

# Book Corner



In celebration of Women's History Month, here are some books of special interest to women. All but Bechdel's are non-fiction.

Bechdel, Alison. *Lesbian cartoons: Dykes to Watch Out For; More Dykes to Watch Out For*, \$7.95. The second collection carries us further into the cartoon adventures of the lesbian cast of characters. Follow their exploits, as they and their friends look for lovers and plot against the patriarchy in these slices of everyday lesbian life in America.

Butler, Becky, ed. *Ceremonies of the Heart*, \$14.95. A collection of first-person accounts of lesbian unions.

Federman, Lillian. *Surpassing the Love of Men: Romantic Friendship and Love Between Women from the Renaissance to the Present*, \$14.95. Quietly revolutionary, this book brings together forgotten and ignored strands of history in an unexpected new synthesis. It will change your sensibilities.

Ferrari, Marianne. *Places of Interest to Women 1991*, \$9.00. A city-by-city guide to women's resources. Symbol-coded listings provide information on bars, hotels and restaurants, types of clientele, services, facilities, activities and entertainment.

Hoagland, Sarah Lucia. *Lesbian Ethics: Toward New Value*. A provocative book using the lesbian experience as a starting point for redefining ethics. It develops an ethics relevant to lesbians under oppression which embraces the spirit of lesbian resistance and encourages plurality. Recommended by Gloria Anzaldua.

Holmes, Sarah. *Testimonies: A Collection of Lesbian Coming Out Stories*, \$7.95. A new collection of lesbian coming out stories in which women of different races and backgrounds describe the excitement, passion and conflicts of their self-discovery. These stories portray the process of forming a lesbian identity.

Kehoe, Monika. *Lesbians Over 60 Speak for Themselves*. These are the voices of women who have not only survived being "sexually deviant" in a homophobic society, but who are now coping with growing old in a youthful America. In this powerful book, 100 women share their innermost feelings about what it is

like to be an elderly lesbian in our society today.

Loulan, JoAnn. *Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other*. Topics include healing the child within, lesbian self-esteem, AIDS, recovery, surviving incest, and many aspects of sex. Also lists results of survey on the lives and sex practices of 1566 lesbians.

Moraga, Cherrie and Gloria Anzaldua, eds. *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*, \$9.95. Winner of the 1986 "Before Columbus Found America Book Award."

Rafkin, Louise, ed. *Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians*. Twenty-five mothers of lesbians come together to trace the growth of their relationships with their daughters. Writing about family, community, religion and neighborhoods, among other topics, the authors raise the essential questions mothers of lesbians confront.

Richards, Dell. *Lesbian Lists: A Look at Lesbian Culture, History, and Personalities*, \$8.95. Clever, entertaining and occasionally outrageous lists, including little-known facts about lesbian culture and history.

Sausser, Gail. *Lesbian Etiquette: Humorous Essays*. In this delightful collection of short essays, Sausser talks about everything from her fantasies as a "baby dyke" to making dates through classified ads to dealing with a visit from the parents of your non-yet-out-to-them lover. This is a book in which we will all recognize ourselves, the situations we've been in a million times, and, even more easily, our ex-lover.

Telling It Book Collective, ed. *Telling It: Women & Language Across Cultures*, \$14.95. From the 1988 Telling It Conference, this collection is a thought-provoking blend of writing that addresses the issue of racism, cultural appropriation and homophobia. Each of the women writing here does so from inside a personal struggle to articulate what has been painfully felt by each.

Zahava, Irene, ed. *My Father's Daughter: Stories by Women*, \$9.95. Explores the intricate complexities of the father/daughter relationship--with humor, anger and pathos--from the views of 27 contemporary women writers including Audre Lorde, Valerie Minor, and others.

## Lambda Connections Provides Networking

Lambda Connections, a Charlotte-based, lesbian-owned and operated business, invites all gay men and lesbians in North Carolina to attend/participated in the 1991 Spring Southern Lesbian and Gay Business/Crafts Expo. The event will be held April 6 and 7 at the Masters Inn, 3815 N. Tryon Street in Charlotte. Business- and craftspeople from all over the South will be peddling their wares and services.

Lambda Connections was founded by Kimberly Melton and Lisa Wallace last fall, and already has one gay and lesbian business expo under its belt, one in Charlotte last November. The women were very pleased with the turnout for the event. More people than expected attended, both businesses and viewers. Melton commented that people said the event "felt good," an important achievement which the women want to

repeat.

A sense of community played a significant role in the decision to begin Lambda Connections. Melton said what got the idea off the ground was a conversation with a lesbian business-owner whose business was failing. Melton decided to call several people she knew about getting together, and the idea of a business expo came into being. Lambda has produced a business directory for the Charlotte area, as well.

Another offshoot is a gay and lesbian business association in the Charlotte area. Their aim is to provide a means of networking and support within the community.

Lambda Connections' Expo is an effective means by which the community can support one another and exercise their economic clout at the same time. For more information, see below. ▽

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# LAMBDA CONNECTIONS

Proudly Presents the 1991 Spring  
Southern Lesbian & Gay Business/Crafts  
EXPO

Saturday and Sunday, April 6th & 7th  
Saturday 11 am - 7 pm / Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm  
Masters Inn (formerly Holiday Inn)  
3815 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina

*Finally, a way to spend your money and support the community! Businesses and craftspersons from many Southern States will be showing and selling their products and services at this Expo. You can buy products and receive information on Southern Lesbian and Gay-owned Businesses and Crafts. This Expo will provide you with information on Businesses and Crafts all over the South. Now, while you are at home or traveling, you will be aware of Lesbian and Gay Businesses or Crafts in the area.*

If you would like to rent a booth or need more information, please call or write Lambda Connections • P.O. Box 12072 • Charlotte • N.C.  
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