

Zine formats, ideas & stuff

An A-Z

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A is for A-Z

ANGER

BRAIN

C(NON)CONFORMITY

DON'T

EASY BAKE OVEN

FAMILY LIFE

GEEK

HERO(INE)

INTERSECTIONALITY

JOKE

KNITTING

LITERARY

MEDIA

NO!

OPTIONS.....

PRIVILEGE.....

QUEER.....

RADICAL.....

SUPERGIRL.....

A-Z lists can be great for showing a catalogue of information, or a directory. The logical alphabetical order of the content can be browsed by our your readers to find items useful to them.



B

is for ...

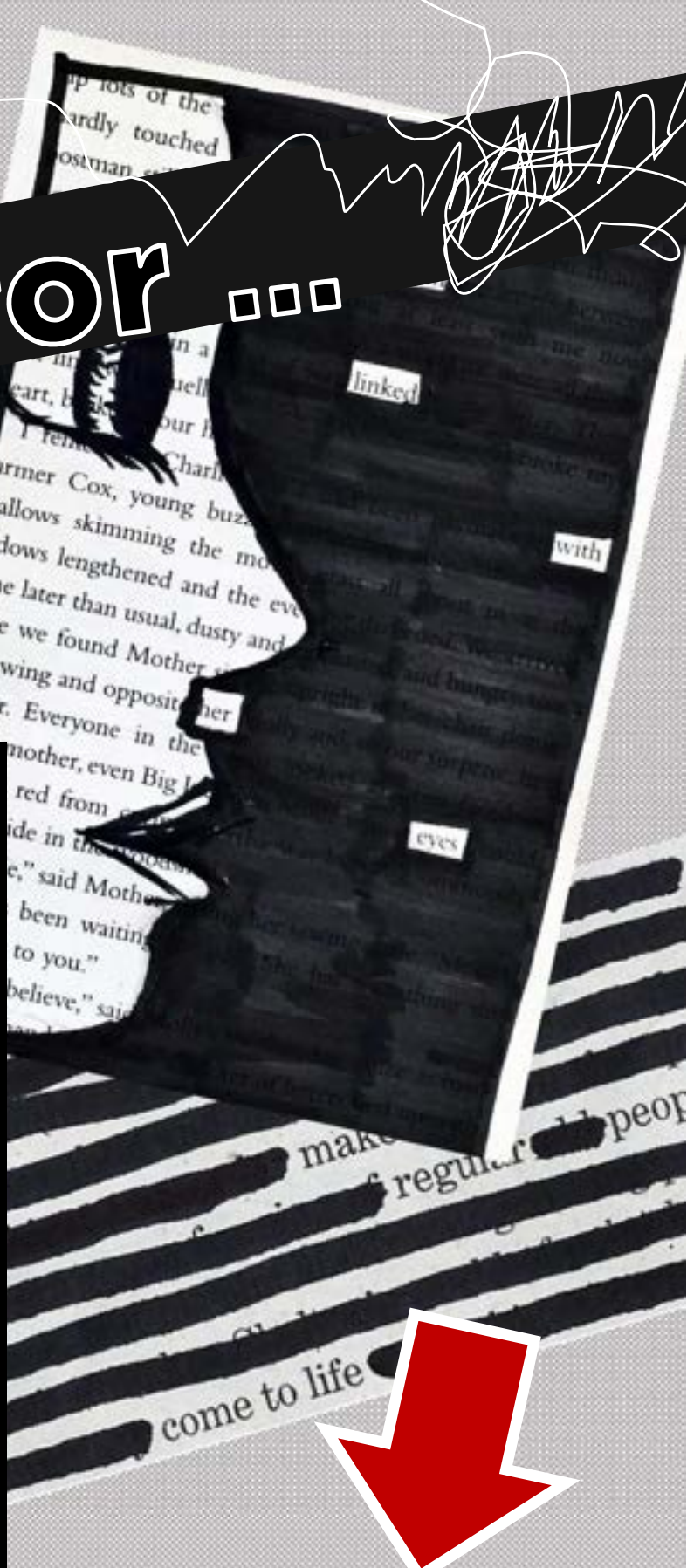
BLACKOUT POETRY

Blackout Poetry* is the name of any sort of poem that is derived from blacking out any **unwanted** words from a paragraph, book, sign, etc. using whatever inking or tools you have on hand. Basically, anything that has words can be turned into a **blackout** poem

