No passion, no outrage.

No education, no peers,  
No money no encouragement  
I grew through the cement.  
The difference is, they  
wanted to be writers, I wanted  
to be a revolutionary."

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I hope readers are not tired of book reviews - but as they (the books) keep coming, even as I do this newsletter, which is to be the last - maybe - I have to mention -

"Found Goddesses - Asphalta to Viscera" as revealed to Morgen Grey & Julia Penelope New Victoria Publishers, Vermont Price 7.95. U.S.

The play of language, the fun the humour, makes this a lovely bedside or favourite coffee-table (tongue in cheek) book to have around, when you feel blue, pick it up and laugh and laugh at the wit, the naughtiness, the love and fun.

Emma Joy Crone.



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(from the newsletter)

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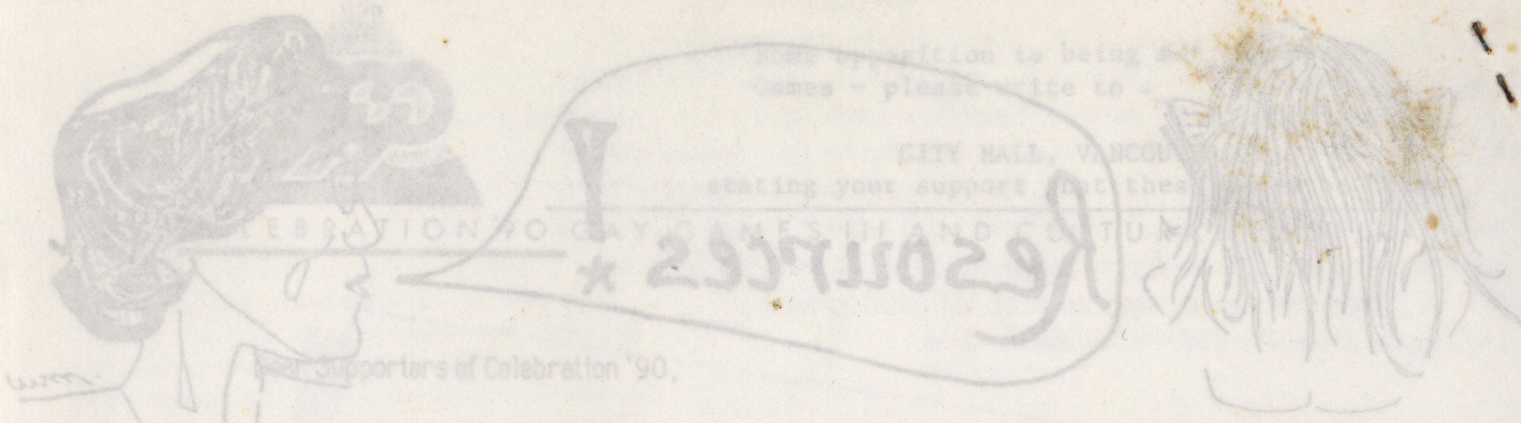


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