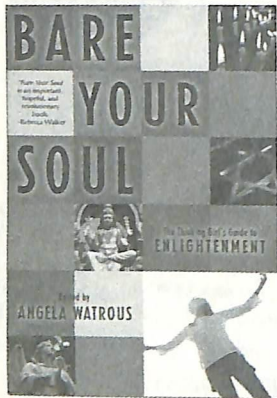


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## BOOKS



**Bare Your Soul: The Thinking Girl's Guide to Enlightenment (Live Girls Series)**  
Edited by Angela Watrous

Whether raised within a specific belief system or warned against all things warlike, young women today have been left with questions that dating guides and pop feminist theory cannot answer. *Bare Your Soul* answers the call, offering the wisdom of a variety of women and their reflections on how to negotiate an empowering spiritual existence in a pop-culture world. In the collection, women of diverse backgrounds and traditions share how investigating questions of spirituality affects their lives and their identities. It is a provocative look at the ways by which young women of today both celebrate and repudiate religion—and, ultimately,

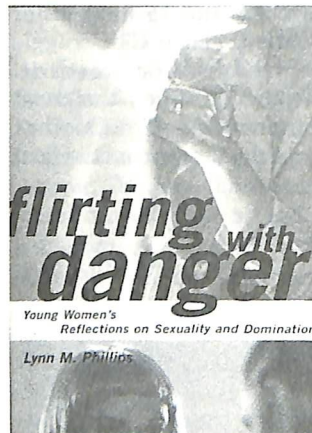
find answers that fit. One woman shares her practice as a Shiite Muslim and how this intersects and collides with her personal relationships. A woman raised within the Black Baptist community finally finds a spiritual connection with the Unitarian Church—then struggles to balance spiritual fulfilment with her desire to see other Black faces in her place of worship. A young mother speaks to the challenges brought on when play dates bring together her family's religion—feminist Goddess-worship—and that of her children's fundamentalist Christian friends. A Western feminist who has converted to Buddhism attempts to reconcile her gender identity with a philosophy that renders gender irrelevant, and one woman argues that the Church of Consumerism is all she needs.

A compelling, much-needed anthology, this collection offers balanced, insiders' information on a wide spectrum of traditions and practices, allowing readers to make informed, intelligent spiritual choices for themselves.

Published by Avalon Publishing Group, 161 William St., 16/F, New York, NY 10038, USA. 2002, 321 p. Pbk. ISBN: 158005076X

**Flirting with Danger: Young Women's Reflections on Sexuality and Domination**  
By Lynn M. Phillips

In *Flirting with Danger*, Lynn M. Phillips explores how young women make sense of, resist, and negotiate conflicting cultural messages about sexual agency, responsibility, aggression and desire. How do women develop their ideas about sex, love and domination? Why do they express feminist views condemning male violence in the ab-



stract, but often adamantly refuse to name their own violent and exploitative encounters as abuse, rape or victimisation?

Based on in-depth individual and collective interviews with a racially and culturally diverse sample of college-aged women, *Flirting with Danger* sheds light on the cultural lenses through which young women interpret their

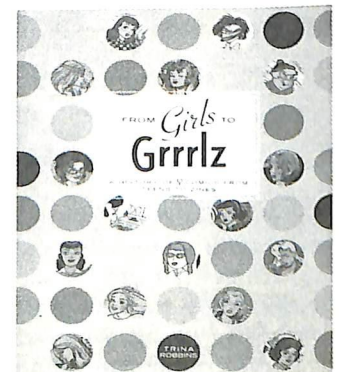
sexual encounters and experiences of male aggression in heterosexual relationships.

The author makes an important contribution to the fields of female and adolescent sexuality, feminist theory and feminist method. The volume will be particularly useful to advocates seeking to design prevention and intervention programmes that speak to women grappling with questions of sexuality and violence.

Published by New York University Press, Washington Square, New York, NY 10003, USA. 2000, 253 p. Pbk. ISBN: 0814766587

**From Girls to Grrrlz: A History of Women's Comics from Teens to Zines**  
By Trina Robbins, Introduction by Carla Sinclair

This book is an art-packed compendium of chronicles of more than fifty years of girl comics authors, artists, trends and characters. *From Girls to Grrrlz*



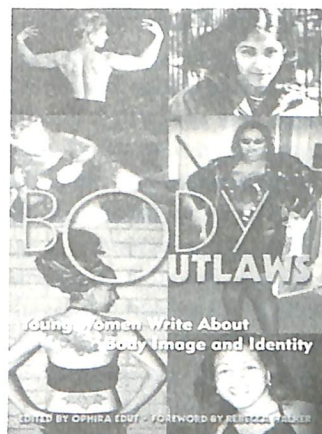


takes the readers on a tour of women's history through the use of comics while serving as tribute to the two-dimensional women of this century—from the bubble-headed bombshells of the forties to the lovelorn ladies of the fifties, to the wimmin's libbers of the seventies, to the grrrowling grrrlz of today. Illustrated with rare comic-book art pulled from the best of the best, *From Girls to Grrrlz* bridges the gap between Ms. and Sassy, between Miss America and Naomi Wolf, reminding readers of how comic-book characters humorously—and critically—reflect changing culture. It includes 150 colour and 30 b/w reproductions of panels that are by turns kitschy, funny and confrontational. This lavishly illustrated volume reveals the forces that have shaped contemporary comics and the pleasures they offer.

