

Book Review:

The Woman Source Catalog & Review: Tools for Connecting the Community of Women. Edited by Ilene Rosoff. A Project of the Launch Pad.

Reviewed by Joy D. Griffith

The *Woman Source Catalog* contains 505 pages of information creatively designed by women for women with the purpose of enhancing self-reliance and strengthening the women's community. The researched sources derive from books, videos, art, healthcare, organizations, software, and catalogs and even include entries on how to build your own house!

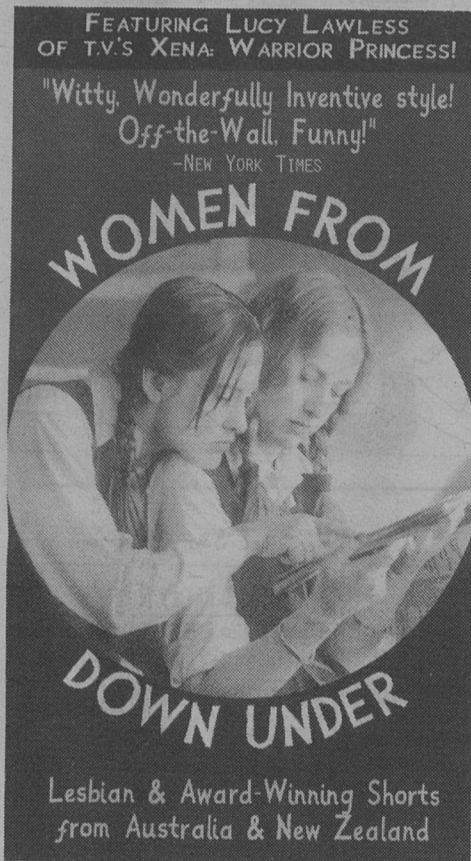
Articles and reviews were written by contributors ranging from a 13 year old Vermont girl who describes her "coming of age party" to women with strong backgrounds in the feminist and lesbian presses.

If knowledge is power, then this non-profit organization has collected a rich source of information and in so doing, provided an effective tool for women's empowerment. ▼

"Women From Down Under" Highlights Innovative Filmmakers

Video review: "Women From Down Under"

Reviewed by Nat Harrison



This collection of four short films from New Zealand and Australia features award-winning efforts which received praise at Cannes, Sundance, and other festivals around the world.

The first short feature, "Peaches," with the incredible New Zealand countryside as its backdrop, stars a young Maori woman, Sal (Tania Simon), and her encounter first with a lovely peach and ultimately with a lovely woman truckdriver (Lucy Lawless). Sal and her baby live with her mother. The two adults react with different levels of contempt toward Sal's boyfriend Mog (played with perfect arrogance by Joel Tobeck). At the start of the film, Sal receives a peach from a grocer and finds

possibilities for other gifts in her life opening up. During a party, the woman truckdriver introduces Sal to these possibilities in her description of what the perfect peach really is. The film ends with Sal, smiling in delight, biting into the ripe peach, with the woman in the cab of her truck smiling back at her.

"Just Desserts" reminded me of "Like Water for Chocolate" as the mother (Nicoletta Boris) passionately cooks a variety of foods during her daughter Maria's coming of age. For the rest of the film the food, with the titles of each in English and Italian, relates to some point along Maria's coming of age: broth to drink during her period, Venetian fritters while she learns to masturbate with her girlfriend Mona, polenta when she and Mona betroth to each other, and gnocchi during sex with a boy on his surfboard. Finally, her mother sets down pizza dough to rise in her bed as she kisses her daughter's forehead, beginning the next cycle.

"Excursion to the Bridge of Friendship" portrays a woman named Maria receiving a letter from the Bulgarian folksinger Nadzhda asking to be sponsored as a performer in Australia. Maria is reluctant, having left her own Bulgarian heritage behind. While one woman in Bulgaria enthusiastically readies herself, her Australian counterpart deals with her forgotten past. This black and white film slowly and gently develops as Nadzhda and Maria both prepare for their meeting.