*now often called erasure poetry

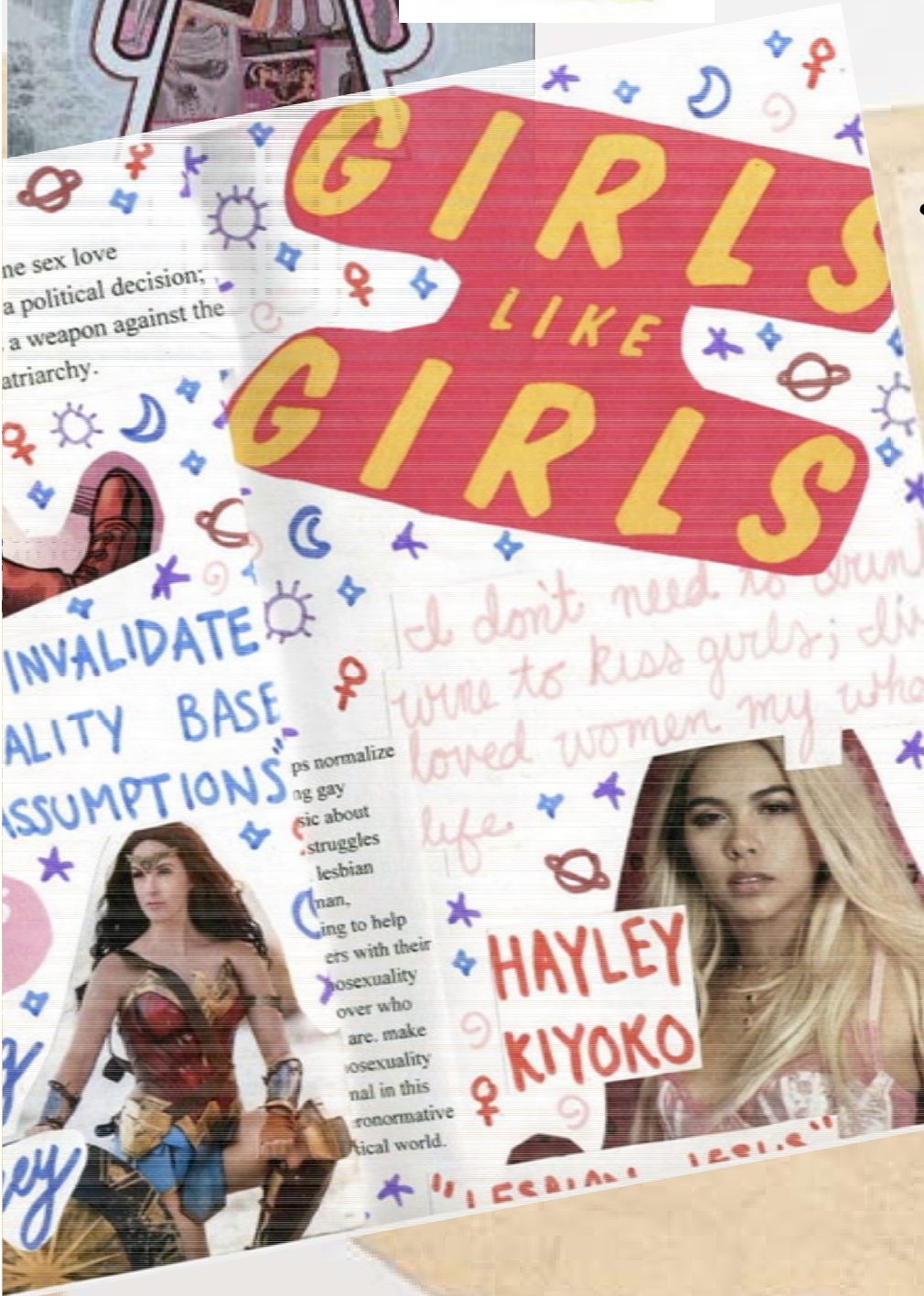
Blackout Poetry is good for

- drawing a new meaning from something initially made by another mind
- subverting existing texts
- thinking about tone and word choice





IS FOR COLLAGE OR COOL CUT UPS



- Add collage to your zine juxtapose, combine and reappropriate images
- Say something new with something old.

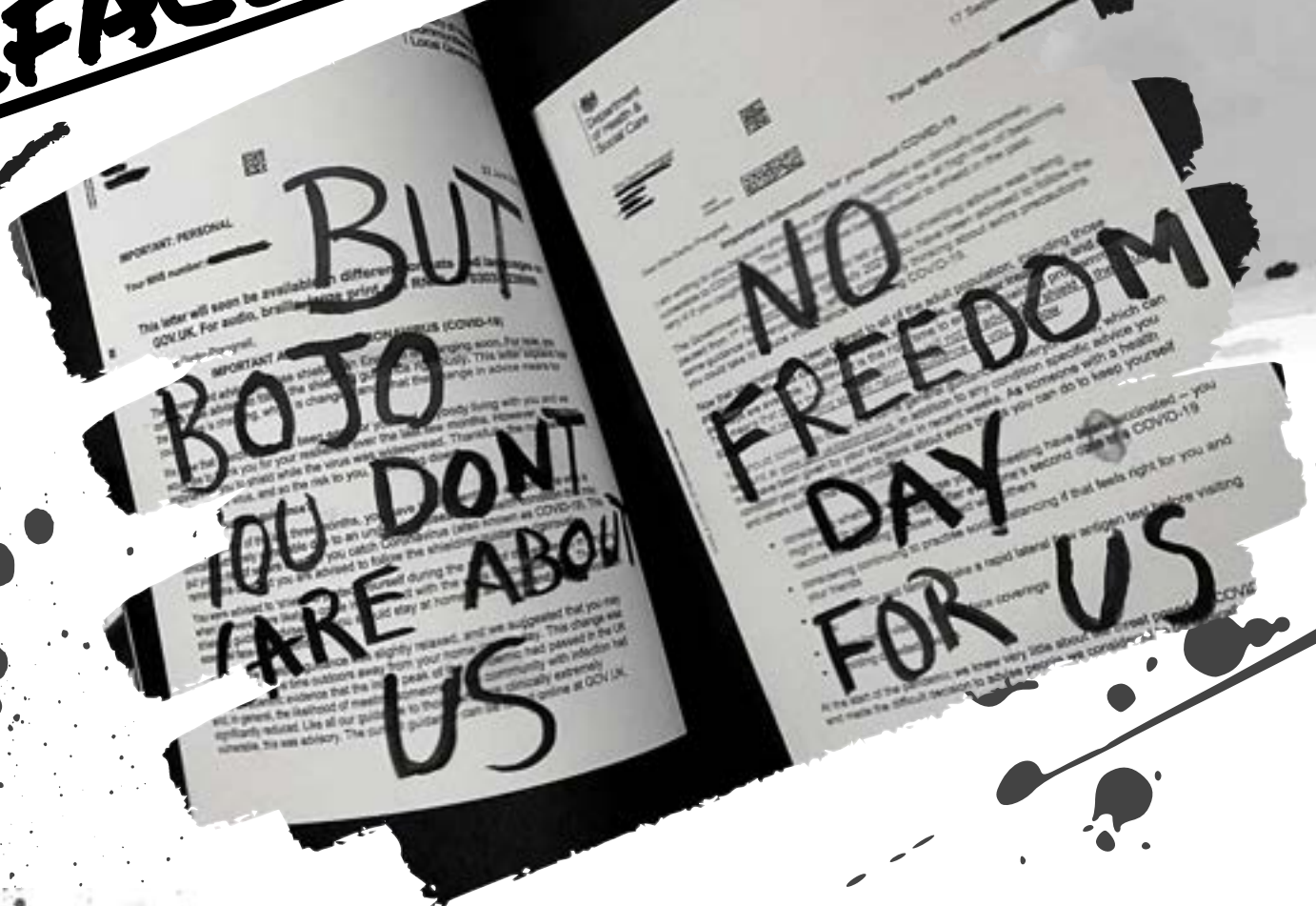


Collage is good for

- critical analysis and subversion of existing media content
- a great way to comment on editorial biases
- disrupting traditional flows of information



D is for DEFACE THE DOC



I don't know if you really need instructions for this, but it works really well if you take an official-looking document (think formal letters, a page out of an academic text, a case, etc.) and deface it in the most obnoxious, messy, riotous way possible. The contrast produced is just *chef's kiss*

GREAT FOR:

- Expressing emotion
- Taking back power
- Laughing about the absurdity of it all



Gender Pay Gap



For every
pound earned by
a man in the
UK, women
only earn 81p

Breaking
news!

