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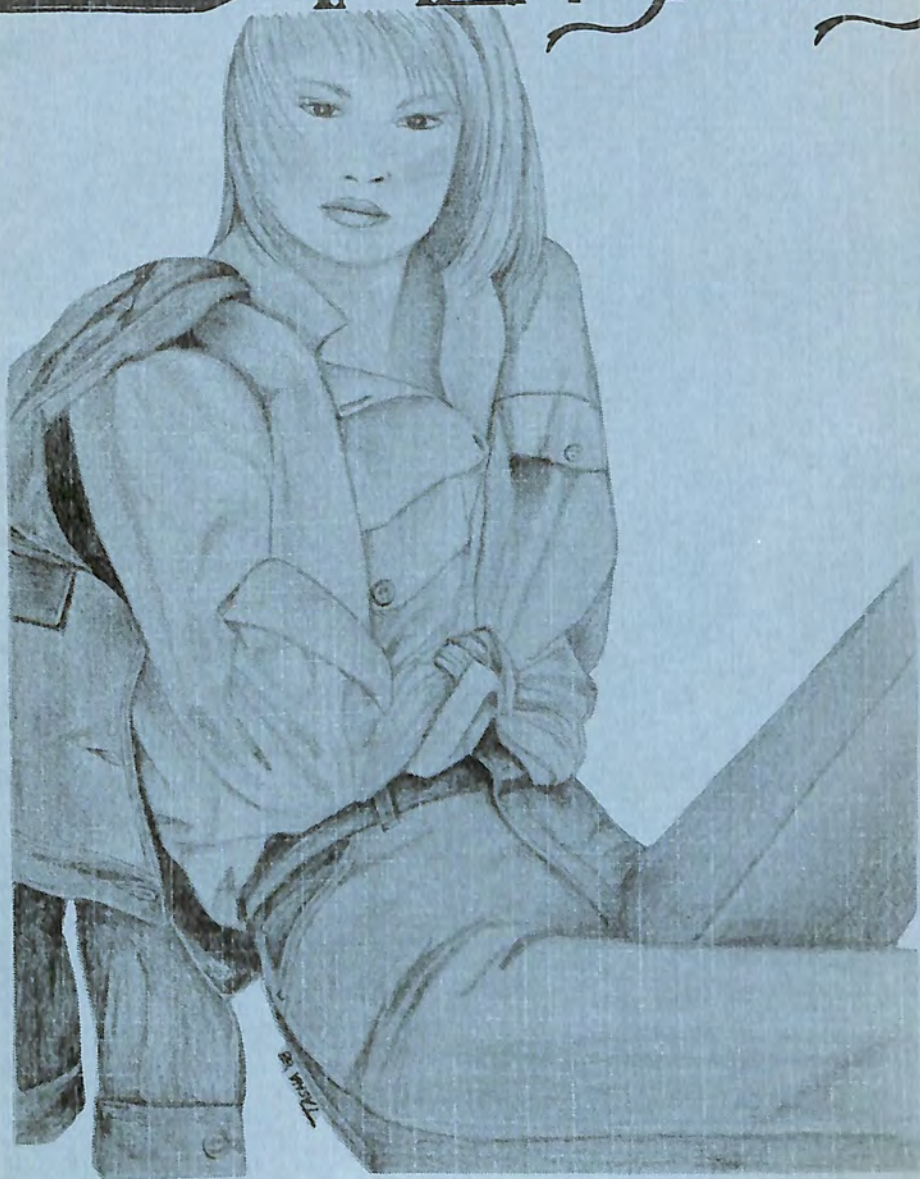




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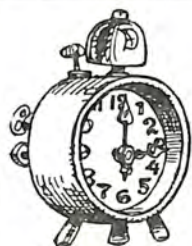
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TO THE EDITOR

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OPRAH BLOWS IT

Dear Roxanne:

Geez! Did you see the Oprah Winfrey show on Lesbianism which aired on February 9, 1988? Please, let us speak out about our reaction to this show. I have already composed a letter and am encouraging everyone to write. I taped the show, so my friends who missed it will soon be seeing it.

I had hoped that the representatives chosen for this show would be good representatives of the Lesbian Community. This is my community being put in the limelight. I watched the show hoping to find satisfaction in the message which was being portrayed to a National predominantly non-understanding audience. I had faith that Oprah would handle the topic tastefully and in a positive manner.

