

# WOMANSPACE



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## FREE ME FROM THESE CHAINS!

Greetings and feminist phrases from **BookWoman** in Austin! Since **Textures** recently closed her doors, we have been operating as Texas' only feminist/womens/lesbian bookstore. *In fact, a total of THIRTY-SIX (36!!) feminist bookstores across the United States closed last year.* One opened (Bluestockings in New York City. What bravery and love!) As are all independent bookstores operating in an economy of "progressive supporters" who think that "amazon.com" supports community interests, BookWoman is struggling to stay alive in order to support the voices and works of independent presses and independent writers. (I've actually heard people insist that "amazon.com" supports gay interests, pro-choice interests, etc. The truth is, "amazon.com" "supports" every community. This "support" is a form of advertising, and, apparently, it's working.)

If you haven't been to the store lately, please come and visit us the next time you're in town. You'll notice that BookWoman's body has changed a bit: we've lost our foyer space and our back office. We still carry on our community bulletin board for women's words and news (it's inside in the back, now.) Thank you to those of you who came to shop and talk and revel in BookWoman even amidst the drilling and painting: the inside is complete, come back and see the BookWoman that has emerged!

After the interruption of the construction, we're resuming our full schedule of readings and celebrations. April was a month of poetry, music, and Elva Treviño Hart, and we have a lot to look forward to in May!

On Sunday, May 7, from 1pm until 3pm, Lynn and Lynda Miller have organized our first Children's Book Reading! It's spring, and we're blooming with books for kids. Five local writers will gather to read from their works, and kids can take part in the reading, too!

Thursday, May 11, at 7pm we kick off our two-day celebration of Mystery Week 2000 with a panel of women mystery writers discussing "Strong Women in Mystery." Join Carolyn Banks (author of *Murder Well-Bred*), Nancy Bell (author of *Biggie and the Meddlesome Mailman*), Susan Rogers Cooper (author of *Not in My Backyard*), and Kaye Davis (author of *Shattered Illusions*) in an exploration of women finding answers.

Friday, May 12 at 7pm, our celebration of Mystery Week 2000 continues with a group of women taking the discussion of strong women of mystery into a discussion of lesbian mystery writing! Kaye Davis (author of *Possessions*), **Peggy Herring** (author of *Once More with Feeling*), and Lila Epton (editor) come together for a discussion moderated by Lynda Harrell.

Thursday, May 25, at 7pm, BookWoman celebrates the birth of a new book! Ruthe Winegarten and Nancy Baker Jones come to the

store to present their new book, *Capitol Women*, a history of women in the Texas legislature. Don't miss this collection of strong women in a battle for our lives. A short reception will precede the reading and discussion.

Wednesday, May 31, at 7pm, the BookWoman BookGroup meets to discuss *Quintessence: Realizing the Archaic Future, a Radical Elemental Feminist Manifesto* by Mary Daly. Mary Daly is one of the founding mothers of radical feminism. Even if you can't make it to Austin for the discussion, you must read this book (not carried by Barnes and Noble! It's a book out of chains!) Mary Daly discovers the connections between "advances" in biotechnology, cloning, and GMO's and women's ever-declining world status while giving us hope for a future where women everywhere realize their true, timeless, quintessential beauty and intelligence. We'll also watch the short video of Mary Daly on the Roseanne Show and talk about Mary Daly's "expulsion" from her professorship in Boston. The BookGroup meets at 7pm on the last Wednesday of every month. All Women Welcome!

This will be a great month at BookWoman. We hope to see you soon! Thank you for lending your light to a force for individual thought and for the survival of women's minds and bodies by supporting your feminist bookstore.

BookWoman is open 10-9 Monday-Saturday, noon-6 Sunday; you can reach her at 512-472-2785.



## ANNUAL POETRY AND SHORT STORY CONTEST

*WomanSpace* is now seeking entries for its eighth annual poetry contest, and has changed the format this year to include short story. Both categories will have their own \$50 first prize, \$25 second prize and \$15 third prize, and there will be no entry fee. Winning entrants must agree to read their work at a Performance Salon, which will be a fundraiser for *WomanSpace*, to be held in September at the Esperanza Center. The date will be announced next month.

The Performance Salon will also include a reading by local Naiad author Peggy Herring from her new book. There will also be an open mic for any others who wish to share a talent. The winning entries will be published in *WomanSpace* after the event.

Deadline for the contest is July 31. Send your poetry or short story to: *WomanSpace*, P.O. Box 12327, San Antonio, Tx. 78212.

WomanSpace is a member of the Esperanza Network. The work of the Esperanza is based on the belief that all forms of bigotry and oppression, within our community and in the world at large, can only be stopped by addressing the inherent connection between them, and by creating alliances. Please consider group or individual participation. We'd like to get to know you. Call 210-228-0201.