E is for exposé!

Personal space/women's space



Can be personal, political,
local or global!

Shit People Say To & About A Childless Woman In Her 30s - Some True Stories

Come on Janet, when are you going to give your man a grandchild?



MY STEPMUM

Hard to think my lesbian friend would have better sex!



WAAAA! WAAAA!
Ash, doesn't it make you want one of your own?

THE FRIEND WHO MADE ME HOLD HER SHIRT

(7)



You're 38? Oof, better get a move on! Tick tick!

* my mum only truly says this to me - not just to women at work



I know yr bi a all that, but shouldn't you start dating men now? At yr age, the turkey baster route might not work.

MY FORMER BEST FRIEND * you can make great turkey baster

You wanna watch mate, she'll be wanting a baby soon. * no babies to baby coos, shide?



MY PARTNER'S COLLEAGUE, ON LEARNING MY AGE

(8)

EXPOSED!



IS FOR

FAQ



FAQs are a useful way to make information accessible to audiences.

The FAQs could be about your personal experiences, historical events, or legal regulations.

FAQ

Q1 Why do some girls wear the head scarf?



Q2 Do you get hot wearing your scarf in the summer months?



'TALK TO THE SCARF' SOFIA NIAZI 2006

GREAT FOR

- Providing practical information
- Exploring the everyday application of abstract ideas



Interact with your zine readers by providing a games page

Amazing mazes

Bullshit bingo

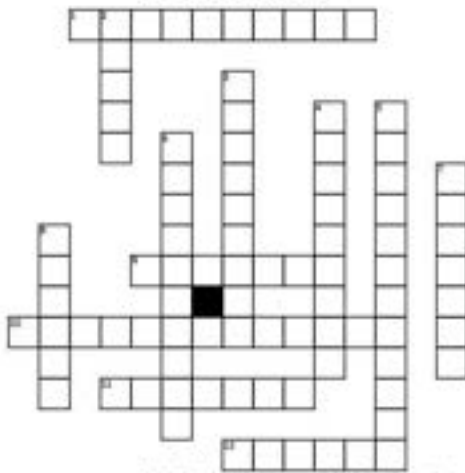
Crafty crosswords

Quizzes

Spot the difference

is for Games

Feminism



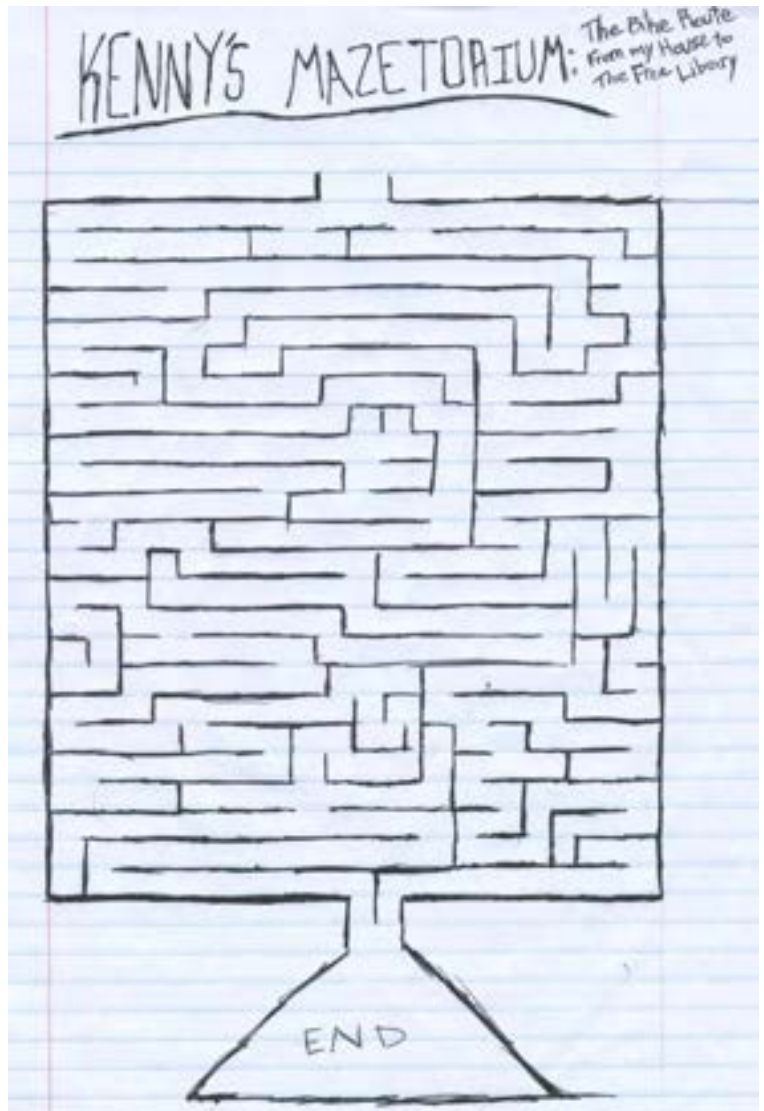
Across

- 1. What country was the first to allow women to vote?
- 9. Where did the second wave of feminism begin?
- 10. What's one modern view on feminists?
- 11. What type of feminist focuses on equality through people's choices?

- 12. What lesson were girls unable to participate in?