I expected entirely too much. She took two extremes and tried to cram them into an hour show. The political issue focused on was "Hatred of Men." No important issues surfaced. What about my job security? What about that time when my lover of 20 years passes away and her family, who hasn't spoken to her in those 20 years, comes in to take "our" car or "our" house? Where is a platform for a voice that cries out "This isn't a fair price to pay for loving someone?"

Please, if you saw the show, write to her. An avenue of communication has been opened to us. If we take advantage of this opportunity, we may, at long last, be heard. If you saw the show and thought it to be a fair representation of your personal beliefs as a lesbian-WRITE!

I am busy collecting letters from Lesbians in San Antonio. I plan to collect as many as possible, throw them all in a box and Federal Express them to the studio in which her show is produced. I am hopeful

that letters will pour in. It's time we took a stand and let the world know that we are tired of having to misrepresent ourselves to families and co-workers on a daily basis. We need legal rights and protection. Unless we make society as a whole aware of our needs, we won't have our needs fulfilled. Speak out and let your voice be heard.

If you missed the show, transcripts are available for \$3 each by calling 1-800-USA TEXT or writing to Oprah Transcripts, 267 Broadway 3rd Floor New York, NY 10007.

It's your community. It's your voice. It's your life. It's your opportunity to state your opinion. Please do not procrastinate. Impact is made with a flood of letters not a slow drip.

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Austin Lambda Reopens

Austin - Austin Lambda reopened its doors at 4107 Medical Parkway #205 on February 18th.

The organization discontinued meetings and discussion groups last year because of a lack of funds and volunteers.

Phone lines are still not operating and will not be re-established until a later date.

Austin Lambda is a non-profit educational and service organization serving the gay community of Austin and surrounding areas.

Some of the activities coming up include a Hayride on March 11th at 7:00pm at Pioneer Farms, a Lambda Garage Sale and the Lambda Prom.

If you would like to donate some of your time or money to Austin Lambda, write to P.O. Box 5455, Austin, TX 78763.

Publisher to Donate March Income to AIDS

Boston - AIDS organizations will receive one-third of all direct-mail income received by Alyson Publications during the month of March.

Sasha Alyson, the company president,

explained that "we've been looking for more ways to help in the fight against AIDS, and this seemed like a good one. For every dollar that comes to us in the mail during March, from individuals buying books, one third of it will be divided equally between the American Foundation for AIDS Research and the PWA Coalition." Alyson also noted that Ray Faulkner, a C.P.A. based in Boston, will certify the process.

"In addition to getting money to two important AIDS groups, we hope to set a precedent for AIDS fundraising," Alyson continued. "In the past, I've often contributed to an AIDS benefit, only to learn later that a disappointingly small percentage of what I paid actually went toward AIDS work. I think it's great for businesses to donate a part of their sales to important causes, but I'd like to see such announcements always accompanied by a statement of exactly what percentage of the gross amount received will go to what organization. Where a substantial amount of money is involved, I think the contribution should also be audited by a C.P.A."

A catalogue of books available from Alyson Publications is free on request. Write or phone Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, Mass. 02118 (617)-542-5679.



Food Pantry Seeks Donations

Dallas - The AIDS Resources Center Food Pantry is currently seeking donations of the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, liquid bleach, hand lotion, deodorant, aluminum foil, laundry soap, detergent, shampoo, pasta meals in jars, spaghetti sauce, fresh vegetables & fruit, jelly & jams, tuna, juices, peanut butter, cereal, etc... Take your donations to the AIDS Resource Center, 3920 Cedar Springs or call 521-5124.

HGLPC Sponsors Food Drive

Houston - The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus is sponsoring a food drive for the Stone Soup Food Pantry Saturday, April 2. Donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the parking lot of Mary's Lounge, 1022 Westheimer.

Photos of March on Washington Needed

New York - Out of the Closet Foundation for the Gay Community and AIDS Concerns is seeking photos of March on Washington.

The foundation is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to raise money for the national gay community and AIDS projects. Their

first undertaking is to publish a volume of photography commemorating the October '87 March on Washington.

Lesbian themed pictures, special events and aerial shots are especially needed. All proceeds from the sales of this book will go to benefit AIDS projects.

If you have photos you would like to contribute, contact: Out of the Closet Foundation, P.O. Box 20084, Cherokee Station, New York, NY 10028 or call (212) 288-4351.

Lesbian Sorority Given University Sanction

Los Angeles - The University of California at Los Angeles has given approval to the lesbian sorority, Lambda Delta Lambda. It is believed to be the first lesbian sorority to be established in the United States.

University officials and established Greek organizations seem pleased with the decision.

