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Welcome to the Eighth Annual FBN Sidelines Issue! At a time when, more than ever, stores need all the customers they can get, we hope this catalog will help you stock your store with all the feminist sidelines your customers want. As Kasha Songer at The Book Garden in Denver, CO says, "Not all lesbians and feminists read, but all buy gifts. Sidelines double our market!" Most sidelines have a higher profit margin than books and add enormously to a store's atmosphere. "I can't imagine how much harder it must be to run a store without sidelines."

For more convincing — and some great sidelines ideas — check out this issue's collection of items ranging from amulets, buttons and bumperstickers to calendars, cards, jewelry, music, pottery, videos and more. Once again, booksellers from across the country share some of their sidelines finds in a "Faves and Raves" article. And this issue also features articles on comic books for women and a guide to improving your newsletter to better promote your sidelines and books. Most booksellers use this issue when deciding what sidelines to order for the holiday season; many also keep the issue at hand as a resource to use all year. When writing your orders, don't forget to tell craftswomen that you saw their ad in FBN!

In addition to sending the FBN Sidelines Issue to all of the feminist, lesbian and gay, alternative and general independent stores on our list, we also send a copy to all of the new bookstores we hear about during the year. To all of you we extend a warm hello! We also send many thanks to all of the craftswomen and sidelines vendors who contributed to making this special issue such a success.

As always, we're interested in your feedback. If we've missed your favorite sideline, drop us a note and we'll make sure to include it in next year's issue. And if you'd like more information about Feminist Bookstore News or next year's catalog, please contact us and ask to be added to our sidelines list. Happy ordering!

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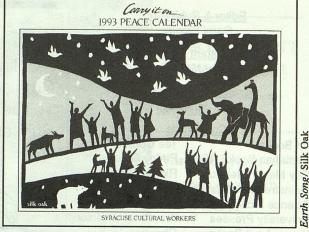
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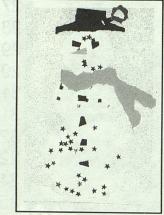




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The 22nd edition of the Peace Calendar continues the marvelous blend of art and politics that have made the Peace Calendar one of the popular social issue publications in the USA, and a best-seller in Feminist bookstores. Artwork/poetry by Amy E. Bartell, Jane Evershed, Marge Piercy, Alice Walker and more celebrates African American history, women's power and choices, gay pride, and the continuing struggle against militarism. Full color; 14X11; lunar cycles; people's history dates; religious holidays for many faiths; recycled stock. \$10.95.



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Bestselling Sidelines

Compiled by Ann Morse With help from the booksellers

What wonderful sidelines are drawing women into bookstores around the country? What are they buying for themselves and their friends in addition to (or sometimes instead of) books? You can find some of the answers in this third annual column featuring booksellers' favorite and best-selling sidelines. This year's list includes some of the perennial favorites goddess earrings, triangle pins and woman-centered cards - as well as some new finds: leather items, amulets, chili pepper pottery and hair bolos. Read on. Many thanks to all of the booksellers who took time out to share their sidelines reviews. And to those of you inspired by this column, please send us information about your sideline finds and we'll print it in next year's edition. Thanks and happy selling! -AM

Amulets by Fool Moon Treasures sell very well at Brigit Books in St. Petersburg, FL. Fool Moon offers 13 different amulets to choose from, each consisting of beads on a ribbon and a charm representing qualitites such as friendship, love, health and protection. The amulets are \$3 wholesale and can be ordered from Fool Moon Treasures, PO Box 10473, Tallahassee, FL 32302; 904-656-2171. Silk-screened and colored-pencil cards decorated with goddess and nature images are also favorites at Brigit Books. \$10.50/dozen wholesale from Persephone Editions, 3041 11th Ave. S., Minneapolis MN 55407; 612-724-9492. And finally, customers love Brigit Books' rubber stamps, which feature queer money slogans and sayings such as "They're not hot flashes, they're power surges." \$1.50 to \$5 wholesale. CJ Enterprises, Cindy Oselio, 537B Niagara NE, Albuquerque NM 87113; 505-345-6873.

- Brigit Books, St. Petersburg, FL

Posters, buttons and T-shirts from Dan Kaufman Graphics are "selling like crazy" at Dreams and Swords in Indianapolis. Kaufman's works all promote the lesbian and gay civil rights movement. His 11-by-17-inch poster (undoubtedly modeled after the "I am a feminist because" posters) starts with the words "Because gay men and lesbians are discriminated against in housing and employment and because..." and ends with "...I am part of the lesbian and gay civil rights movement." Dreams and Swords sells the posters for \$4 (they're \$2 wholesale), the T- shirts for \$14 and the buttons for \$1.25. Dan Kaufman Graphics, PO Box 4901, Washington DC 20008; 202-244-4391.