"Jumping the Gun" stars Georgia Troy Barnes and Jenny Vulette in a narrated tale of a one night stand. The "Guest" (Barnes; we never learn their names) awakens in the apartment of her "Host" (Vulette). While one sleeps, the other scrapes together a cup of tea and spends some time fantasizing about last night's lover from the clues she pulls together from the surrounding apartment. She transforms the mess, launches an author's career, and is inevitably left for the blonde in the photo by the desk. My favorite scene ends with the Guest back in reality, standing under a billboard with her fingers aimed at her head, laughing.

"Women from Down Under" can be ordered from First Run Features, 153 Waverly Place, New York NY 10014. For more information about this and other releases, call 212.243.0600. ▼

Vt Area Resources

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- Rep. William Lippert (D-Hinesburg)**
Statehouse 1-800-322-5616 or 828-2228
Home 482-3528.
- Addison County Women In Crisis**
PO Box 67 • 53 Court St., Middlebury, VT 05753
(802) 388-4205
- ALMA (Active Lesbians of the Monadnock Area)**
P.O. Box 6345 • Keene, NH 03431
(603)352-6741
- Amelia Earhart**
P.O. Box 746 • Lebanon, NH 03766
- American Civil Liberties Union**
110 East State Street • Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 223-6304
- Battered Women's Services, Inc.**
PO Box 828 • Montpelier, VT 05601
24 hour Hotline (802) 223-6855
- Brattleboro Area Gays & Lesbians**
PO Box 875 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
(802) 254-5947
- Brattleboro Area Lesbian Center**
71 Elliot St. • Brattleboro, VT 05301
- Burlington Police Department**
Community Based Police Office
Lieutenant Bill LaWare (802) 658-7658
- Burlington Women's Council**
City Hall • Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 865-7200
- Christ Church Presbyterian-More Light Church**
Redstone Campus; Univ of Vermont.
Burlington, VT 05401 • (802) 862-1898
- CRONES - for women over 40**
PO Box 242 • Winooski, VT 05404
- DaGLO**
Dartmouth College GLB Organization
Hanover, NH 03755 • (603) 646-3636
- Dignity Vermont**
PO Box 782, Burlington, VT 05402 (802) 863-1377
- Friends In Adoption**
44 South Street • PO Box 1228
Middletown Springs, VT 05757 • 802.235-2373
- Gay Father's Support Group**
PO Box 234
Essex Junction, VT 05423 • 802.879-7883
- GLSTN (Gay/Lesbian/Straight Teachers) Network**
PO Box 930 • Amherst, MA 01004-0930
- Gay Info Line**
26 S. Main St. • Box 181 • Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-1686
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance**
Goddard College • Plainfield, VT 05667
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance**
Landmark College • Putney VT 05346
802-387-6752
- Golden Threads**
PO Box 65 • Richford, VT 05476-0065
802-848-7037
- Hear Us OUT • P.O. Box 285 • Brattleboro, VT**
05302 • (802) 257-0332
- Interweave-Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans/Straight**
Unitanan Universalists
152 Pearl Street • Burlington, VT 05401
- Kwanzaa - Multicultural Educational**
Resource Group
P.O. Box 583 • Burlington, VT 05402-0583
- Keene State College LBG Alliance**
Keene State College • Keene, NH 03431
- LUNA- Lesbians United, Never Apart**
c/o Umbrella Women's Center
One Prospect Avenue • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 748-8645
- Men's Health Project**
PO Box 5248 • Elmwood Ave.
Burlington, VT 05401 • (802) 863-2437
- Men Alive!**
PO Box 423 • Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 865-2247
- Middlebury G/L/B Alliance**
Middlebury College • Middlebury, VT 05753-6033
- Monadnock Gay Men (MGM)**
PO Box 1124 • Keene, NH 03431 • (603) 357-5544
- NEQLACE-**
NorthEast Queendom Lesbians Activating
Community Empowerment