Down

- 2. What is the first name of the person who threw herself at the King's horse?
- 3. What's the surname of the leader of the suffragettes?
- 4. What was the second country to give women the vote?
- 5. Who started the first wave of feminism?
- 6. Which race course did a suffragette jump in front of a horse?
- 7. What type of feminist believes that all men should die?
- 8. In 1918 what age could women vote?





H

is for HAIKU.

Traditionally,

a haiku meets

the following requirements:

*These rules
get broken all
the time!*

*Rules are
made to be
broken*

1. It has three lines.
2. It has five syllables in the first and third lines.
3. It has seven syllables in the second line.
4. Its lines don't rhyme.
5. It includes a kireji, or cutting word.
6. It includes a kigo, a seasonal reference.

HAIKUS ARE GOOD FOR

Using language and composition in unusual ways

There are haikus for humour, to raise social awareness, to evoke emotions, or to reminisce on the past.

Patriarchy, Stress
Disorder. Who knew three words
Could change my whole life?

By: Maria Daigle

www.poem-generator.org.uk/haiku/

*We're incredible,
A force to be reckoned with.
Who are we? Women.*



By Hamsa Shanmugam

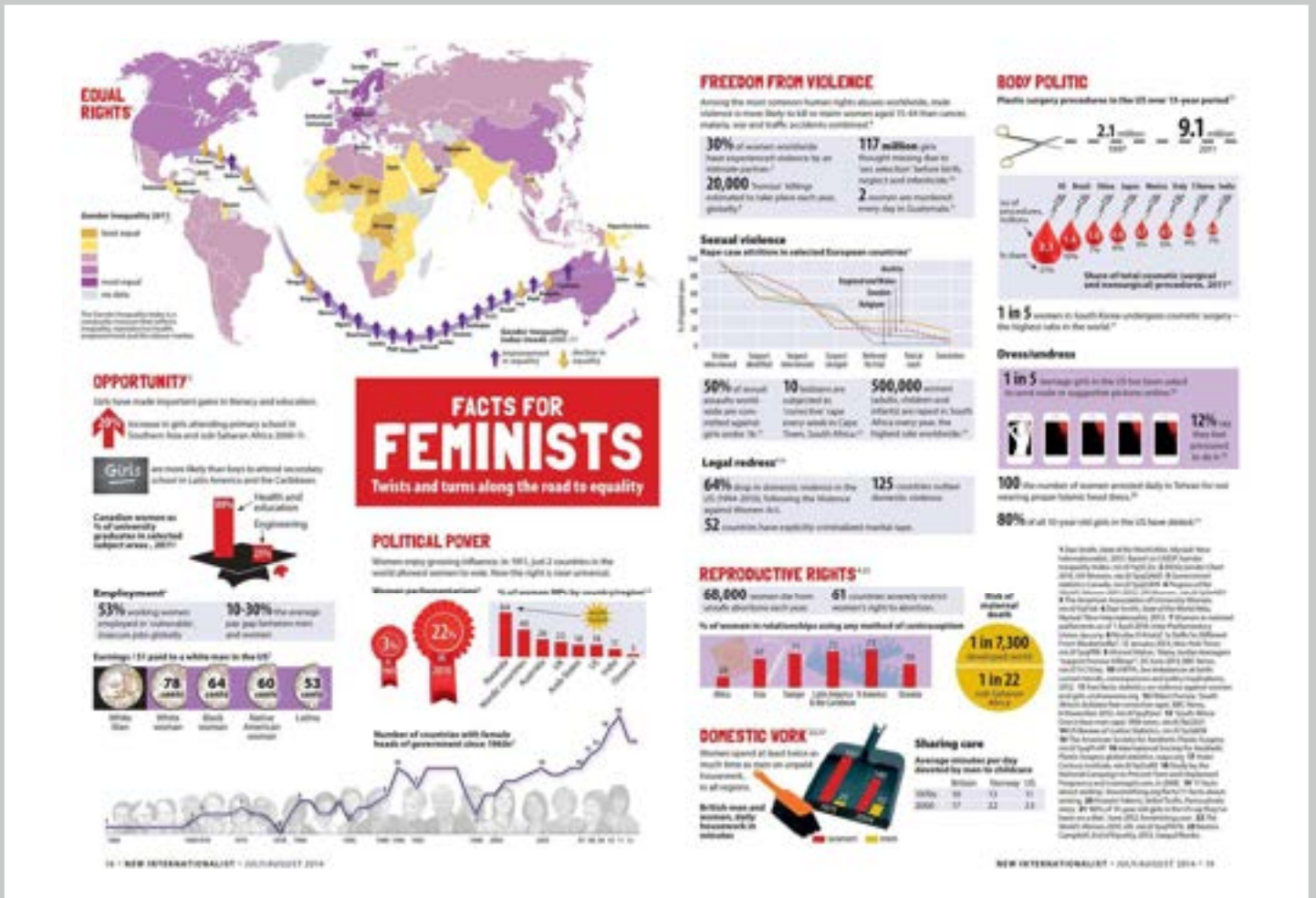


Is for ... infographic



For 'Antidotal' Magazine by Pippa Hobbs

Infographics can help your readers understand complex concepts by using visual aids such as charts, graphs, or diagrams.





J is for Joy

Expressing and fostering joy is an act of resistance. When certain identities are purely represented as victims

those who occupy that group are reduced to one dimension of who they are. Zines have a long history of challenging this one-dimensional representation by providing a medium through which to express and share joy. Whether it is celebrating one's identity by expressing the joyous aspects of being who you are (whether that is a woman/queer/black/neurodivergent)- or just unashamedly celebrating things that bring you joy (like glitter or cats) - make a zine to share your joy!

good for

- expressing your emotions
- generating a sense of hope and celebration
- taking back power
- exploring the everyday application of abstract ideas

K

is for

Key words



IMPORTANT WORDS TO KNOW (they'll be croppin' up A LOT):