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es. Raves.

Also popular with customers at Dreams and Swords are Alchemists Earrings. The Celtic and Native American roots of the women who run Alchemists are reflected in their earrings, which feature goddess images and Native American designs. The earrings are made of brass and other metals and sell for about \$12 a pair. Alchemists, PO Box 1660, Green Valley AZ 85622; 602-648-0500.

Pins featuring pink triangles and triangles with rainbow colors streaming across them are also hot sellers in the store. Dreams and Swords gets theirs from Triangle Land and sells them for \$4.50 to \$5 each, depending on their size. Triangle Land, PO Box 446, Oregon House CA 95962.

Dreams and Swords, Indianapolis, IN

Jewelry, pottery, pins and cards — you name it, they've got it at the Book Garden in Denver. Some of the most popular items follow: Lizzie Brown's new jewelry line is "wonderful...Anyone who has any hesitation about ordering should check this line out," says the Book Garden's Kasha Songer. The earrings and pendants feature cats, goddesses and other images with a definite spiritual bent. The Book Garden plans



to redesign a jewelry case around this new line alone. Lizzie Brown, PO Box 389, Brimfield, MA 01010; 415-245- 9484.

The Justice Art Company makes many-colored, porcelain "Judy Chicago-like" jewelry that sells really well. Some items have Southwestern designs, some pink and black triangles. The Justice Art Company, 5495 E. Nebraska Way, Denver CO 80222; 303-757-6227. Prices range from about \$12 to \$25 wholesale.



The Book Garden's newest treasure is jewelry by Greta Wesley. This Colorado craftswoman makes metal on metal earrings, pendants, pins and even bolos for the hair! Many feature copper triangles on silver circles, women's symbols, etc. Greta Wesley, 502 Canyon Ave. D, Manitou Springs CO 80829.

Customers also love stoneware by Lynn Hull. The pottery (mugs, bowls, plates and candlesticks) come in two styles: featuring whale images, and earthtone pottery with a red chili pepper theme. "They sell like wildfire." The stoneware runs from about \$5 to \$30 wholesale.

Also popular are Debby Berrow's clay figures, goddesses representing women in different cycles of life. The figures are about \$10 wholesale. Debby Berrow, 34993 E. Danstrom Road, Creswell OR 97426.

Other sidelines that do extremely well are soft, luxurious black leather ID holders, checkbook covers, wallets and day books from Holly Eimer's Laguna Leather. Kasha urges booksellers to not let Laguna Leather's approximately \$200 minimum order dissuade them from trying out these sidelines. If booksellers order a few checkbook holders, key chains and wallets they'll meet their \$200 and the items will sell "wildly." The Book Garden sells about \$500 (wholesale) in Laguna Leather items each month. Laguna Leather, PO Box 13197, S. Lake Tahoe CA 95702.

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Bestselling cards at the Book Garden include those from Elegant Exposure, which creates women's cards, pictures of cowgirls, photos of women's statues around the country, and more. Elegant Exposure also offers magnets that Kasha expects will do very well. Elegant Exposure, 4821 Olympia Drive, Mesquite TX 75150. — Book Garden, Denver, CO

Clarice from Sisterspirit in San Jose writes: Sisterspirit is a very small bookstore so it is difficult to have many sidelines, but we do try to put out as many items as we can because we feel that the sidelines bring in as many customers as the books do.

One of our favorite Tees this year has been the Thelma and Louise shirts that Jill Davey and her partner created. Black on white, "Thelma and Louise Live!" with a picture of them both. Jill Davey, 2401 McGee, Berkeley CA 94703; 510-540-5386.

In the card department we are still having success with Renee Locks' creations. Hand painted with trees, flowers, moons, mountains and calligraphied quotes from many sources, these cards are stunning. Reasonably priced from \$2-\$10. You can contact Renee at Atelier Renee, 325 Richardson Way, Mill Valley CA 94941; 415-383-3491.

The cards from the Not-So-Square Card Co. (RR2, PO Box 450, Norwich VT 05055; 802-649-5511) are great. Each card has the pink triangle very cleverly displayed somewhere on the front of the card. These unique cards, designed by several women, come blank or with sayings. They have an excellent selection of holiday cards as well. Write to Kimberly Ford.

The Deva Spirit Rattles from Nance Emmett (2241 Alder St., Eugene OR 97405; 503-683-5710) are still doing well and make great gifts. Each rattle is about 4 inches high, darkly glazed with a unique face; they each make a different sound when rattled.