Gay men at UCLA are now planning to establish a fraternity within the next few weeks. (*Ed. Note: Founders of Lambda Delta Lambda could not be reached for comment at press time - more next month!*)

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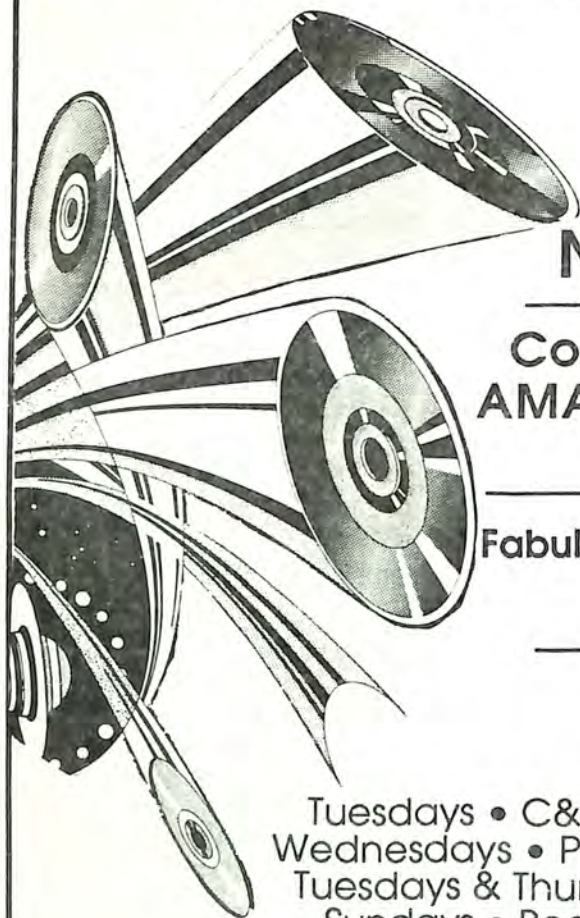
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DALLAS - The Leadership, Development, Education and Research Fund of the Dallas Area Women's Political Caucus will present the Third Wave International Women's Film & Video Festival on March 25, 26 & 27 at the Granada Cinema 'n' Drafthouse at 3524 Greenville Ave. The program is a collection of works by women filmmakers from Austria, Canada, Chile, China and America with emphasis on the Dallas area. The festival is programmed by Liatris Video, a sponsored project of Women & Their Work, A Texas non-profit organization. For ticket information, contact Janetta Walls at 214-922-9393 or Shirley Neff at 214-360-9195.

AUSTIN - Feeling like a little Jazz or R&B after work? Head to NEXUS/PETTICOAT JUNCTION and check out their new Happy Hour format! Happy Hour at NEXUS/PJ's happens Tuesday through Saturday from 6pm-9pm and it's the perfect place to relax after a long hard day on the job!

HOUSTON - Are you looking for a way to liven up your Wednesday nights? Well, the RANCH has got the answer: Rock 'N' Roll & Disco Night starts Wednesday March 9th and continues every Wednesday thereafter. So, put on your disco Queen outfit and get on out

there and dance honey! Plus, don't forget to check out C&W Dance Lessons on Tuesdays.

DALLAS - Oh Boy! HIGH COUNTRY is now open 7 Days A Week! Doors open at 5pm Monday through Saturday and at 2pm on Sunday. Some of the special events this month include Lisa Michaels & Rose playing C&W on the 3rd and 4th. Show starts at 7pm so get there early! On Sunday the 6th from 4pm-7pm it's the HIGH COUNTRY Team Benefit Softball Fundraiser with 25¢ Hot Dogs and 50¢ Draw Beer. Mahogany will be hosting a show beginning at 5pm and a TV will be given away! There will be a \$2 cover. Be sure to give Carla and Pearl a hello while your there!

HOUSTON - Live entertainment is filling up the roster this month at KINDRED SPIRITS. On the 4th and the 25th, it's Debbie Rodgers and Straight Up playing contemporary country and pop tunes. On the 18th, catch Anna Marie & Chesire Katz live and on-stage. On top of all this live entertainment, you can find Movies on Monday nights, some psychic phenomenon with Tarot Card Readings on Tuesdays and create your own live entertainment on Thursdays with Open Stage Night!

OKLAHOMA CITY - Ooooh, What Fun! KA's is planning a **Pajama Party** on March 4th! Drag out your "feetie-pajamas", your favorite sexy night gown or T-shirt & boxer shorts and head on out! Also, don't miss **St. Pat's Day**, March 17th when KA's will be serving **Green Beer All Day and All Night** plus a whole bunch of other specials to get you in the Mood O' the Irish!

