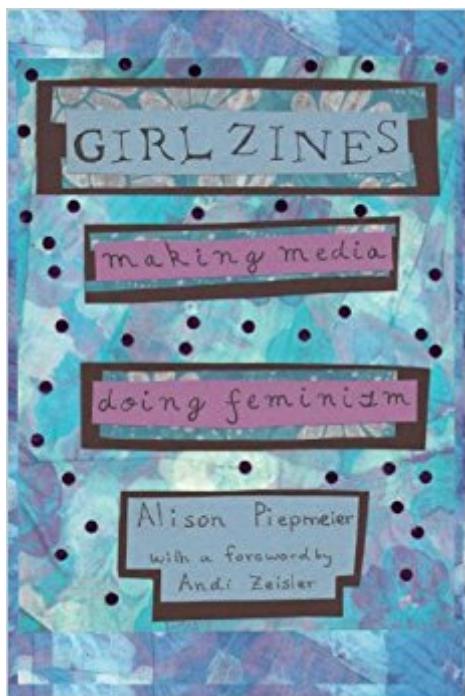


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# Girl Zines: Making Media, Doing Feminism



## Synopsis

With names like The East Village Inky, Mend My Dress, Dear Stepdad, and Iâ€™m So Fucking Beautiful, zines created by girls and women over the past two decades make feminismâ€™s third wave visible. These messy, photocopied do-it-yourself documents cover every imaginable subject matter and are loaded with handwriting, collage art, stickers, and glitter. Though they all reflect the personal style of the creators, they are also sites for constructing narratives, identities, and communities. *Girl Zines* is the first book-length exploration of this exciting movement. Alison Piepmeier argues that these quirky, personalized booklets are tangible examples of the ways that girls and women â€œdoâ€ feminism today. The idiosyncratic, surprising, and savvy arguments and issues showcased in the forty-six images reproduced in the book provide a complex window into feminismâ€™s future, where zinesters persistently and stubbornly carve out new spaces for what it means to be a revolutionary and a girl. *Girl Zines* takes zines seriously, asking what they can tell us about the inner lives of girls and women over the last twenty years.

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Kinda upsetting that I received an old library book, also thought I ordered softcover. Still a good book.

A must read for zine fans and fans of the early riot grrl scene. Some touching stuff as well as punk rock politics!

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