Wolfe Video (PO Box 64, New Almaden CA 95042; 408-268-6782) distributes a large selection of videos; some can be used as rentals. Kathy's newest and most popular are the 25th anniversary video of *The Changer: A Record of Our Times* and *West Coast Crones: A Glimpse in the Lives of Nine Older Lesbians.* (Note: Wolfe Video recently acquired distribution rights to the popular lesbian soap opera *Two in Twenty.*) Write or call for a catalog.

We've had other successes, but these have been the most spectacular. — Sisterspirit, San Jose, CA



Mary Farmer at Lammas Bookstore in Washington DC raves about two of the store's sidelines in particular: San Gordon's mobiles, earrings and pins and Debby Berrow's clay goddesses.

Gordon's whimsical mobiles feature clay mermaids, pregnant women, women of color and flying women. Lammas sells them for about \$20. The earrings and pins come in at under \$10. San Gordon, Route 1, PO Box 1913, Worchester VT 05682.

Berrow's clay goddesses "sell like chocolate-chip cookies...We cannot keep them in stock." The figures include a mother, clown, birthing woman, and goddess. \$15 to \$20 retail. Debby Berrow, 34994 E. Danstrom Road, Creswell OR 97426.

- Lammas, Washington DC

The big sellers at Old Wives' Tales in San Francisco are T-shirts, rubber stamps, bumper stickers, buttons and Freedom Rings. The store's current raves are "stylish and affordable" T-shirts from the lesbianowned Bilcat Company. The shirts feature symbols (pink triangles and labryses) and slogans such as "100% Dyke" and "Lesbo World." Contact Debra Grossberg and Lesley Zahn at Bilcat Company, 2215 R

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Market St., PO Box 809, San Francisco CA 94114; 800-33BILCAT. Also popular are "Graduate of the Thelma and Louise Finishing School" and pro-choice T-shirts from the Fund for the Feminist Majority, PO Box 6412, San Rafael CA 94903; 415-883-1233.



Wild Zone Enterprises supplies Old Wives Tales with rubber stamps featuring phrases including "Lesbian Money," and "Dyke Dollar;" stickers saying "This Insults Women;" and small cards reading "Your business has just been supported by a lesbian" and "You have just interacted with a lesbian. Please remember me the next time someone speaks ill of us." Wild Zone Enterprises, Joanne Erickson, PO Box 813, Matthews NC 28106; 704-882-3455.

"I Believe Anita Hill" bumperstickers from the Women's Political Alliance are another hot item. The store is eagerly awaiting "Murphy Brown for Vice President" buttons, also from the WPA. Women's Political Alliance, PO Box 470, Stillwater MN 55082. Freedom Rings — rainbow-colored rings that can be worn as necklaces, rings, or any other accessory you can imagine — are selling fast at Old Wives' Tales. Store can order them from Universal Spada, 212-888-1214.

- Old Wives' Tales, San Francisco, CA

Treasure Candles, those pyramids of wax that reveal small charms and crystals as they burn, are favorites at Ellie's Garden in Lubbock, Texas. (A word of advice: Ellie's removes the "very hetero" fables that come with the candles before they put them out for sale.) Leather wallets and I.D. holders with pink triangles on them also sell quickly. Order them from Laguna Leather, PO Box 13197, S. Lake Tahoe CA 95702. Keeping in mind that Ellie's is in Texas, leather boot straps for cowboy boots are another solid sideline for the store. Ellie's orders theirs from local craftswoman Ginger Harron at 806-745-3155.

> – Ellie's Garden: Women's Books and More, Lubbock, TX

Cards are far and away the best-selling sidelines at Mother Kali's Books in Eugene, OR. Especially good sellers are cards by Betty LaDuke (available from Syracuse Cultural Workers, PO Box 6367, Syracuse NY 13217) and Jane Evershed (the Jane Evershed Card Collection, PO Box 8874, Minneapolis MN 55408). Mother Kali's favorite 100% cotton T-shirts come from Lumin-Image Mint, PO Box 360, Silverton OR 97381. The most popular one features a long, black, stickfigure woman reaching one hand down to the earth and the other to the sky, green plants in hand. The store sells the shirts for \$16.