HOUSTON - Everybody's favorite woman, Narene Kee has reopened the **ROCK 'N' HORSE** at her new location, 1220 Taft. A **Grand Opening Party** is set for March so keep checking at the bar for dates and details.

TULSA - Terri and the gang at TL's CLUB would like to wish Lynn a speedy recovery. Lynn was hospitalized recently for surgery on her leg and everybody at TL's and here at Dimensions hope she's up and feeling better soon!

FORT WORTH - The ever-popular Thursday Night Beer Bust is making a return to PARTNER's!

Also, there's gonna be a **Mean Green Party** on **St. Patrick's Day**, March 17th. We also have this bit of late breaking news ... Lotus, an all female band from Tulsa, Ok will be in concert at Partners on March 26th! Don't miss it!

DALLAS - Get Ready! **Steak Out** starts back up March 10th at LOMA DELL's! Plus, all **Imported Beer** will be \$1 for who knows how long!

DALLAS - Mark it on your calendar... RUMORS has alot going on! On the 8th, you can catch **Barbara Humphries** performing live on the RUMORS stage. On the 13th, there's going to be a **Badminton Tournament**. And, since owner **Barbara** is Irish, you can bet that the **St. Patrick's Day Party** on the 18th will be a blast. Plus, you can nurse you hangover at the **Recovery Party** on the 18th! The 20th brings a **Dart Tournament** and the 25th is a **60's Party!** Don't forget, RUMOR's has weekly specials including **Jazz Night** on Tuesday's and **Free Brunch** on Sunday's!



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Dear Agnes

*Answers your questions about love,
relationships & personal problems*

Dear Agnes,

I have been with my lover for a year and a half. We live together, have good jobs, and are usually very happy. My lover, I'll call her Pat, is an alcoholic. She had been sober for two years before I met her. She attended A.A. regularly and seemed to be doing great.

Two months ago, we went to a party and Pat had a beer. She said she was tired of being in social situations and not drinking. Pat also said she felt like she could control her drinking now.

She's drunk every night by eight o'clock. She hasn't gone but two days without getting smashed. She always feels guilty the next morning, but insists she doesn't have a problem.

When she is drunk, she is verbally abusive but never remembers a thing she said or did the next day. I can't get her to go to A.A. again. I don't know what to do. I can not stand watching the woman I love destroy herself. I also hate living with the verbal abuse. How can I help her to quit drinking again?

**What to do?
Houston, TX**

Dear What,

You can not help anyone who will

not help themselves!

I strongly urge you to find an ALANON group and begin attending immediately. ALANON is a group for the friends and relatives of alcoholic's. It will help you better understand, and cope. Let me know how you are doing and good luck.

Dear Agnes,

I've been dating Jill for about 5 months. We are beginning to talk about a commitment to each other. If this happens, we won't live together right away, but I imagine eventually we will. She is a nice, intelligent, caring woman. We get along great.

The problem is I am a very neat person. My house is always spotless, as well as, my car. Jill is the complete opposite. She throws her clothes on the floor and picks them up when she does laundry. She never washes a dish until everything in the house is dirty. I have never seen her bed when it is made up. Her car looks like a dumpster on wheels — old bottles, candy wrappers, fast food trash.. I could go on and on, but I'm sure you get the picture.

If we live together, I don't know what we would do. I haven't ever said anything about her "house keeping"

because I don't want to hurt her feelings. Besides, we don't live together yet. It might never work out, but I feel like we have a really good relationship that can last. I don't want to make her angry or defensive. Should I go ahead and take a chance by bringing it up with her?

**Wondering
Abilene, TX**

Dear Wonder,

Discuss it before you move in together. Be as tactful as possible and don't hurt her feelings. Some people have more of a tolerance for messiness than others and in the same household it can mean war if there are two opposites living together.

Unless you are willing to do all the

housekeeping make it plain what you expect. Sometimes it helps to have a room that is all yours. Then if she wants to trash hers out, let her and don't worry about it. Just close the door.



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LESBIAN... MOTHER

Introduction to *Rocking the Cradle*
by Debra Chasnoff & Kim Klausner



In 1982, when we were beginning our research for *Choosing Children*, a documentary film about lesbians who become parents after coming out, we set out to track down everything we could find about lesbian and gay parenting experiences and options. We were surprised at how little there was to read — a few out-of-print pamphlets about donor insemination, some legal information about custody battles, a short story here and there in anthologies of lesbian fiction.