Published by Chronicle Books, 85 Second Street, San Francisco, California 94105, USA. 1999, 142 p. Pbk. ISBN: 0811821994

**Body Outlaws: Young Women Write about Body Image and Identity**  
 Edited by Ophira Edut;  
 Foreword by Rebecca Walker

**B**ody Outlaws compiles a range of essays that give collective voice to the first feminist generation's conscious repudiation



of the dominant beauty standard and insistence to feel at home in their bodies. Writers like Nomy Lamm and Lisa Jervis (editor of *Bitch* magazine) explore new paradigms of women who use their bodies as symbols of power, sites of resistance and mediums of expression. The anthology is filled with the honesty and humour of women who have chosen to ignore, subvert or redefine beauty.

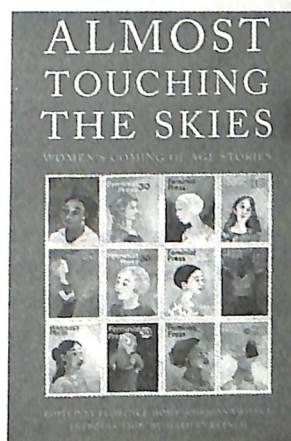
Published by Avalon Publishing Group Inc., 161 William Street, 16/F, New York, NY 10038, USA. 2000, 264 p. Pbk. ISBN: 1580050433

**Almost Touching the Skies: Women's Coming of Age Stories**

Edited by Florence Howe and Jean Casella; Introduction by Marilyn French

Assembled in honour of The Feminist Press's 30th anniversary, this anthology brings together the work of 22 exceptional American woman au-

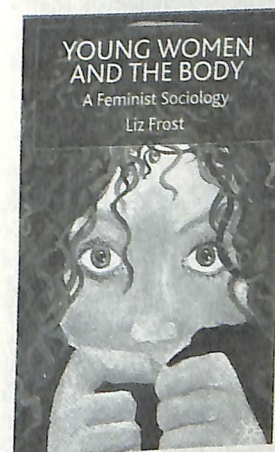
thors from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, chosen for the noteworthy voices of the young women in their short stories and novels. These characters share their triumphs and heartaches with today's reader. Divided into three sections—(1) Family, (2) Teachers and Friends, and (3) Work and the World—the selections provide insight into the lives of girls and young women from di-



verse walks of life. The stories allow readers to connect their individual experiences, hopes and fears with a larger whole—womankind. "Family" includes such classics as an excerpt from Zora Neale Hurston's gritty, groundbreaking 1942 memoir *Dust Tracks on a Road*, as well as "Raymond's Run" (1979) by recently deceased Toni Cade Bambara, which portrays an African-American girl's love for her brother. "Teachers and Friends" includes "The Fire," Helen Rose Hull's 1917 tale of a teenager's subtly erotic relationship with

her art teacher, and an excerpt from *A Cross and a Star*, in which Marjorie Agosin chronicles her Jewish mother's experiences of growing up in a small Chilean town filled with Nazis. "Work and the World" contains some of the publisher's most treasured rediscoveries, from Agnes Smedley's *Daughters of Earth* to Kate Chopin's "Wiser Than God."

Published by The Feminist Press at The University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016, USA. 2000, 261 p. Pbk. ISBN: 1558612343



**Young Women and the Body: A Feminist Sociology**  
 By Liz Frost

**T**his book examines why Western young women suffer alienation from their bodies. It first looks at the currently recognised body disorders: eating disorders, self-harm and dysmorphic disorder, and

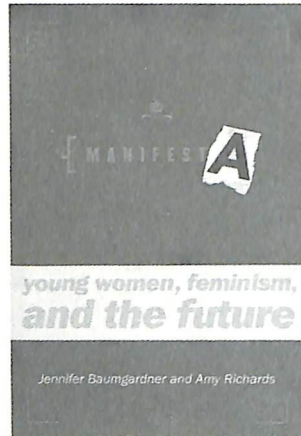


finds that these are primarily diagnosed in young women. Interviews with girls in a psychiatric facility and girls with no known disturbance in a school setting substantiate the body-hatred theme.