- Mother Kali's Books, Eugene, OR

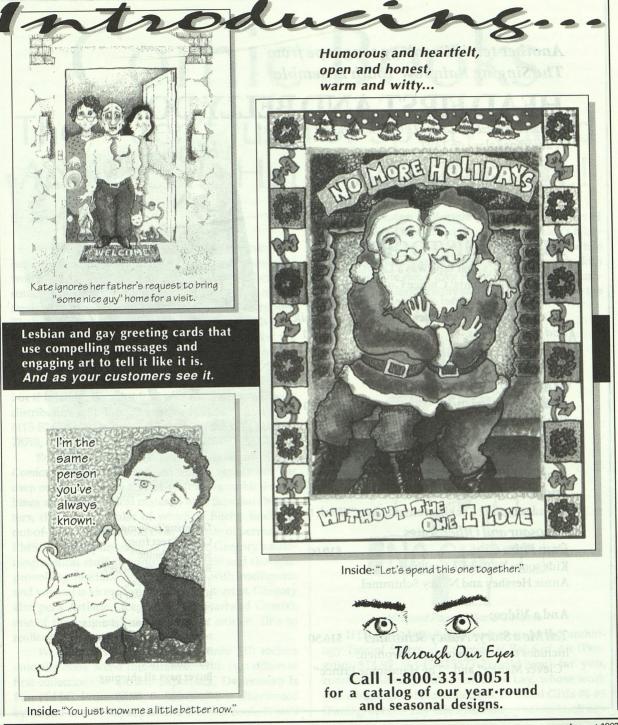
Lizzie Brown jewelry is a favorite with customers at A Room of Our Own in Haslett, MI. Lizzie and her partner Lydia make women-inspired sterling silver earrings, pendants and rings. Lizzie Brown, PO Box 389, Brimfield MA 01010; 415-245-9484. A Room of Our Own features a separate sidelines store, called Gentle Spirit, within the main bookstore. A few of the bestsellers at Gentle Spirit include Alchemists Earrings (see Dreams and Swords above) and T-shirts from Environmental Awareness Products, especially those featuring women's images such as "New Moon Rising" and "Lady of Wild Things." Environmental Awareness Products, 3600 Goodwin Road, Ionia MI 48846; 800-255-9737.

Cards also sell briskly at Gentle Spirit, including cards by Carol Grigg (distributed by Trillium Press, 397 N. State St., Lake Oswego OR 97034; 503-636-4425, 800-432-3442); cards from In Her Image, especially those by Judith Anderson and Susan St. Thomas (In Her Image: A Gallery of Women's Art, 3208 SE Hawthorne, Portland OR 97214); and cards from Fishburn Designs (PO Box 20227, Oakland CA 94620; 510-482-2800).

— A Room of Our Own and Gentle Spirit, Haslett, MI O



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Comic Books They Aren't Just For Spotty-Faced Adolescent Het Boys Anymore!

By Roz Warren

At least a few of them aren't. While a woman with her own comic book is still about as common as a woman with her own seat in the U.S. Senate, there are some great cartoonists whose published work merits feminist booksellers' attention, not to mention support. The natural readership for these cartoonists is *your* customers, not the fanboys browsing the racks at the local "Musclebound Superheros R Us" Comic Shop.

(A note about price and distribution. All comic books are about \$3. Inland distributes most of these, but if Inland hasn't got it, one of the four comic book distributors will: Rip Off (1-800- 468-2669), Last Gasp (415-824-6636), Diamond Comic Distributors (301-281-7870), or Capital City Distributors (608-223-2000).)

Roberta Gregory, for years a highlight of *Gay Comics, Wimmen's Comics* and others, finally has her own comic. **Naughty Bits #1-#5** (Fantagraphics) combines autobiographical material with fictional characters, the most popular of which is Bitchy Bitch, an out-of-control broad who lives in a state of permanent PMS. Bitchy is pure rage on the page; Gregory's autobiographical stuff, in contrast, is subtle and thoughtprovoking. She takes on tough issues with intelligence and wit and is an exceptionally capable artist. Gregory also pens **Artistic Licentiousness** (Starhead Comix), one of the only realistic sex comics around. (It's so realistic it's almost depressing).

Wunderkind Nina Paley (she's only 24!) rockets onto the book scene this summer with two different first collections — a trade paperback, **Depression Is Fun** (T.H.C. Press, \$6.95, 0- 962-8913-3-9. Distributed by Inland and Bookpeople) and a comic book, Nina's All-time Greatest Collectors' Item Classic Comics #1 (Dark Horse). Depression is made up of Paley's hilarious self-syndicated "Nina's Adventures" strips, while Collectors' Item is an assortment of longer work. Both are an absolute riot. I love Paley's work — it's beautifully drawn, magnificently sarcastic and feminist to the core.



Hothead Paisan, Diane DiMassa

If Diane Noomin's fine women-in-comics anthology *Twisted Sisters: A Collection of Bad Girl Art* (Penguin, \$14.95, 0-14- 015377-2) sold well for you, consider the comic books of Carol Lay, whose work was a highlight of that collection. In **Good Girls #1-#5** (Fantagraphics) Lay takes traditional comic book art-

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work and outlook in unexpected directions. Other Twisted Sisters with their own comics are: Julie Doucet (Dirty Plotte, Drawn & Quarterly), Mary Fleener (Slutburger Stories, Rip Off), Carel Moiseiwitsch (Flash Marks, Fantagraphics), Krystine Kryttre (Death Warmed Over, Cat Head Comics) and Diane Noomin (True Glitz/Rip Off). Check out their stuff in Sisters to see if you want to stock their books.