Rocking the Cradle had just been published and it stood out as one of the only places gay and straight readers could turn for real life stories that addressed the complexities of lesbian parenting.

Publications about the reality of any minority group's lives play an important role in diminishing their internalized oppression. Over and over we have heard people say, "I thought I was the only one (only black lesbian, only lesbian wanting children, only woman sexually abused by her father, etc.) until I read. . ." Finding words or images with which one can identify can enhance a person's pride and self-respect and, consequently, sense of personal power. This is especially true for lesbian parents and their children, who have been particularly invisible in the mainstream media.

When we started work on *Choosing* -15-

Children, we knew only a handful of lesbians in the Boston area who'd had children since coming out. There were perhaps a couple of hundred on the west coast and others scattered across the country. These women were true pioneers. They had a vision and fulfilled it against all odds — social mores, legal impediments and other obstacles. They were determined and creative. They had to be, because society certainly didn't support them and for the most part the lesbian community barely knew they existed. For most lesbians and gay men, being homosexual still was synonymous with not being able to have children. Since then, lesbian communities have become much more aware of the mothers in our midst. In the seventies and early eighties male children were excluded from women's community events, childcare was frequently unavailable and many younger activists just had no appreciation for the responsibilities of motherhood. Gradually these attitudes have begun to change: more women have decided to parent; networks of lesbian mothers have solidified in some areas; a political base in the community is beginning to form. A small but significant percentage of the baby boom generation now having babies is lesbian. The sheer numbers of lesbians who are now parents (or

planning to be or whose close friends are) have pushed parenting issues to the forefront of the lesbian and gay political agenda.

Hundreds of thousands of us have marched in Lesbian and Gay Pride demonstrations for over fifteen years, fought repressive legislation, and become visible in other political movements. Along with strengthening a rich culture of our own, we've made some small inroads in mainstream culture as well. The public is more aware of us as people and some of the most vicious stereotypes have been weakened in the minds of many.

Sadly, the increased exposure and activism of lesbians and gays has paralleled a rightward shift in the mood and mores of the country (symbolized by the election and re-election of Ronald Reagan). So, while it's now possible to walk into a mainstream bookstore in any major city and find a "gay studies" section, the Supreme Court is ruling that it is permissible for states to outlaw gay sex. And the AIDS crisis and the government's slow response to it has escalated many people's fear and hatred of gay men. The Right is alarmed at changing family structures and the gains of the women's and gay liberation movements. In reaction, they have tried to narrow the range of what is considered acceptable sexuality and lifestyle. Unfortunately, these values have begun to permeate all levels of society. Even many of our straight friends are choosing to marry when ten years ago they questioned the concept of the nuclear family.

It is this renewed homophobia and social repression which accounts for

the lack of significant, long-standing change in the lives of lesbian mothers since *Rocking The Cradle* was first published. In spite of all the people who've come out to families, co-workers, and others, and the increased media coverage of gays, most people are still unfamiliar with or hostile to the concept of gay parenting.

Rocking The Cradle tells many stories about custody battles. When we first read this book, the strength of the lesbian and gay liberation movement was such that we thought that the time would come when a parent's sexual preference would be irrelevant in determining the best interests of a child in custody cases. Today, women continue to get married, have children, and then come out. And lesbian mothers still fight bitter custody battles with ex-husbands, the state, or grandparents who feel a gay sexual orientation is damaging to children. We're still losing more of these fights than we're winning.

In the last few years, some of these legal battles reflect new issues facing our community. A woman in Chicago tried to challenge her gay ex-husband's visitation rights with their daughters using the pretext that she was afraid of them catching AIDS from him (even though he was perfectly healthy and the virus can't be transmitted casually anyway). A lesbian in Northern California didn't have a clear contract with the man she used as a sperm donor. Soon after her baby was born, the donor decided he wanted to be the social father as well and was awarded visitation rights by a judge. She now has to share parenting with a virtual stranger. And a lesbian mom in Denver suffered through the

death of her lover and then the loss of her child to the parents of that woman — the biological mother.

There is great diversity within the lesbian and gay community in the way we are setting up childbearing. It seems that the largest number of new parents are starting off in couples, but many of us are raising children on our own, out of choice or because of a break-up of a relationship. Lesbians are sharing parenting with men on a continuum ranging from absolutely no involvement to sharing a household and splitting parenting responsibilities 50/50. Increasingly, groups of friends are exploring ways to share parenting even though they don't share romantic attachments. Slowly, more gay men are able to become parents themselves in ways other than marriage; they are occasionally able to adopt or become foster parents and sometimes they find a woman to bear a child for them.