Having briefly considered appropriate theoretical perspectives, *Young Women and the Body* then proceeds to argue that body-hatred is not just the experience of a few sick girls, but a general difficulty of this generation. Explanations for this are found in the many ways that society defines young women as unstable adolescents, as rampant consumers, as sexually suspect, and as relatively powerless. The book also considers whether modern boys suffer a similarly difficult relationship with their bodies, and finds little evidence for this.

*Young Women and the Body* analyses the association of young Western women with eating disorders from psychiatric, psychological and feminist perspectives, concluding from a feminist social constructionist approach that deprecation of the feminine stigmatises adolescent girls as inferior and results in their “body hatred,” while boys’ consumption insecurities centre on substance abuse. The book includes two case studies, but not methodological notes on the interviews.

Published by Palgrave Macmillan, Houndsmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 6XS and 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010, USA. 2001, 213 p. Pbk ISBN: 0333740904



### Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future

By Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards

Young women today live by feminism’s goals, yet feminism itself is undeniably at a cross-roads: “Girl power” feminists appear to be obsessed with personal empowerment at the expense of politics, while political institutions such as *Ms.* and the National Organization for Women are so battle-weary they have lost their ability to speak to a new generation. In *Manifesta*, Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards examine the snags in the movement—from the dissolution of Riot Grrrls into the likes of the Spice Girls, to older women’s hawking of young girls’ im-

perilled self-esteem, to the hyped hatred of feminist thorns like Katie Roiphe—and prove that these snags have not, in fact, torn feminism asunder. In contrast, they show the vibrancy with which the movement has evolved, detail important political goals that still need to be achieved, and spell out what a world with true equality would look like.

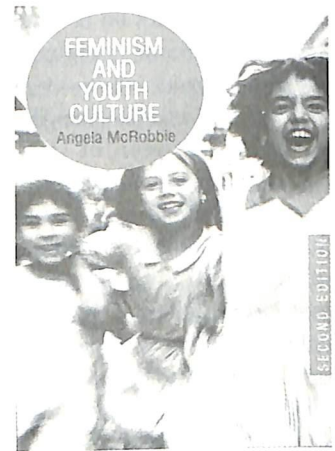
Published by Farrar, Straus and Groux, 19 Union Square West, New York 10003, USA. 2000, 416 p. Pbk. ISBN: 0374526222

### Feminism and Youth Culture

By Angela McRobbie

A specialist in young women and British popular culture, McRobbie (communication, Goldsmith College) carries over six essays from her 1991 edition, most of which were written while she was with the Birmingham Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies, and adds two co-authored essays and a brand new introduction that looks back to the years when much of the work behind this book was undertaken. There is also a lively new concluding chapter that considers how significant changes that have taken place since the late 1970s have impacted young women today.

Taken together, the essays tackle a wide spectrum



of topics for students of cultural and media studies, sociology and gender studies—from teenage sexuality, young mothers and girls’ magazines, to the role of feminism and the politics of feminist research. It provides insight into what are by now recognised as key concerns of the “Birmingham school”—social class, ideology, popular culture, subcultures and political change—while relating these to the complex and challenging question of gender. This book has been regarded as a classic text in the field of British cultural studies.

Published by Routledge, 29 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10001, USA. 2000, 272 p. Pbk. ISBN: 0415927552

### Letters to a Young Feminist

By Phyllis Chesler

In *Letters to a Young Feminist*, Phyllis Chesler challenges youthful feminists to stop thinking of “femi-



nism” as a word from the dusty past and reclaim it for their own lives. Indicting the contradictions between expectations of men and women, she reminds the readers that despite decades of women in the workplace, traditional stereotypes still play out. Behind every father lauded for changing a diaper, she notes, there is a mother just doing her job—putting in 40 hours at work and an additional 40 hours at home—who is rarely even credited. What have boys learned about women’s roles?

The author weaves her personal experience with the history of the movement to assess the accomplishments and failures of her generation as she encourages the next to take on what remains to be done. With frankness and candour, the author discusses the basic aspects of feminism, explains feminism’s relevance in a world in danger of taking itself for granted, and steers the next generation toward reclaiming feminism for itself. Stressing that feminism should stand for tolerance, self-empowerment and resistance to all forms of oppression, she examines sisterhood, sex, families and motherhood, resistance to the status quo, work, feminist heroism, and the economics of power. The book covers a lot of ground—marriage, reproductive rights, sexual abuse,

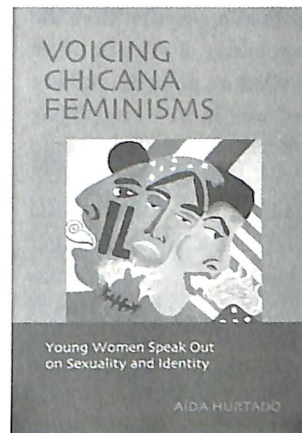
political oppression and career opportunities—which necessarily makes for cursory treatment of many topics. Yet Chesler’s analysis is cogent throughout, and the essays included are laced with compelling nuggets from one who has been on the forefront of the feminist movement for several decades. This book represents an older feminist’s efforts to pass on what she has learned to the next generation.