Sheila and the Unicorn

The **Yuppies From Hell** series, published by Marvel Comics and drawn by Barbara Slate pokes (very) gentle fun at young urban professionals. (After all, Slate also draws Marvel's *Barbie*.) It's good for a laugh but it doesn't rock the boat.

Capsizing the boat is Diane DiMassa's ever popular Hothead Paisan, Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist (Giant Ass Publishing). Hothead #6 is about therapy, gay bashing (and bashing back) and what your cat thinks when you have hot sex with a total stranger. As president of the local chapter of "Hets For Hothead," I'm not unbiased, but this woman is as wicked as she is fabulous. DiMassa's work is also featured in Weenie-Toons: Women Cartoonists Mock Cocks (Laugh Line Press, \$4.50, 0-9632526-0-7. Distributed by Inland). DiMassa, Alison Bechdel, Andrea Natalie, Kris Kovick, Jennifer Camper, Lynda Barry and twenty other women cartoonists make fun of penises (it's a tough job but somebody has to do it ...) Weenie-Toons is edited (and published) by the same woman who brought you Women's Glib and Kitty Libber (me).

The Wimmins Comix series has been crucial to the development of women comic artists in this country. The Wimmins Comix series has been crucial to the development of women comic artists in this country. Wimmins Comic Number #17, the kvetch issue, edited by Caryn Leschen, is just out and it's the best issue ever, with a far-ranging collection of material by top women cartoonists like Trina Robbins, Aline KominskyCrumb, Jackie Urbanovic and Andrea Natalie. Also highly recommended is the terrific **Fanny** series of women's comic books, published in England by Carol Bennett and Cath Tate (and distributed here by Inland). **Ceasefire**, about the Gulf War, and **Voyeuse**, about sex, were the first two **Fanny** comics. Upcoming are **Immaculate Deception**, about religion, and **Dykes Delight**.

Two excellent comics including material by both sexes but edited by women are Angela Bocage's **Real Girl #1-#3**, "The sex comik for all genders and orientations... by cartoonists who are good in bed!" (Fantagraphics), and Theresa Henry Smith's **New #1** & 2, "Western Canada's Only Alternative Comic Compilation." (Tweedleyin Tweedleyang Productions).

When Andy Mangels took over as editor of Gay Comics he promised to devote half of each issue to material by women, and he kept that promise with Gay Comics #14, which features top lesbian talent like Jennifer Camper, Joan Hilty, and Noreen Stevens, plus cover art by Roberta Gregory. Number #15 will have a similar all- star lineup. Mangels will also publish two special issues a year. Gay Comics Special Issue #1 is a rare treat — 40 pages of the best of TimBarela's "Leonard & Larry" strips, which chronicle gay life as astutely as Bechdel's Dykes track lesbian life. Naturally, Gay Comics Special #2, due in October, will be an all-Bechdel issue, including reprints of a strip that ran in the Advocate plus 20 pages of new, autobiographical stuff.



Roz Warren is the editor (and publisher) of Weenie-Toons: Women Cartoonists Mock Cocks (\$4.50, 0-963-2526-0-7, Laugh Lines Press, PO Box 259, Bala Cynwydd PA 19004. Distributed by Inland), as well as Crossing Press' Women's Glib and Kitty Libber. For more on women and humor, see Warren's article on "Funny Books to Watch Out For," FBN Vol. 14 No. 6.

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10 Elements of Great Design

By Jennifer S. Croft

Everytime a customer walks into your store, she sees evidence of your graphic arts ability. It's in your logo, bookmarks, newsletters, discount cards, posters, and even in the signs you sprinkle throughout the store.

If each of these communication pieces is striking, dynamic, and most of all, easy to read, you've done a great job. If all of them also have a consistent look, as if they were created at the same time, by the same artist, as part of one information package, then you've achieved a near miracle. If not, then perhaps it's time to redesign some of your marketing materials.

Here are 10 elements that will help ensure great design:

Style Sheet:

The best way to achieve a cohesive look is to create a style sheet, especially for newsletters. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just notes jotted down on a page. The purpose of it is twofold: to get you thinking about what kind of look you want for your store; and to make sure that everything you produce matches that look. A style sheet will help you achieve consistency and consistency will help increase your store's visibility.

For example, if you design a poster that looks like all your other store materials, customers will be drawn to it even if it's buried on a crowded bulletin board in a dimly lit bar. They'll see the color of ink and paper you always use, or the typeface and logo you've chosen and they'll identify them as belonging to your store. They'll do all of this in an instant and probably won't even do it consciously, but still an important connection will be made.