In many areas, lesbian-headed families are part of a wider group of families which don't mesh with the stereotypical nuclear family model. Millions of women are raising children without a man in the home (because of divorce, separation, or never having married). The high incidence of divorce and remarriage has meant that millions of children are being parented by adults with whom they have no biological ties. Lesbians' children aren't the only ones growing up with a "non-biological mother" or parent.

It would be terrific if, ten years from now, *Rocking The Cradle* could be reissued again, but this time as a historical book, capturing the challenges lesbians used to face as parents. In a future such as that, everyone will be familiar with and

tolerant of lesbian mothers; a lesbian's right to parent will not be questioned; and lesbian parents will be able to concentrate their energy on improving the services and support that all parents and children need. While we still have along way to go until this vision is realized, books like *Rocking The Cradle* help us take the small steps needed to get there.

San Francisco, 1987

Debra Chasnoff

Kim Klausner

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the Coffee Club

A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:

The Other Side of Venus

by Shirley Verel

To The Lightning

by Catherine Ennis

This is not usually the time of year you think about reading, after all, spring fever makes you want to do things like fly kites or play frisbee. But, I've got two books this month that are definitely worth taking time out for. Besides, it will give you something to do when the thunderstorms start pounding on the door!

Let's start with The Other Side of Venus by Shirley Verel (Naiad Press, \$8.95). This novel was written and set in the mid-1950's. In one sense, it is a classic story of love gone wrong, in another, it is the story of an era in lesbian history.

The story revolves around Judith Allart, a fairly wealthy woman who has recently ended her marriage, and Diana Quendon, a young novelist. Both women are struggling against their love for one another, after all,

lesbianism was not considered a viable alternative for young women in 1955.

There are many forces working against them including friends, relatives and co-workers. These people eventually manage to pull them apart but will they stay separated? You'll have to read the book to find out.

I especially enjoyed this book because there is no trace of the butch/femme role-playing which is so common in novels from this era. I did have a problem wading through the first few chapters, but, once I got into it, I liked it. So, if you are one of those people who won't read a book unless it grabs your attention in the first few pages, this one isn't for you. If you can wait a little bit for the story to unfold, I would definitely suggest The Other Side of Venus.

-20- Now, for those of you who need

immediate excitement, To The Lightning by Catherine Ennis (Naiad Press, \$8.95) is the one to read. It's got adventure, mystery, and a good dose of sensuality.

The main characters, Chris and Merry start off on a weekend camping trip as friends. A ferocious thunderstorm catches them off guard and when Chris wakes up, she finds that they are in an unfamiliar valley with no sign of civilization to be found. This is where the adventure, and the love story, begin.

Where are they? How did they get there? How are they going to survive? Will they be rescued? I can't tell you any of that, but I can say that the answers are much more intriguing than the questions.

To The Lightning is an exciting

and intelligently written book. I read it in a single setting and passed it onto my roommate who did the same. I felt tense the entire time I was reading it wondering what would happen next. Ms. Ennis does, however, manage to relieve the tension from time to time with her sarcastic wit.

To The Lightning is going on my "A" List ... now all I'm waiting for is a sequel! This is Ms. Ennis' first novel and we should be seeing more of her in the future (and that suits me fine)!

Both of these books are available from Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302. A complete catalog is available upon request.



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"Everybody makes a mistake now and then." It is a phrase that is often used when we bounce a check, forget to pay a bill or get involved in a lousy investment. There are, however, some people who make these little "mistakes" alot more often than others. Are you one of them? Answer the 15 questions below and find out just how good you are at managing your money.

1. You balance your checkbook:

- a. Every month
- b. Every 2 or 3 months
- c. When you bounce a check
- d. Never

2. You shop:

- a. When you want to look around
- b. When you feel good
- c. When you are depressed
- d. When you need something

3. When you do go shopping, you:

- a. know what you want, buy it and leave

- b. are a comparison shopper

- c. spend hours in the mall and can't resist a "bargain"

4. On average, you bounce a check:

- a. never
- b. once a year
- c. once a month

5. When paying bills:

- a. you always pay on time
- b. you are usually a little late

c. you wait until you get a cutoff notice.