Published by Four Walls Eight Windows, 39 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10011, USA. 1999, 176 p. Pbk. ISBN: 1568581513

**Voicing Chicana Feminisms (Qualitative Studies in Psychology): Young Women Speak out on Sexuality and Identity**

Written by Aida Hurtado; Edited by Michelle Fine and Jeanne Marecek

hough “Chicana feminisms” have only recently been enumerated, a feminist perspective has long existed in Chicano communities without it being explicitly named such. Grounded in specific aspects of Chicano culture such as the contested role of La Malinche and the complexities of Marianismo, the distinguishing feature of Chicana feminisms has been their embrace of diversity. Chicanas readily ascribe to many feminisms and do not

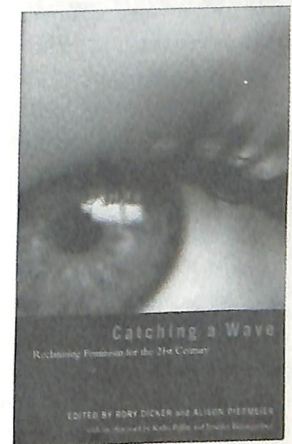


expect that there be only one. Focusing on young women between the ages of 20 and 30, *Voicing Chicana Feminisms* explores the relationship between Chicana feminism and the Chicanas’ lived experiences. What do they see as the day-to-day manifestation of feminist consciousness? What is the relationship between what Chicana feminists propose and their experiences as women and as members of other significant social groups? Including rich ethnographic testimony based on questionnaires, in-depth interviews and shadowing, the author allows the women to speak in their own terms about how they see their femininity, sexuality, gender identity, ethnic/racial identity, and ties to other feminisms and political struggles.

Published by New York University Press, Washington Square, New York, NY 10003, USA. 2003, 362 p. Pbk. ISBN: 0814735746

**Catching a Wave: Reclaiming Feminism for the 21st Century**  
Edited by Rory Cooke Dicker and Alison Piepmeier

Young women today have benefited from the strides made by grassroots social activists in the 1960s and 1970s, yet they are hesitant to identify themselves as feminists and seem apathetic about carrying the torch of older generations to redress persistent sexism and gender-based barriers. Assembled on the premise that a new generation of feminists is needed to eradicate pervasive sexism, this collection of original essays contests the notion that the post-feminist age has arrived and identifies a third wave of feminism.



The contributors argue that the next generation needs to develop a politicised, collective feminism grounded in the material realities and culture of the twenty-first century at the same time that it builds on the strategies of second-



wave feminists. Organised in five sections, *Catching A Wave* is an engaging, often edgy, look at a broad range of perspectives on the diversity, complexity, multiplicity and playfulness of the third wave. It is also a call to action for new voices to redefine a feminism that is not only personally aware but also politically involved. The essays focus on consciousness-raising through philosophy, world reality and history. Included are timely pieces that regard such topics as the role of feminism in the Middle East, the importance of developing feminist movements in college campuses, and the quest for a third-wave super-leader. Interspersed among the more serious essays are such delights as an analysis of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, a discussion of hip-hop feminism, and a look at a mail-order bride/fake porn satirical website: <<http://www.bigbadchinesemama.com>>.

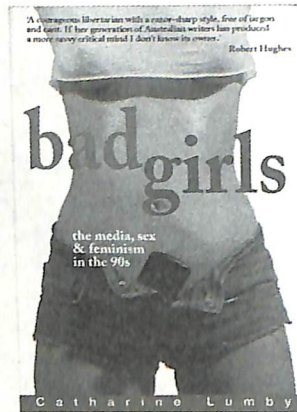
Published by Northeastern University Press, Boston Massachusetts 02115, USA. 2003, 338 p. ISBN: 1555535712

### **Bad Girls: The Media, Sex and Feminism in the 90s**

By Catharine Lumby

**B**ad Girls gives the readers a controversial and exciting new take on debates surrounding pornography, censorship and

the media, arguing that the complaints of sexism often levelled at popular culture and media are simplistic and out-of-date. The debate is a crucible of feminist attitudes to censorship of the mass media. Many younger women disagree with campaigns against sexist ads and images in the media and often openly consume por-



nography themselves. They reject the victim tag assigned to women and have a more complex view of the way power operates in contemporary society. Feminist censorship is puritanical and outmoded, not recognising the ease with which today's young women engage the media or indeed the spunk with which these women practise feminism and manage their sexuality.

