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**HOLIDAY GIFT**  
**GUIDE 2018**



# Welcome

Here we are, the season of giving is upon us and we've updated our holiday gift guide for 2018. Yay!

It's filled with incredible books by amazing authors, food and drink items that will delight you and your loved ones, personal care products to keep your skin happy and glowing, and other gifts (so many fabulous feminist gifts!) to make your holiday gift giving easy as pie. And yeah, you may want to get a few gifts for yourself, and we don't blame you. We want the things, too! Our favorite thing about this guide is that every single one of these companies is woman-owned. YAS!

We've also included a section on great places to donate because while we love giving gifts, we want to make sure you know about wonderful organizations to support now and all year long.

Special thanks to the She+ Geeks Out community for suggesting so many of these companies and organizations!

We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday season and 2019!

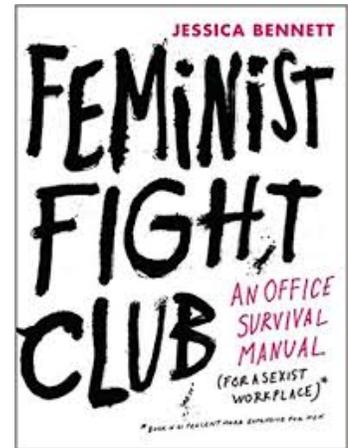
The She+ Geeks Out Team

# Books

We've rounded up some of our favorite books, all by women, written about women.

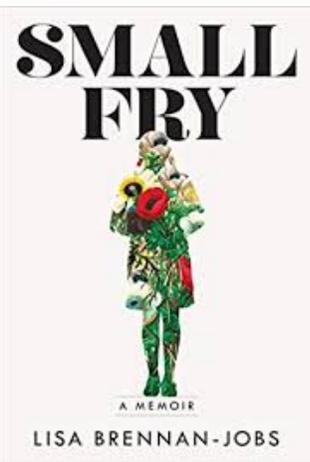
## **Feminist Fight Club - Jessica Bennett**

In *Feminist Fight Club*, Jessica Bennett outlines— with humor— how women should navigate sexism at work, following the story of a group of friends who gathered every month to discuss their sexist job frustrations, and to discuss how to tackle them. It includes illustrations, “Feminist Mad Libs,” a “cheat sheet” for workplace negotiation, as well as historical research.



## **Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women, and The Rest of Us - Kate Bornstein**

*Gender Outlaw* is part memoir, part investigation into our antiquated notions of male and female, from a self-described “nonbinary transfeminine diesel femme dyke.” It was revolutionary when first published in 1994, but still offers many lessons for us moving forward in a society where transgender people are becoming increasingly visible.



## **Small Fry - Lisa Brennan-Jobs**

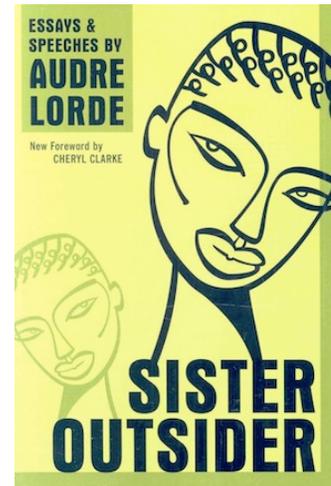
*Small Fry* is the New York Times bestselling memoir from Lisa Brennan-Jobs, the daughter of Apple mogul Steve Jobs. Not only is the memoir an especially poignant exploration of the rise of Silicon Valley and a young girl's place within it, it's also exceptionally well-written, and has garnered a lot of attention for Brennan-Jobs as an emerging literary voice.

## **Difficult Women - Roxane Gay**

Roxane Gay rose to great popularity with the 2012 publication of her collection of essays, *Bad Feminist*. In contrast, *Difficult Women* is a collection of short stories intending to catalogue the depth and expanse of women's experiences. It is a great introduction to Gay as a fiction writer rather than an essayist.

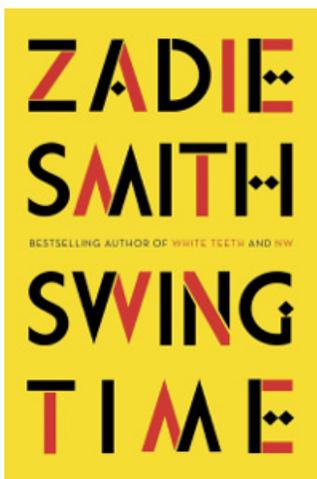
## **Sister Outsider - Audre Lorde**

Audre Lorde is essential reading for anyone looking to learn more about feminism from more diverse perspectives. Lorde is a black lesbian poet and feminist theorist, and one of the most influential voices in 20th century literature. *Sister Outsider* brings together an easily digestible collection of fifteen of her landmark essays and speeches.