Typeface:

When creating pieces, choose a typeface that's easy to read and appropriate for your piece. A flashy typeface might work on a poster advertising a fun event, but it wouldn't carry through for an entire eight-page newsletter. Avoid ornate typefaces altogether for text copy. Use them sparingly for headlines and/or display ads.

Also, make sure the typeface you choose is easy to procure. Most laser printers come with "resident" fonts. Choose one of these; otherwise you'll pay an incredibly high price for type.

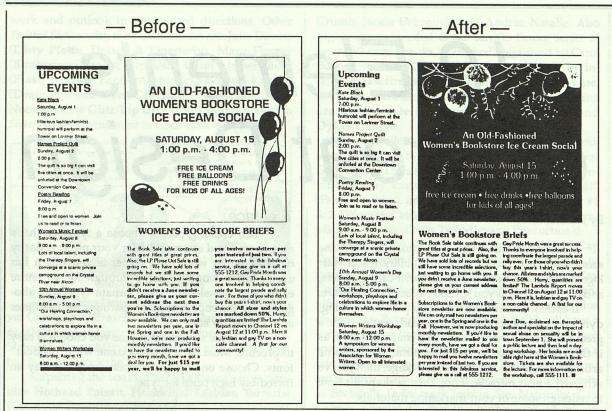


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Type Style:

Avoid ALL CAPS at all cost. All caps used to be the only option of distinction available on a typewriter but the days of the typewriter are gone. The use of all caps is an outdated version of contrast and they're impossible to read. Also, avoid overuse of bold and italic. They're designed for emphasis, to set a thought or headline apart from the rest of the text. If they're

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used too frequently, their impact is lessened, and they, too, are difficult to read. Never underline (again, a throwback to the typewriter) — use italic instead. Use reverse type discreetly for dramatic impact.

Type Size:

For your text, choose a size of type that's easy to read (usually 10, 11 or 12 point, depending on the typeface you've chosen). Make your headlines 14, 18 or 24 point. Never go below 6 point type and only use smaller type (recommended 8 or 9 point) with captions. On posters, you can make your letters as big as will fit, but don't mix a bunch of different sizes of type. For display ads, if all your copy won't fit, edit the copy instead of shrinking the size of the type. Ten readable words are better then a hundred unreadable ones.

Type Alignment.

Copy is easy to read when it's either aligned left/ragged right or justified. Never align type to the right — it's an "artsy" look that's impossible to read. Centered type can be very nice in short blocks of type in ads and on posters, but it, too, is hard to read, especially if the line is wide and the type is small.

Leading:

Leading refers to the space between lines of type and it should never be tampered with (most page layout programs have an automatic default for leading — use it). In newsletters, people often make the mistake of adjusting the leading so that all the columns will come out evenly. Having columns end at the same point looks great, but it should never be obtained through inconsistent leading.

Margins and White Space:

If margins are too wide, the copy looks like it's floating on the page; if they're too narrow the copy seems intense and overwhelming. As a rule, 1/2 inch margins of white space all around the page look good, as do 1/4 inch margins between columns.

"White space" (that last tiny area that you'll be

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Screens:

These are one of the best by-products of desktop publishing. In the olden days, screens were cost-prohibitive. Now, they come out at the touch of a button. They do an excellent job of providing contrast, highlighting important areas, and stimulating interest. As a word of caution, if your artwork is being printed on a 300 dots per inch laser printer, watch out for 10% screens. Sometimes, the dot pattern is so light that when the screen is reproduced at the printer's, much of it fades off the page. Unfortunately, 20% screens are too dark if you're putting a large body of copy over the screen.

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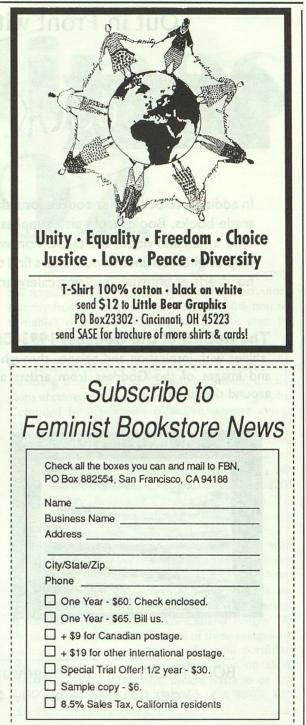
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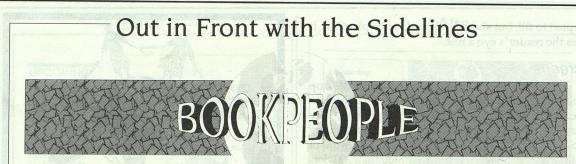
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If used properly, lines can be the finishing touch of good design. They can be used as borders at the top and bottom of a page to "hold" the copy, as "frames" for articles, ads or announcements, or as accent marks. Be careful not to overuse them and never intersect separate lines intended for separate functions. As far as size goes, don't use anything bigger than 2 point or smaller than .5 point. Make all your borders the same size, all your frames the same, all your accent marks the same, etc.