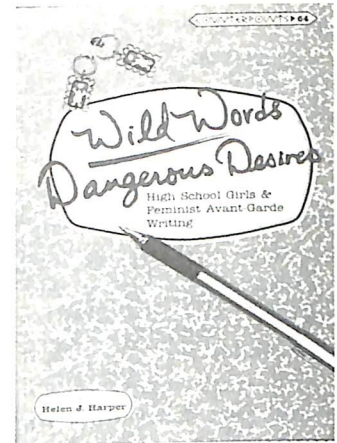
The first chapter, *Beyond The Real Woman*, speaks frankly and honestly about the hypocrisy of denying a woman the right to explore and express her feelings, and attacks traditional

points of view. *Feminists, Censors and Australian Sensibilities* unearths some amazing facts about the origins of censorship in Australia and cites case histories with astonishing clarity and objectivity.

The chapter titled *Consuming Artifice* digs beneath the media veneer, the superficiality of the flesh, the mythology of supermodels such as Cindy Crawford and Elle Macpherson, stereotype and the double standards of sexually titillating advertising material. It also highlights trends that consume the glossies, while *Why Feminists Need Porn* is all about interpretation and the fine line between artistic nudity and porn.

The last chapter, *Feminist Politics In The Media Future* is sure to hit a raw nerve particularly as it highlights the former editor-in-chief of *Ms. Magazine*, author of *Damned Whore and God's Police* and prominent feminist, Anne Summer, and the widening of the feministic generation gap. It's page turning stuff and tears straight to the heart of the debate.

Published by Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd, 9 Atchison Street, St Leonards, NSW 2065 Australia. 1997, 192 p. ISBN: 1864480769



### **Wild Words/Dangerous Desires: High School Girls and Feminist Writing Practices** By Helen J. Harper

*Wild Words/Dangerous Desires* explores the struggles of young women trying to define themselves with, and against, the pleasures, premises and practices that mark the female subject in feminist avant-garde writing. Drawing on a study of six high school girls, it traces the affective and intellectual investments that encourage young women to embrace and/or reject the "woman" produced in writing. A highly readable and entertaining account, this text offers a sophisticated analysis of female adolescent desire and identification in reading and writing acts. Such an analysis also serves to highlight the investments of feminist educators. For both teachers and scholars, the text will prove useful in explicating the complexities of transformative education.

Published by Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., New York, USA. 2000, 200 p. Pbk. ISBN: 0820438618



## WEB RESOURCES

### 1. Women's Studies Center (WSC)

The Women's Studies Center (WSC) is an independent, Palestinian non-governmental organisation that strives for the realisation of equality between women and men. It seeks to mobilise the efforts of all women committed to the principle that women's rights are indivisible from human rights. The WSC's objectives are:

- to lobby toward change and the development of alternative perspectives that promote the role and equal participation of Palestinian women in all levels of society;
- to collect and document research studies by Palestinian and Arab women to serve as a resource from which to learn and devise strategies;
- to promote the creative potential of Palestinian women and invest in opportunities for them to flourish;
- to breed a young generation of leaders (men and women) of the social concepts related to gender and willing to support the Palestinian women's movement;
- to develop audio and video materials on women's issues and gender;
- to monitor and respond to media materials in order to promote a positive image of Palestinian women and the principle of gender equality; and
- to network with progressive Arab women's movements and Palestinian women's institutions that share WSC's vision.

Website: <<http://www.wameed.org/>>

Languages: Arabic, English

Mailing Address: Dahiet al-Barid, Jerusalem, P.O. Box 54071

Tel: (972-2) 234 7229

Tel/Fax: (972-2) 234 8848

E-mail: <[wameed@p-ol.com/wscad@netvision.net.il](mailto:wameed@p-ol.com/wscad@netvision.net.il)>.

### 2. Maiti Nepal: Crusading for the Prevention of Girl Trafficking, Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration of Traffic Victims

The word Maiti has a sentimental value for Nepali women. It refers to the family one is born to. But in Nepal, family ties are severed when a woman marries for she loses all rights to her parents and their property. She becomes an outsider belonging solely to her husband and his family.

Maiti Nepal's crusade is to protect Nepali girls and women from domestic violence, trafficking, child prostitution, child labour and various forms of exploitation and torture. Clients include sexually abused girls, abandoned children, destitute women, prisoners' children, returnees from Indian brothels, girls and children infected with HIV and Hepatitis B. Rescuing girls forced into prostitution and helping them find economic alternatives are a major strategy. Survivors are also trained to develop income-generation skills. The group's other services are counselling and education and basic literacy. Established by socially committed professionals including teachers, journalists and social workers, Maiti Nepal also seeks to bring justice to abused girls and women through legal channels.