6. When it comes to saving money:

- a. You put something in savings every paycheck
- b. when you have money left over after bills
- c. when you think about it
- d. never do

7. Do you know how much interest your money is earning?

- a. Yes
- b. No

8. You are always on the look out for new investments that are safe and profitable.

- a. True
- b. False

9. If you had a choice, you'd rather have a job that pays:

- a. hourly
- b. salary
- c. salary + commission
- d. commission only

10. When you buy clothes, you buy:

- a. the least expensive you can find
- b. well-made, medium priced clothing
- c. expensive, designer label clothing, regardless of quality

11. When grocery shopping, you:

- a. make a list and stick to it
- b. make a list but usually come home with some extras
- c. just go and look for what you need or want

12. When making a major purchase (car, appliances, etc.) do you:

✓ *check as many as apply*

- buy based on appearance
- comparison shop
- buy what's on sale
- check on quality and reliability
- consider friends' advice
- buy only a brand you know
- check into warranties, service, etc.
- buy from a reputable dealer

13. When you make credit card purchases, you:

- pay them off every month
- pay as much as possible
- pay only the minimum payment

14. Would you be able to "get by" if you didn't have your credit cards?

- Yes
- No

15. In the event of an emergency (car problems, etc.) would you have the funds on hand to cover the expense without cutting into your normal monthly expenses?

- Yes
- No

SCORING

Give yourself points as follows

- a-5, b-2, c-0, d-0
- a-2, b-1, c-0, d-4
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- a-5, b-2, c-0
- a-4, b-2, c-1, d-0
- a-7, b-0
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- a-7, b-0

If You Scored: 54-81

You are an excellent money manager and take direct responsibility for your financial future. You know where your dollars go and what they go for.

While friends and family may struggle with unexpected bills or emergencies, you generally have a little stash put back just in case something goes wrong. You probably save even when it is isn't affordable. If you aren't an investor now, the potential is there and you have the discipline and temperament to go for it.

27-53

Money management is probably not your strongest asset, but it is not something you worry about too much. You probably plan more for vacation than taxes. You save off and on. Once you see something you want (stereo, car, new coat, etc..) there goes the savings account. If you do find yourself in hot water, work out a budget and stick to it. Include savings and don't be tempted to spend it. Invest in a CD or credit union and leave your money alone. You will be surprised how fast it grows.

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If you feel like money slips through your hands, it is probably because does. Managing money is not just something that happens; it takes commitment and planning. No one is born knowing how to manage their money, but it is something everyone can learn. There are some excellent books dedicated to the subject and that's a good place to start. Plan a budget, and set aside some of your check each and every pay day for savings. Pay off credit cards and keep them paid off. If you have a friend who is a good money manager ask them for help. Today is an excellent day to start and you can do it.



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What's in the Stars for you this Month?

Love, Money, Travel

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

Friendship is in the spotlight during the first week of March. You will feel like doing things for those around you and their appreciation is all you need as reward. From the 9th thru the 16th although your schedule will be hectic you may be feeling bored by all of it right now. Take time for yourself. From the 17th thru the 23rd you will find yourself making all the right decisions in love and finances. Mix this with a little luck and you just might hit the jackpot in both areas! From the 24th thru the 31st you will have to work hard to keep the right balance between work and social activities.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - Apr 19th)

The first week of March is not a good time to go on intuition in any area. Get the facts and make an informed decision or you may find yourself in hot water. From the 9th thru the 16th you may encounter some minor criticism but you will rise above it and prove that you are in the right. From the 17th thru the 23rd a short trip could be just what you need to help you relax. If you can't get away, content yourself with some phone calls or letters to far away friends. From the 24th thru the 31st be careful not to take your loved ones or co-

workers for granted. This could cause some major upset that won't be settled until April.

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

Watch your tongue when discussing political or religious matters during the first week of March. You could offend someone you care about. From the 9th thru the 16th you may feel walled into a current relationship. Try talking it out with you loved one, you'll feel much better when you get this out in the open. From the 17th thru the 23rd you could be the victim of some vicious gossip. Take care and don't say to much in defending yourself, you could be misquoted and start the cycle all over again. From the 24th thru month's end a stranger could be interfering in your love life. Don't jump to conclusions, it is probably just a passing phase.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

Romance is in the air during the first week of March. Be careful though, there may be jealous eyes watching you that could make trouble. From the 9th thru the 16th you may find yourself receiving money from an unexpected source. Be kind to those around you who are insecure about your feelings for them. From the 17th thru the 23rd the person whose

jealousy you aroused during the first of the month could confront you right now. From the 24th thru the 31st your intellectual powers are at their best. Use them to your advantage in your career. They will carry you far during this time.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