c/o Umbrella Women's Center
- NEVGALR- North East Vermonters for Gay and**
Lesbian Rights • c/o Umbrella Women's Center
One Prospect Ave. • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 748-8645
- NH Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights**
P.O. Box 730 • Concord, NH 03302
(603) 224-1686
- One in Ten-Castleton State's g/l/b student group.**
Call 802.468.5611, x392.
- OLOC- Old Lesbians Organized for Change**
P.O. Box 242 • Winooski, VT 05404
- Out In The Mountains**
PO Box 177 • Burlington VT 05402-0177
(802) 388-6503
- OUTRIGHT VERMONT**
PO Box 5235 • Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 865-9677 • Youth Hotline: 1-800-452-2428
- PFLAG - Parents and Friends of**
Lesbians and Gays
Brattleboro Contact
J. Cram • 409 Hillsinds • Brattleboro, VT 05301
(802) 257-5409
- Central Vermont**
J. Pecor • 159 Sheridan St. Ext. • Barre, VT 05641
(802) 479-9246
- Lake Champlain Chapter**
Lil Venner • 23 Birchwood Lane
Burlington, VT 05401 • (802) 863-4285
- Manchester Area**
Mae and Jay Morrow (362-4400)
P.O. Box 92 • Manchester, VT 05254
- Rutland Area**
Julie and Peter Cooper (773-7601)
11 North St. • Rutland, VT 05701
- Peace and Justice Center**
21 Church Street • Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-832
- Radical Fairies**
RR2 • PO Box 1640 • Plainfield, VT 05667
(802) 454-1635
- SAGE (A social and support group for gay men over forty)**
PO Box 863 • Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 860-1810
- Social Alternatives for Gay Men (SAM)**
P.O. Box 479 • Norwich, VT 05055
(802) 649-3133
- Umbrella Women's Center**
One Prospect Ave. • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802)748-8645
- Vermont Bisexual Network**
PO Box 8124 • Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 858-9554 or (802) 865-3062
- Vermont Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Rights**
P.O. Box 1125 • Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 454-8552
- Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights**
Liaisons to the Governor's Office, Legislature, and
State Government
Susan Aranoff (802) 728-4121
Keith Goslant (802) 454-8552
- Vermont GLBT Pride**
PO Box 5113 • Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 865-3734 • (802) 658-1602
- Vermont Gay Men's Spiritual Support Brotherhood**
5 Raymond Place • Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-9684.
- Vermont Gay Social Alternatives**
PO Box 237 • Burlington, VT 05402-0237
(802) 865-3734
- Vermont Human Rights Commission**
133 State Street • Montpelier, VT 05633-6301
(802) 828-2480
- Vermont Lesbian & Gay Parents**
131 Lyman Ave • Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 660-2713
- VIVA (Visible in Vermont Arts)**
P.O. Box 812 • Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 863-2307
- Woman Center**
5 School Ave., Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 229-6202
- Women's Crisis Center**
PO Box 933 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
24 Hour (802) 254-6954 • Business (802) 257-7364
- Women Helping Battered Women**
P.O. Box 1535 • Burlington, VT 05402
Hotline: 658-1996
- Women's Information Service (WISE)**
79 Hanover Street • Lebanon, NH 03766
Office (603) 448-5922 • Hotline (603) 448-5525
- Women's Rape Crisis Center**
PO Box 92 • Burlington VT 05402
(802) 864-0555
- W.O.W. - Women of the Woods**
c/o RFD #1, Box 5620 • Worcester, VT 05682
(802) 229-0109
- Youth Aware - c/o P.O. Box 646, Middlebury VT**
05753 • (800) 452-2428 ▼

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Lipliner—Drag Show w/hostess Venus
9PM
3rd...Sunday
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6-10 \$3 Cover
4th...Sunday Bucks Tea Dance
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