Website: <<http://www.maitinepal.org/>>

Language: English

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E-mail: <[info@maitinepal.org](mailto:info@maitinepal.org) or [maiti@ccsl.com.np](mailto:maiti@ccsl.com.np)>

### 3. Feminist Majority Foundation

Founded in 1987, the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) focuses on advancing the legal, social and political equality of women with men to counter the backlash to women's advancement, and on recruiting and training young feminists to help develop the future leadership of the feminist movement in the United States. It engages in research and public policy development, public education programmes, grassroots organising projects, leadership training and development programmes. It also participates in and organises forums on issues of women's equality and empowerment. A sister organisation, the Feminist Majority, engages in lobbying and other direct political action, pursuing equality between women and men through legislative avenues.

Website: <<http://www.feminist.org/forms/comments.html>>

Language: English

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Arlington, VA 22209, USA

Tel: (703) 522-2214

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## 4. Women and Gender Institute (WAGI)

WAGI, which means "win" in Filipino, is a women's and gender advocacy based in Miriam College, Quezon City, Philippines. Through curricular, research and training support, this academic-based institution is committed to promoting non-sexist learning, feminist analyses and leadership among young women and students in the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to bridge the spirit and intent of international women's human rights with the principles of respect for cultural differences, national self-determination and transformative governance. WAGI's programmes include: Non-Sexist Education and Women's Studies; Young Women and Students Leadership; Women's International Human Rights Education; Women, Governance and Accountability; and Development Research and Technical Consulting.

The group also offers relevant web resources and links to local and international women's groups, social movements' initiatives and Miriam College's Website. Information about WAGI's regular activities (Summer Course on International Women's Human Rights and Training on the Use of Non-Sexist Language) is also available, as are news and updates on activities of WAGI's regional networks such as the Development Alternatives with Women for the New Era (DAWN-Southeast Asia), Southeast Asia Watch (SEAWatch) and Asia Gender and Trade Network (AGTN).

Website: <[http://www.comlogik.com/miriamcollege/wagi\\_main.htm](http://www.comlogik.com/miriamcollege/wagi_main.htm)>  
Language: English

## 5. World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)

World YWCA is a women's volunteer membership movement that unites 25 million women from over 100 countries through 94 affiliated national organisations. The group's vision is a fully inclusive world where justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women's leadership. It premises its work on Christian ecumenical principles and welcomes women of all faiths. Members' "faith is put into action" through programmes and projects such as a VAW workshop in the Philippines, an economic development programme in Bangladesh, a girl child centre in India, counselling services for the sexually abused in Korea, and a hostel and crisis centre in Nepal.

The website offers links to the organisational and programme concerns of the World YWCA, and features on YWCA publications, members' pages, updates on projects like the Power to Change Global YWCA Campaign for the leadership development of women and girls. Two other components designed for young women and girls are the Young Women's Web where members network internationally and the Young Women's Forum, an on-line network of YWCA young women.

Website: <<http://www.worldywca.org>>  
Language: English  
Mailing Address: 16 Ancienne Route CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland  
Tel: (41-22) 929 6040  
Fax: (41-22) 929 6044  
E-mail: <[worldoffice@worldywca.org](mailto:worldoffice@worldywca.org)>

## 6. Grrlstories

Am I ever going to have breasts? Will boys ever like me? I don't want to have my period. I wish adults would stop talking at me and listen. I wish they would stop saying, "I know what you're going through." While American society has opened its doors to women in careers and education, young women are still being praised for their looks, their sexuality, and their willingness toward obedience, instead of their strength and independence. Adolescence is that crucial time when many young girls feel lost and unsure of what choices to make, and Grrlstories offers a window into new and traditional rites of passage for girls entering adolescence. It is also a platform for girls to engage in discussion and self-expression. The website will feature discussion and activity guides for download and online use to help parents, teachers and youth leaders.

Website: <<http://www.grrlstories.org/TOC.htm>>  
Language: English  
E-mail: <[webmaster@grrlstories.org](mailto:webmaster@grrlstories.org)>

## 7. About-Face

About-Face is a grassroots effort dedicated to combating negative and distorted images of women and to promoting alternatives through education, action and humour. About-Face (formerly the Stop Starvation Imagery Campaign) is 100 percent volunteer-driven and self-supported. Begun in the summer of 1995 as one woman's rebellion, About-Face has received national media attention and thousands of supportive calls and letters from across the United States.