As you create your artwork, you'll probably be tempted to overdo it. Thanks to desktop publishing, typefaces can be mixed and matched with ease. Words can be reversed, stretched, underlined, and italicized on a whim. Screens can be added in seconds and lines can be drawn in an instant.

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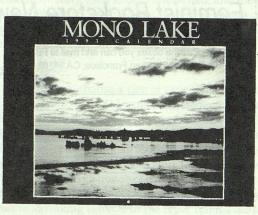


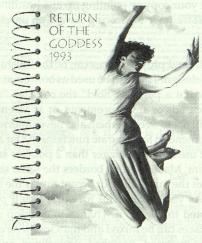


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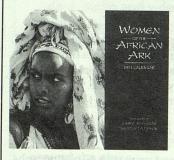
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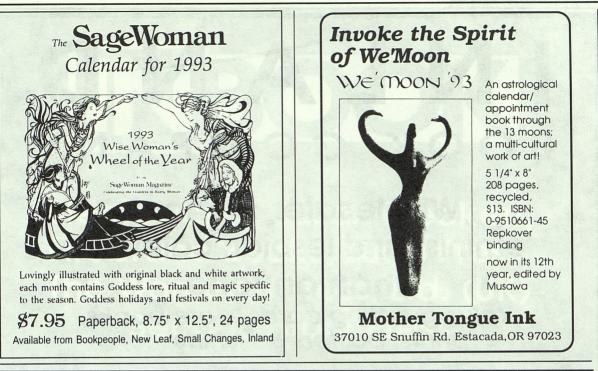
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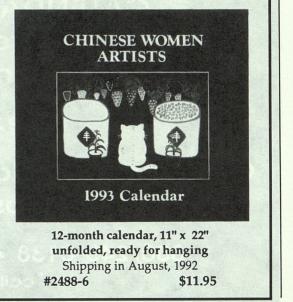
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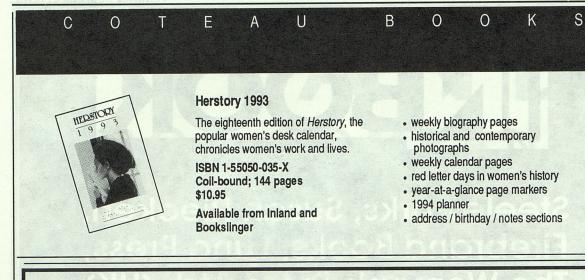
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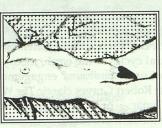