## **Persepolis - Marjane Satrapi**

A memoir in the form of a graphic novel, *Persepolis* is Marjane Satrapi's story of growing up as a young woman in Tehran, Iran, during the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the Islamic revolution, and Iran's war with Iraq. It is a powerful story of war and political repression, and reminds us not to get too stuck in our Western feminist bubble.

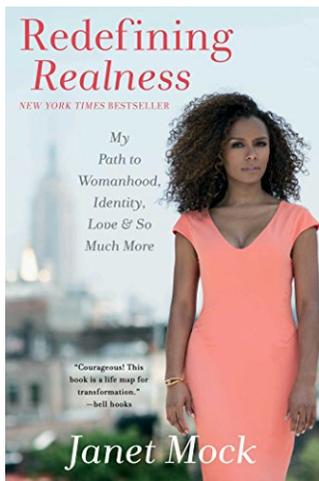


## **Swing Time: A Novel - Zadie Smith**

Author of *White Teeth*, Zadie Smith has attracted great acclaim as a contemporary novelist interested in documenting postcolonial stories of people from Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. *Swing Time* is a beautiful novel following two young brown girls from the same low income project in west London, who both want to become dancers. Smith weaves a beautiful story of race, class, and long-distance friendship.

## **Full Frontal Feminism: A Young Woman's Guide to Why Feminism Matters - Jessica Valenti**

Jessica Valenti, the founder of feminist website "Feministing," originally published *Full Frontal Feminism* in 2007– to great success and acclaim. This revised second edition includes forewords from Valenti to every chapter, and covers some of the important current feminist issues that every woman should learn about: including women's health, equal pay, reproductive rights, domestic violence, education, consent, and more.



## **Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love, & So Much More - Janet Mock**

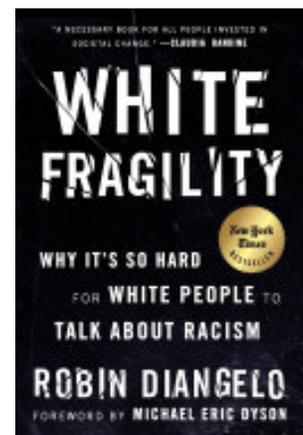
*Redefining Realness* is TV host and transgender activist Janet Mock's memoir about her own transition journey and the struggles that she encountered– and ultimately overcame– as a young trans woman. A New York Times Bestseller praised by bell hooks, Laverne Cox, *Redefining Realness* is the first book written by a transgender person who transitioned at a young age.

## **Little Fires Everywhere - Celeste Ng**

Celeste Ng's second novel explores the destructive power of secrets, the power of motherhood, and identity through the story of two families in suburban Shaker Heights, Ohio. It was Amazon's Book of the Year for 2017, and was named book of the year by NPR, Guardian, BuzzFeed, Washington Post, and more.

## **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism - Robin DiAngelo**

Sociologist Robin DiAngelo explores the counterproductive reactions that white people tend to have upon having their racism challenged. It explores how privilege often skews conversations about racism, and what we can do to engage in a more constructive manner.



# Food/Drink

Everyone knows the best part about the holidays is the food—so why not buy some delicious food from women-owned businesses to share the love with your family and friends?

## 88 Acres Craft Seed Products

Support women entrepreneurs, and local CEO Nicole Ledoux specifically, by trying all of 88 Acres craft seed products, which we think are the best bars you'll ever taste. All products are free of the 9 most common allergens: NO peanuts, tree nuts, soy, dairy, gluten, egg, fish, shellfish, or sesame!



## Apotheker's Kitchen

Yummy, locally produced marshmallows and chocolate (and chocolate-covered marshmallows, if you want to get *really* crazy) by a wife and husband couple. Perfect for your hot chocolate this winter, and makes a great, decadent gift for someone you love!



## Lyndigo Spice

Inspired by Caribbean and Indian cuisines, Lyndigo Spice is a minority woman-owned business that sells chutneys, relishes, fruit spreads, and spice blends for all of your cooking needs. All recipes are made locally in the Boston area in small batches.

## Mug Buddy Cookies

Mug Buddy Cookies are adorable, handmade cookies that fit neatly on the side of a your mug, to add fun to any hot beverage. A great gift for the upcoming cold weather!

## **OneHope Wine**

Looking to drink some delicious wines, *and* donate to a good cause? Look no further! OneHope Wine partners with nonprofits around the world to help support causes including animal welfare, children, education, the environment, veterans, and women's rights and safety. Each varietal of wine is matched with a cause category, so feel free to try a few!