Website: <<http://www.about-face.org/>>  
Language: English  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 77665, San Francisco, CA 94107,  
USA  
Tel: (415) 436-0212

### **8. The Center for Women and Information Technology (CWIT)**

"Internet Gender Gap Closing," a March 2000 headline proclaims. While the increase in women Internet users is good news, the headline masks troubling aspects of women's involvement in information technology (IT). Women are still seriously under-represented as developers of IT, and they are often not well-served as IT users. In response, CWIT has a four-fold mission:

- to encourage more women and girls to study computer science and/or information systems and to pursue careers in IT;
- to enable all women and girls to use IT comfortably and knowledgeably;
- to ensure that women's lives and concerns are fully represented and readily available on the Internet; and
- to foster research concerning the relationship between gender and IT.

Website: <<http://www.umbc.edu/cwit/>>  
Language: English  
Mailing Address: CWIT-UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle,  
Baltimore, MD 21250, USA  
Tel: (1-410) 455-2822  
Fax: (1-410) 455-1027  
E-mail: <[lykenned@umbc.edu](mailto:lykenned@umbc.edu)>

### **9. The Kosova Women's Network (KWN)**

The Kosova Women's Network (KWN) is a network of different local women's groups—from organisations with extensive experience in community development to the newly formed ones. Eleven of these groups were active before the war and managed to provide services to women and children in need. Founded since the arrival of UN in Kosova, KWN works out social problems affecting women and girls such as violence against women, trafficking for prostitution, and girls limited access to education.

KWN also works with organisations of Serbian and Roma women in Kosova, providing capability-building support and training to these groups, many of which have received international awards for their work in promoting women's rights and struggles.

Website: <<http://www.womensnetwork.org/>>  
Language: English  
Mailing Address: Kosova Women's Network, Bregu i Diellit  
- JUG, L-1 nr. 10, Prishtinë Kosovë (Pristina, Kosova)  
E-mail: <[info@womensnetwork.org](mailto:info@womensnetwork.org)>

### **10. Girls Inc: Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold**

Formed during the Industrial Revolution as a response to the needs of the new working class, Girls Inc has provided vital educational programmes to millions of American girls, particularly those in the high-risk, low-income, under-served areas. Today, the group's research-based informal education programmes help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential as they prepare to lead successful, independent and fulfilling lives. The most important of these address math and science education, pregnancy and drug abuse prevention, media literacy, economic literacy, adolescent health, violence prevention, and sports participation. The programmes can be offered anywhere girls are found as after-school, weekend and summer activities.

Website: <<http://www.girlsinc.org/>>  
Language: English  
Mailing Address: 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-3902, USA

### **11. Women & Girls Tech Up**

The Women & Girls Tech Up project grew out of a private, 18-month collaborative on-line meeting of 16 small organisations for women and girls from diverse ethnic and regional groups. The conference objective was to encourage women and girls—and their organisations—to use technology to share ideas, opinions, support, creativity and political action. Another major concern was the investigation into the barriers women, girls and small non-profit organisations face while accessing and utilising new technologies.

The discussions, which were wide-ranging and free-wheeling, tackled topics such as role models, why women should take on the Internet, pornography and the Internet, hate crimes, substance abuse and self-expression.

The online conference also maintained a mailing list of member groups.



The conference evolved into a forum where participants could test their ideas and solicit feedback on personal, professional and policy issues. They spoke intimately and powerfully about personal issues, and the Website echoes the highlights of these valuable exchanges.

Website: <<http://www.techup.org>>

Language: English

E-mail: <[evy@well.com](mailto:evy@well.com)>

### 12. Mehri Women's Society

The Mehri Women's Society was named after Mehri Sharipova, a woman who devoted more than 40 years of her life to women's empowerment, women intellectuals, and professional education throughout the cities and villages of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The word "mehri," which stands for "love-mercy" in Uzbek language, is a common name for women.

The Society's goal is to attract more women to the social movement and to strengthen their roles in building civil society and in participating in the sustainable development of Uzbekistan. In collaboration with other women's organisations, it holds seminars on women's rights and the training of women and the family. The seminars serve not only as a means of legal education, but also as a tool for analysing experiences and expertise. Its earlier conferences led to the writing of the first women's rights manual in Uzbekistan, available in the Uzbek and Russian languages.

The Society also manages a telephone counselling service for women and girls with free psychological, legal and medical help to women in critical situations or those suffering from psycho-physical violence.

Website: <<http://www.cango.net/homepages/uz/mehri/>>

Language: English

Mailing Address: Uzbekistan, Tashkent, 700000, Niyazbek Yuli 6, Room 205

### 13. Girlstart

Dedicated to making a difference by changing the way girls think, Girlstart encourages and empowers girls in mathematics, science, technology and engineering through on-line classes, and summer and Saturday camps. Girlstart is committed to narrowing the "digital divide" between boys and girls in the classroom, thereby narrowing the divide existing between men and women in technology-related fields.