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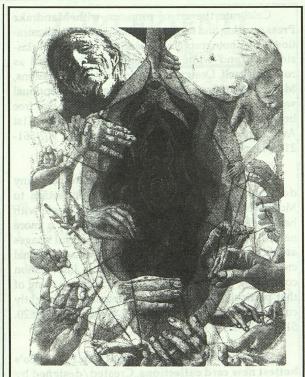
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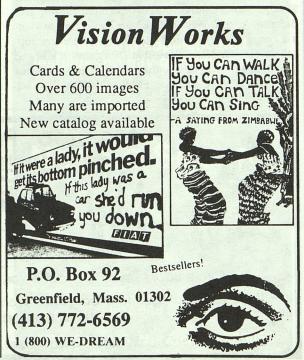
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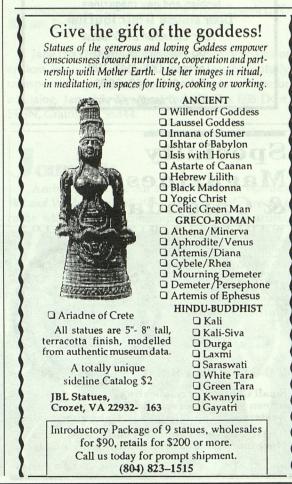
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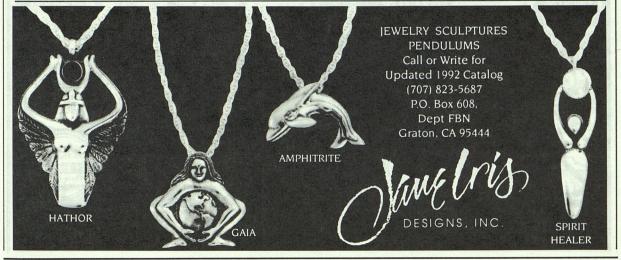
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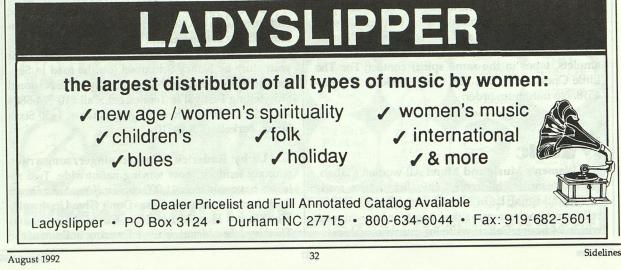
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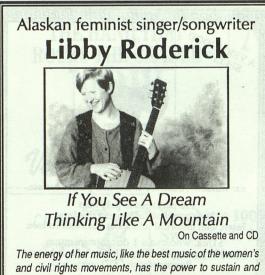
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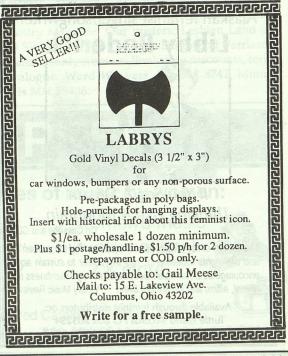
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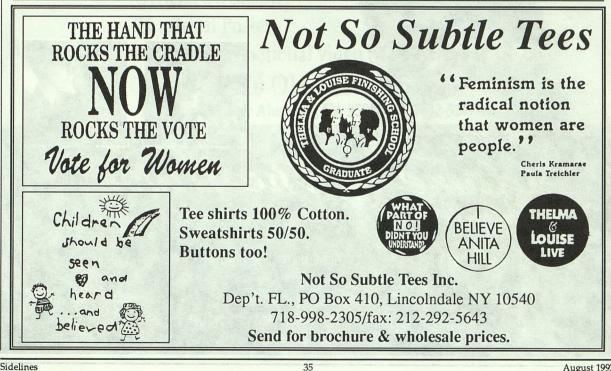
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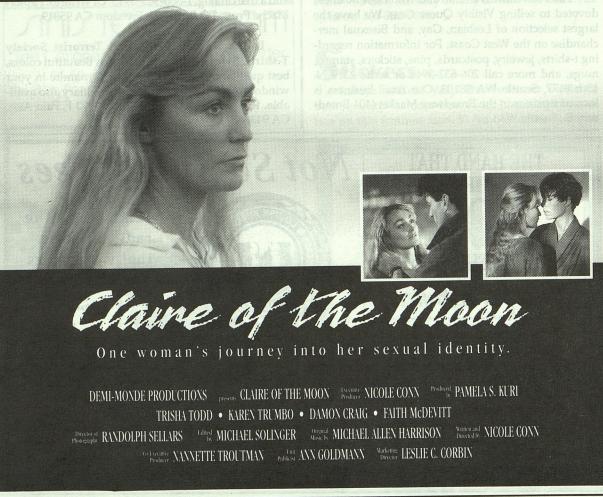


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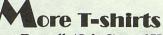


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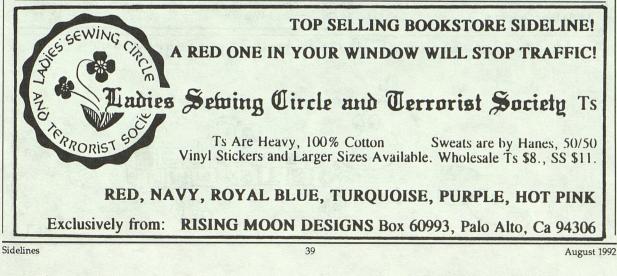
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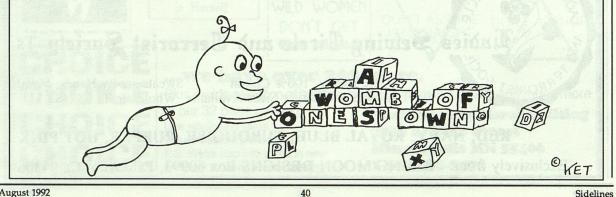


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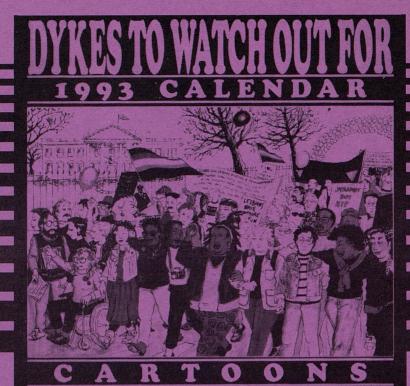
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