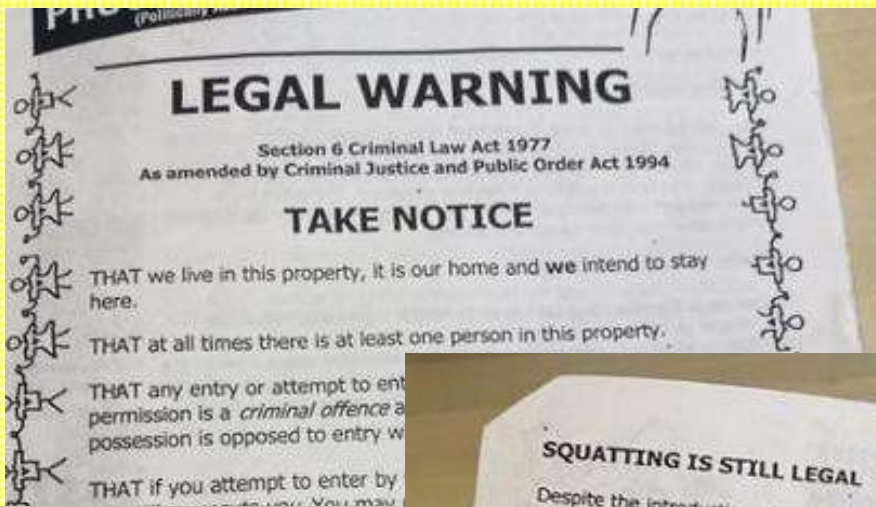
FEMINISM: by definition, a feminist is a person (yes that's right, a woman or a MAN) who believes in equal rights and opportunities for the sexes. The word is heavy with negative connotations, whether it's the classic: "Oh, you're one of those feminists, you must hate men." Or another classic: "a feminist? So you don't shave your legs?" Or, one that pisses me off all the bloody time: "If you're a feminist then you must not have a sense of humour" — HON, I have a sense of fuckin' humour, I just don't find your rape jokes funny.... At all. Despite all these ridiculous stereotypes, a feminist really just believes in equality, so rock the label.

Patriarchy: this is a social structure whereby the father (or any man tbh) is in control. We live in a patriarchal society because men have a hugely unequal share of power. This has been the case throughout history, women have been deemed too weak or unfit to rule or share in the power. Whilst more women are holding positions of power, the numbers are insane compared to men. For example, The Guardian published an article in 2015 which pointed out that there are MORE CEOs CALLED JOHN THAN THERE ARE FEMALE CEOs (this is out of the FTSE 100 companies). Let that sink in. There are actually slightly more women than men alive on planet Earth, so why the hell are there only 7/100 female CEOs in 2015? Adiche argues in her BRILLIO book *All Be Feminists* (p. 21), that if we only see men as CEOs, it becomes seemingly obvious that men should be heads of company, which in turn, suggests that as women, it's our job to support them.

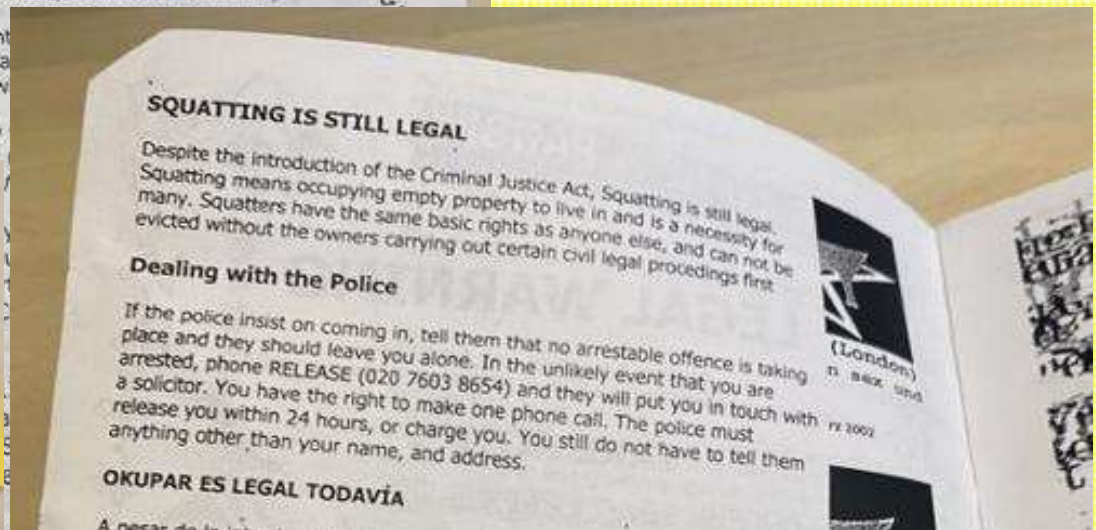
You can add a list of key words to help readers understand what you mean when you use a term. This might be helpful if you want to take back power by reclaiming a word, or provide practical information & explain abstract ideas by providing definitions of technical terms/words used in a subculture.

From 'collectively...FRIGID' zine

L IS FOR LAW/LEGAL INFORMATION



Information
for activists



Informing



Ridiculing



M IS FOR MANIFESTO



The riot grrrl manifesto is one of the key examples of the grrrl zine ethos: expressing key beliefs, principles, hopes, and dreams of the movement. Write your own manifesto to generate a sense of hope, and take back power.



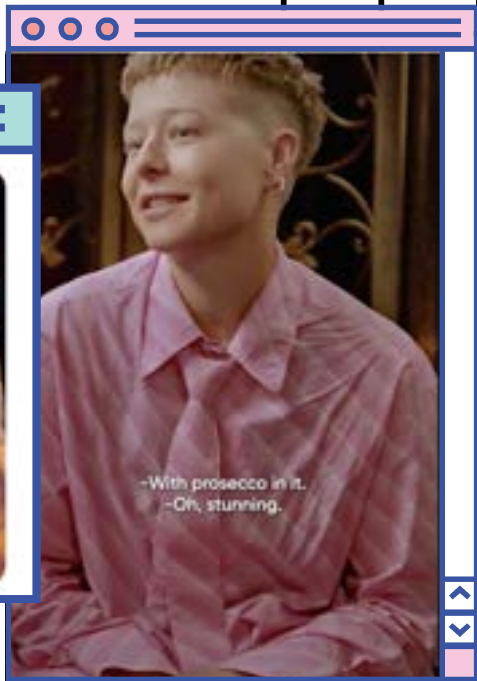
WHAT IS RIOT GRRRL?