Girlstart's programmes seek to develop young women's skills by creating a fun, supportive and collaborative all-girl environment where girls gain a greater appreciation of the achievements of women and, more important, a realisation of their potential.

Website: <<http://www.girlstart.org/>>

Language: English

Mailing Address: 608 West 22nd Street, Austin, Texas 78705, USA

### 14. The Center for Young Women's Development (CYWD)

The Center for Young Women's Development (CYWD) was founded in 1993 by Rachel Pfeiffer and members of the Come into the Sun Coalition, a San Francisco collective of service providers addressing issues related to young women living in poverty. A youth-directed model that has received national recognition for its gender-specific and transformative work with young women living in poverty, CYWD is the only organisation in the United States dedicated to providing opportunities to low-income young women involved in the juvenile justice system and who have lived and worked on the streets of San Francisco. CYWD is staffed entirely by young women that have progressed through the group's own programs, proving that given the opportunity, young women facing the hardest circumstances can change their lives and impact their communities.

Website: <<http://www.cywd.org>>

Language: English

Mailing Address: 1550 Bryant Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA, USA

Tel: (1-415) 703-8800

Fax: (1-415) 703-8818

### 15. Third Wave Foundation

Third Wave Foundation is the only national organisation in the United States created by and for young women between the ages of 15 and 30. As an activist philanthropic organisation, Third Wave networks, informs and supports young women around the country and the projects that serve them. The group's goal is to harness the energy of young feminists nation-wide by sharing information and resources in order to create a community where members can coalesce, network, strategise and take action around issues that affect them. As a grant-making organisation, Third Wave strives to be the thread that connects young



women to the resources necessary to counter the attacks on their personal freedoms.

Website: <<http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/>>

Language: English

Mailing Address: 511 W 25th Street, Suite 301, New York, NY 10001, USA

Tel: (1-212) 675-0700

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E-mail: <[info@thirdwavefoundation.org](mailto:info@thirdwavefoundation.org)>

### 16. UNICEF's Voices of Youth Internet Project

Through Voices of Youth, young people can participate in electronic discussions on how the world can become a place where the rights of every child are protected—the right to live in peace, to have decent shelter, to be healthy and well-nourished, to have clean water, to play, to go to school, and to be protected from violence, abuse and exploitation.

The website features three forums: (1) The Meeting Place, where views on current global issue—particularly how they affect children world-wide—are posted; (2) The Learning Place, a series of interactive global learning projects designed for schools or similar learning organisations; and (3) The Teachers' Place, where teachers, trainers, educational planners and people who work in development agencies and young people can discuss the use of electronic networks for global educational projects and exchange experiences about similar projects.

Website: <<http://www.unicef.org/voy/>>

Languages: English, Spanish, French, some documents in Portuguese

### 17. Generation Net

Generation Net engages young people in the political process, tapping the power of the Internet to determine their non-partisan agenda, raise public awareness of pressing issues, and co-ordinate grassroots advocacy campaigns that will generate national policy changes in the United States. The network's success stories range from lobbying for clean air to address the rise in pollution-induced asthma among young people, to the protests against the World Trade Organisation in Seattle, Washington. This fall, in light of the coming U.S. presidential election, the issue of election campaign funds will be the focal point of the group's awareness and lobby campaigns.

The Speak Up section is a space where young people can share and discuss opinions, even anonymously. The Info section contains Generation Net's mission, goals, donors, and tips on how one can help the group. The Members section is arranged by alphabet, geography, topic interest, school or role, while the News section provides updates, leads for the news media, quotes, hot topics, resources, and the "member of the week." The Get Stuff section is the fund-raising component where mugs and T-shirts can be ordered.

Website: <<http://www.generationnet.org>>

Language: English

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 542 San Francisco, CA 94104-0542, USA

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E-mail: <[info@generationnet.org](mailto:info@generationnet.org)>

### 18. Global Telecommunications Women's Network (GTWN): The Changing Culture of Telecommunications

The objective of the GTWN is to provide a forum for executive women active in telecommunications to get together and network in order to contribute to the evolving global information society and provide role models to younger women managers active in telecommunications. GTWN's activities include:

- sponsorship of meetings at major telecommunication conferences;
- conferences and seminars;
- education and awareness campaigns on the "changing culture of telecommunications";
- studies in the international telecommunication field;
- newsletters, directories and articles in print and electronic media; and
- scholarships for young women in telecommunications.

Website: <<http://www.gtwn.org/>>

Language: English

Mailing Address: The International Chamber of Commerce, Untersachsenhausen 10-26, 50667 Cologne, Germany