## **True Syrups**

True Syrups sells grenadine, kola, ginger, and tonic syrups to help you make delicious, authentic cocktails at home. Their syrups never use dyes or high fructose corn syrup, and are a great gift for someone in your life who loves making drinks.



## **S'well Bottles**

Did you know that those beautiful, trendy metal water bottles were also founded by a woman– and that they also partner with UNICEF, (RED), and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation? They're a helpful, environmentally-friendly gift for anyone on your list.

## **Simple Mills Cookies and More**

Someone in your family gluten-free? Simple Mills is a perfect, delicious solution. They never use artificial flavors or sweeteners, and all of their baking mixes, cookies, frostings, and crackers are gluten-free.



# Makeup/Skincare

Here are some of our favorite companies for makeup and skincare so that you can pamper yourself (or your family and friends!) this holiday season.

## Arboretum Skincare

Arboretum natural cosmetics all use liposomes– derived from soy phospholipids– to bring you effective and safe skincare. The products are developed by Olga Goldberger, a molecular biologist with years of research experience at Harvard Medical School, so you know it's legit!

## Atomic Makeup

Atomic Makeup is handmade in NYC, and is owned and operated by women of color. Their products are vegan, cruelty-free, and very affordable compared to typical high-end makeup prices. (And, they have amazing fall and winter makeup colors!)



## Organic Bath Co.

Organic Bath Co. sells skincare and bath products made only with clean ingredients, with the mission of creating safe, affordable skincare. They also pay attention to maintaining an ethical supply chain and using organic, fair trade ingredients.



## True Moringa

True Moringa is a natural alternative to the harmful chemicals in synthetic cosmetics and relaxers– that uses extracts from the Moringa tree. Their business also serves over 3,000 farming families in Ghana, and they have planted over 990,000 trees to support their initiative to bring Moringa tree cosmetics to the United States.

# Gifts

Our gifts section includes fun, feminist gifts, as well as gifts from women-owned businesses across the country.



**Alex and Ani Wonder Woman Wrap Ring**  
(\$38.00)

**Eythink Feminist Products**  
(price varies)



**"Females Are Strong As Hell" Brass Bracelet from Bulletin** (\$24.00; 10% of proceeds go to Planned Parenthood)

**Herstory "Out" Collection x Otherwild** (price varies)

**Naughty Gits Clothing**  
(price varies)



**Omaze "Nasty Woman" and "Still Nasty" t-shirts, benefitting Planned Parenthood** (\$25.00)



**Otherwild "The Future is Female" T-shirt** (\$30.00)

**She Geeks Out Membership** (\$125.00)

**She Geeks Out Swag** (price varies)



**SwapIt Personal Styling Services** (price varies; get 20% off with SGO code!)



**Superwoman Floating Bookshelf** (\$31.90)

**The Cue Female Professional's Boutique** (price varies)

**Svaha STEAM-inspired Clothing and Accessories**

(price varies)



**Theodore Sloane Jewelry** (price varies)



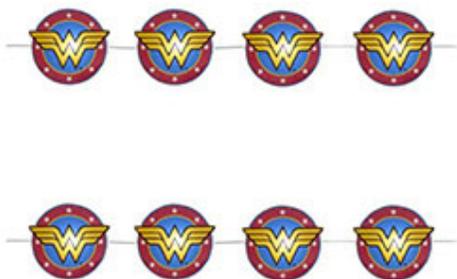
**"What Would Beyoncé Do?"**  
**Gold Desk Plaque on Modcloth**  
(\$29.00)

**WildFang x Refinery 29 "Just F\*cking Vote" Collection - Proceeds Benefit "She Should Run"**

(price varies)



**"Wild Feminist" Necklace Set from Wildfang** (\$48.00)



**Wonder Woman Fairy Lights**  
**from ThinkGeek**  
(\$9.95)

# Donate

Interested in giving back this holiday season? We've rounded up a collection of organizations doing amazing things– so you can take your pick of what causes matter most to you.

[American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#)

[Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#)

[BioBuilder Education Foundation](#)

[Boston Area Rape Crisis Center \(BARCC\)](#)

[Center for Reproductive Rights](#)

[Citizen Schools](#)

[City Year](#)

[Facing History and Ourselves](#)

[Girl Develop It \(GDI\)](#)

[Greater Boston Food Bank](#)

[Horizons for Homeless Children](#)

[Level Ground Mixed Martial Arts](#)

[NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)

NARAL Pro-Choice America

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)

National Women's Law Center (NWLC)

Native American Rights Fund

New England Center for Investigative Reporting

Pathfinder International

Planned Parenthood

ProPublica

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

Science Club for Girls

She Should Run

Silent Spring Institute

Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)

The Nature Conservancy

Women's Lunch Place

Year Up