BECAUSE we will never meet the hierarchical BOY standards of talented, or cool, or smart. They are created to keep us out, and if we ever meet them they will change, or we will become tokens.

BECAUSE I need laughter and I need girl love. We need to build lines of communication so we can be more open and accessible to each other.

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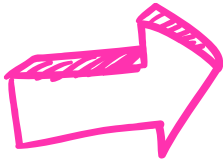
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is for... bringing the

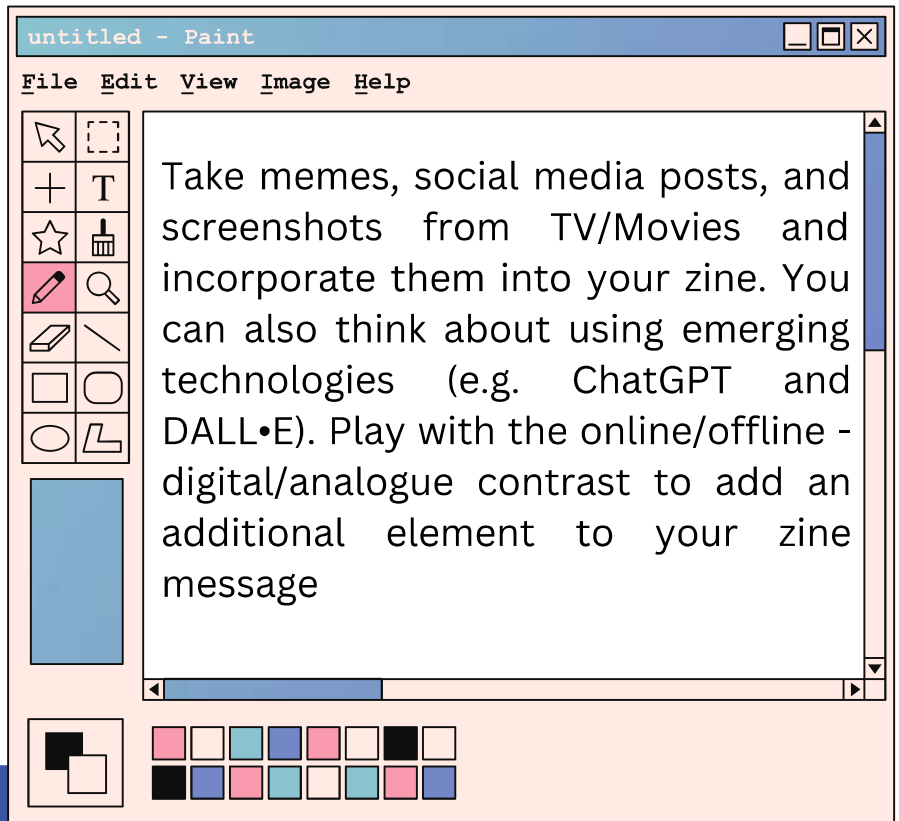
online



offline

Great For

- Laughing about the absurdity of it all
- Explore everyday relevance of ideas
- Express a sense of celebration



great for:

Generating a sense of hope and celebration
Exploring the everyday application of abstract ideas
Providing practical information

"Archiving Joy" by Lu Williams (2022) A zine about the story of her Great Aunt Joy b.1924, a transgender woman, a veteran, a musician, a civil servant, an aunt, a sister, and a partner.

P is for



Profiles

Profiles are a great way to shed light on someone who has inspired you. They can be about famous authors, activists, artists, your grandmother - anyone who has made a difference to how you see the world.

QUOTES CAN BE USED TO:

- Express emotions
- Express a sense of hope and celebration
- Take back power
- Explore everyday relevance of ideas
- Laugh at the absurdity



Structuring your zine page around a powerful quote can be very impactful. It might be as simple as highlighting a pertinent aspect of a text, or the quote can be the only piece of writing on a page. Quotes can be used to inspire action, celebrate great thinkers, contextualise concepts into everyday examples, or you can pick out a quote that you disagree with/think is dumb and critique it.





Is for Reading Rivers



- Reflect on what you've read
- Connecting the reading
- Expressing our journey with and through text



Include your opinion



Use different text types:
 newspapers, magazines,
 academic literature,
 novels etc.
 Include quotes



Add trees, shrubs or streams to elaborate on topics.



S

IS FOR SCRAPBOOKING



Scrapbooking is good for

collecting ideas together

reflecting on and [re]appropriating visual imagery

Individual expression and constructing identity



Handwritten signature or text in the bottom right corner.



Zines often play with fonts and word arrangements to convey different messages. Using iconic fonts (e.g. the Coca-Cola font) can be an impactful way of expressing critique



U

is for

Utopia



Sketching out a utopia can be a powerful step in highlighting what we are striving for through our political activism. Your sketch of a utopia can be a collage, a poem, a story, a manifesto, a comic - anything that captures the direction you hope we are heading towards.