Your charm and charisma can bring you money during the first week of March. You are lucky in both love and money right now. From the 9th thru the 16th you'll be more interested in pleasurable activities but you'll also manage to finish a very important project that could bring you a raise or promotion. From the 17th thru the 23rd the pace on the job and in romance will be picking up and you will be accomplishing more and more. From the 24th thru the 31st romance is definitely in the air, your charming wit will give you the ability to pick and choose among those who interest you.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)

Avoid competing with those around you during the first week of March. Any competition or challenges you take on will not come out in your favor. From the 9th thru the 16th a raise or promotion could be coming your way, if you have been thinking about asking for a transfer, ask for it now! From the 17th thru the 23rd your work schedule will be busy but you'll be able to find time for romance too! From the 24th thru the 31st support from friends and family can help you get ahead in financial matters. Self-confidence is your strong point now.

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)

Try to relax and not take on more than you can handle during the first week of March. Someone who is interested in you physically but not mentally should be avoided. From the 9th thru the 16th it would be best to stay home and enjoy some time with your loved ones. From the 17th thru the 23rd you will feel slightly annoyed at those around you even though everything is going well right now. Your financial picture is looking especially bright. From the 24th thru the 31st love is your driving force. A new romance could keep your spirits up through a trying time with family and friends.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)

Change is in the air for Libra during the first week of March. Don't try to force things, let them happen at their own pace and the results will be much better. From the 9th thru the 16th you can expect some sudden luck in financial matters. Behind the scenes events could lead to a windfall. From the 17th thru the 23rd you should try to see both sides of a money issue, if you don't it could turn into a big argument between you and a loved one. From the 24th thru the 31st social arrangements could have you on the run, you will be happiest surrounded with friends.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 23rd)

You will feel lucky in all matters during the first week of March. Go ahead and follow your intuitions, you can't lose. From the 9th thru the 16th you can benefit from some fresh ideas

at home and on the job. Be sure to talk to those around you before implementing them or you could make them feel left out. From the 17th thru the 23rd you could be feeling like you're the rope in a tug-of-war between work and home. Slow down so that you can keep both sides happy. From the 24th thru the 31st you should consult friends or business associates before making a major decision, left on your own you could take the wrong direction.

SAGGITTARIUS (Nov 24th - Dec 21st)

Something new could be making itself felt in your love life during the first week of March and it is a nice feeling. From the 9th thru the 16th you feel confident about most areas of your life and it shows! Now is the time to go for what you want ... and get it! From the 17th thru the 23rd you could be feeling adventurous but don't let it get out of hand or you could get yourself into trouble. From the 24th thru the 31st you should spend time with your family or love interest. Be sure not to ignore your friends though or there could be hurt feelings.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

Your success at work during the first week of March depends on your not criticizing co-workers. From the 9th thru the 16th you could be making the wrong judgement about a loved one. Sit down and talk it out, you'll both feel better if you do. From the 17th thru the 23rd be generous with compliments to those around you. There may be some gossip involving you going around right now, ignore it

and it will go away. From the 24th thru the 31st you will be on a roll, not only in your social life but in financial matters. Take time to listen to others opinions before you go through with a plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

You'll need to slow down the pace of your life during the first week of March. This is not a good time for quick decisions or change. From the 9th thru the 16th you'll be able to push ahead on all the things you put off last week. Time spent with a lover will be exciting and fun. From the 17th thru the 23rd guard against taking love and/or money for granted. This could cause problem you hadn't considered and you could get in a jam. From the 24th thru the 31st your love life will seem like magic but be careful, magic can backfire.



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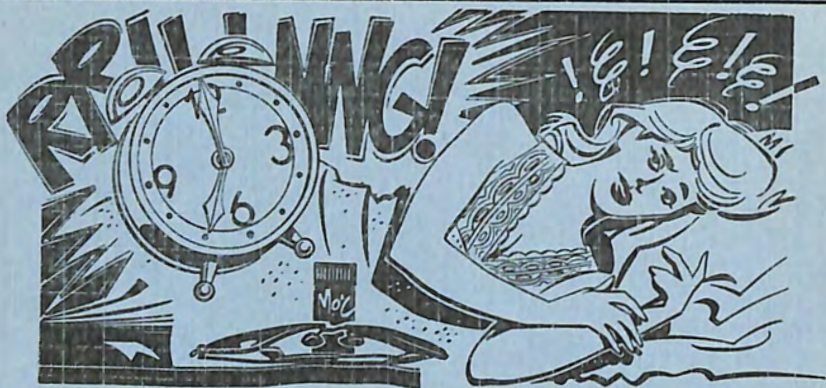


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