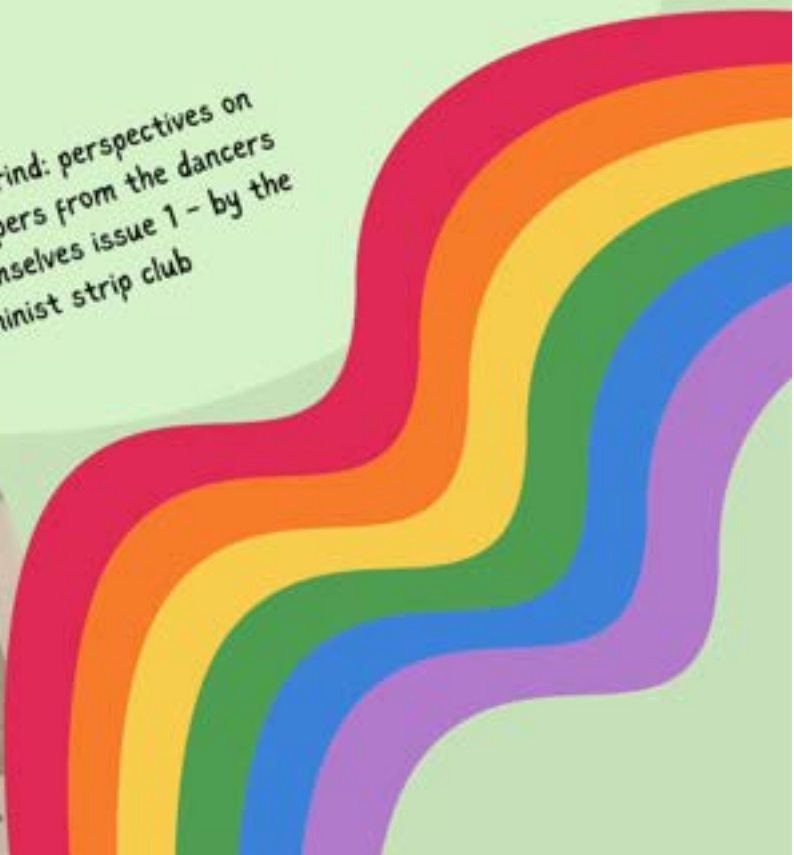
The Grind: perspectives on strippers from the dancers themselves issue 1 - by the feminist strip club

Utopian Visions

In July 2019, Amy Livingston from the University of Minnesota's Labor Education Service led participants in The Feminist Strip Club through an exercise to imagine their ideal workplace. Here are some excerpts from the conversation.

First, this is my club. Everybody's happy. This is the manager being nice to the girls. And this is V.I.P. and you get a nice rig up to V.I.P. A nice rig for the dancers, and everybody is trying to lose all money. The locker rooms are pretty decent. Somebody actually walks you out to your car and you walk out with a lot of money. And (blows) you're at the bar. People are, well, paid, and everybody is happy and relaxed and you don't go to a party-looking club.

There, I didn't have time to see my cats, but this is my club. I wanted it shaped like a house because I wanted it to feel more like home. This is the boss where you check in. This is the manager where (comment) you (blows) money. Because you have to pay to be here because we're worth it. This is the bar it's separate from the rest of the club, and it's in a separate room. Either the servers can bring the drinks and leave and go back to their own distractions, or the drinks and walk it, or you can sit at the bar and don't get a free show. You can go to be on stage. You



V Is for... voting

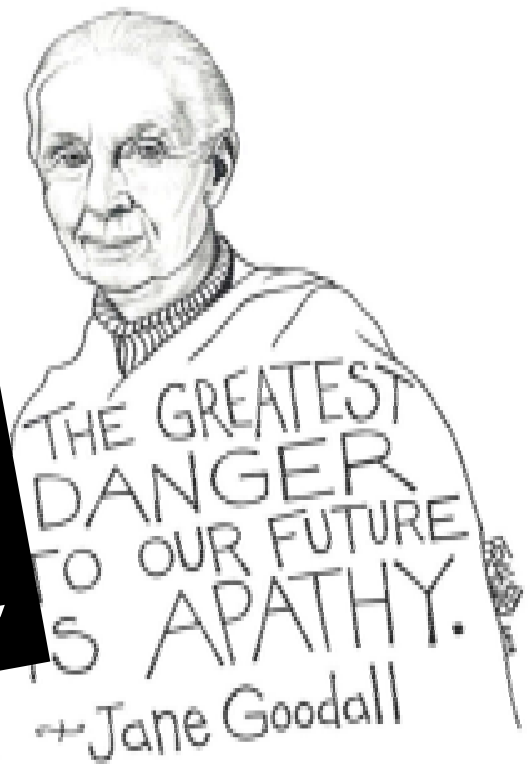


The Good People's Guide To The 2020 Election

Some zines have played an important part the US register to vote movement. Others advocate direct action rather than the ballot box.

"Voting is glorified as "freedom" in action. It's not freedom — freedom is getting to decide what the choices are in the first place, not picking between Pepsi and Coca-Cola. Direct action is the real thing. You make the plan, you create the options, the sky's the limit"

CrimethInc.



Artwork by @rickfrausto

HOW TO VOTE

Now that you understand our voting system, you're probably thinking, "when there's so much to do, how can I be a part of it?"

With 2020 years new changes, here's a general checklist that addresses everyone's participation:

- This is where you vote for the people who will represent you in ways that matter to you for 10 years.
- You can vote in New Zealand provided you are:
 - Over 18
 - A New Zealand resident or a permanent resident
 - Have lived in New Zealand for 12 months of more at least time in your life
- Voting is a gift from the government. For every 18, we'll give you a gift. The gift will be an extra vote.
- It's super easy to do. We'll be there to help you and if we can't, we'll be there to help you.

THIS WAY →



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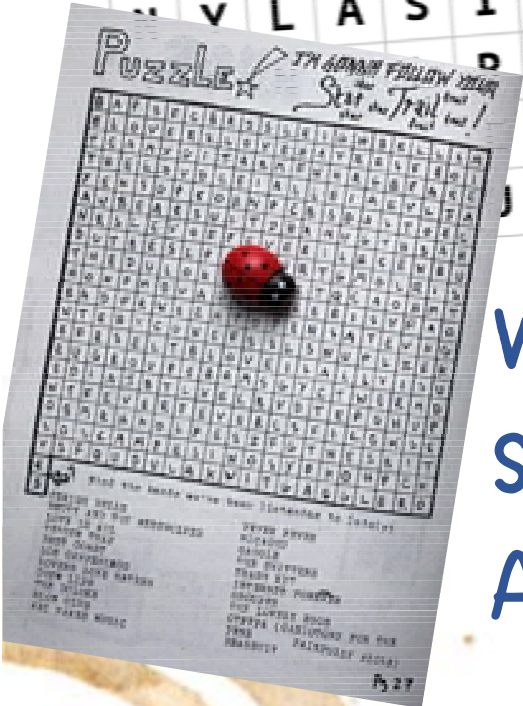


Is for ... wordsearch

Feminism Word Search



- FEMINISM
- BETTY FRIEDAN
- COCO CHANEL
- GENDER GAPS
- HILLARY CLINTON
- EMMA WATSON
- AIWR
- EQUAL PAY
- EQUAL RIGHTS
- AAUW
- BELL HOOKS
- PRO MUJER
- FEMSPLAIN



WORD SEARCHES ARE ...

- A fun way to introduce new vocabulary/ideas
- A way to interact with your readers
- A way to win PRIZES?

X is for eXXXplicit!

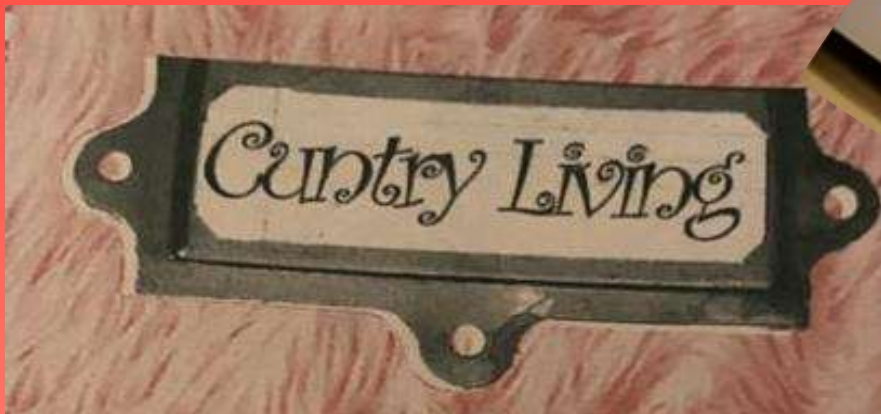
Reclaiming bodies



Swear! It's a great way to express yourself!



Are bums nudity?



Reclaiming language – make words your own

Zines can be crude, shocking and offensive. There is no editor, no mediator, just expression

J is for *Your experience*

Part of the appeal of self-publishing is that you can tell your story. There is even a whole genre of zines (perzines) focused on sharing personal experiences, thoughts, and perspectives.



Talking about your personal experience is a great way to express your emotions, take back power, or explore the everyday application of abstract ideas.

Not a bloody heavy by A Melton and L Cooper





Zines about zines

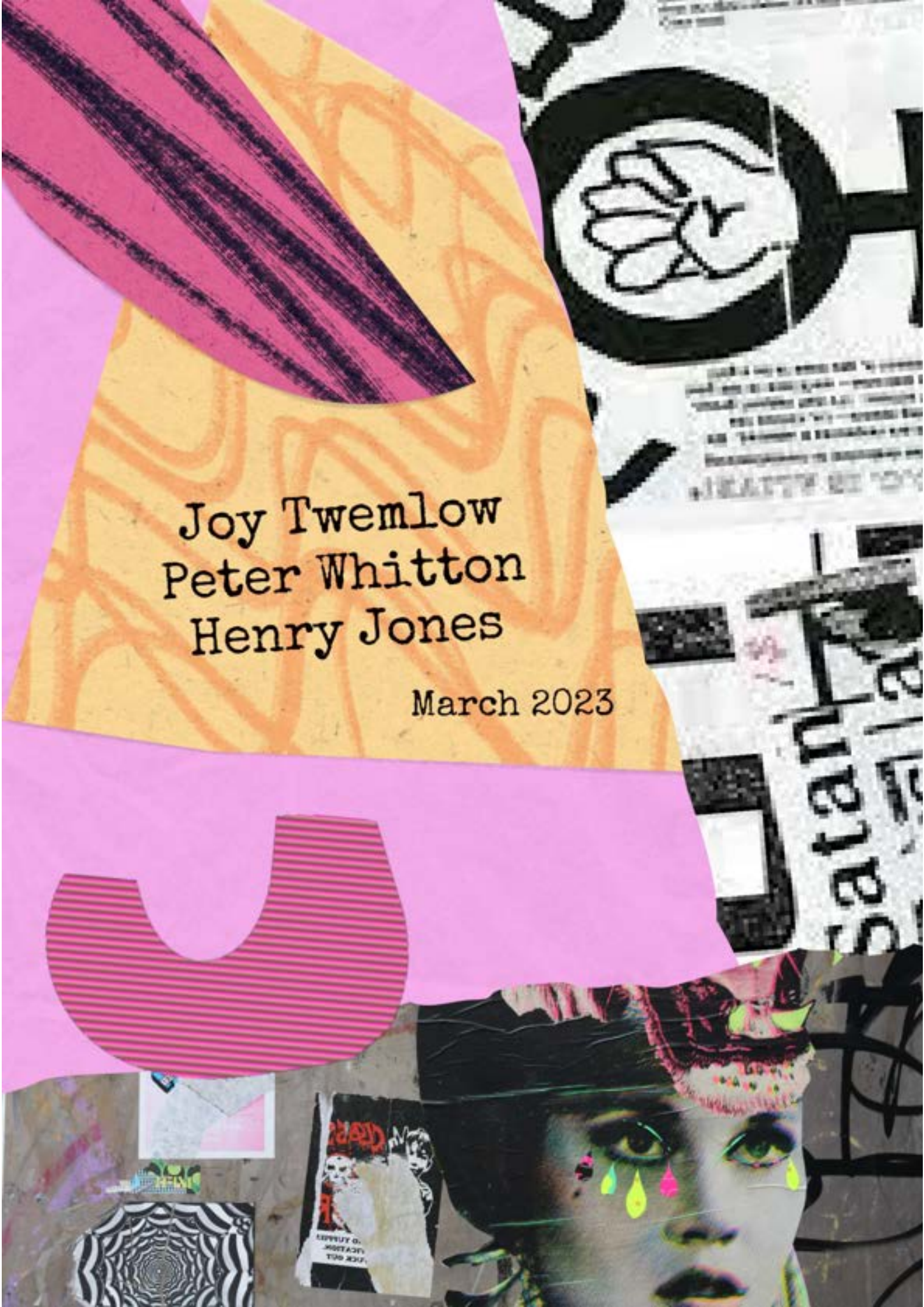
Z is for (mini-) zines!



Zines WITHIN zines!



Folding like this allows you to hide something on the other side!



Joy Twemlow
Peter Whitton
Henry Jones

March 2023

Satan

