

E A T I N G O U T

The dating game:
calendars to
watch out for

Lesbian Muse: The Women Behind the Words. A 1990 engagement calendar. Photographs by Tee Corinne. Edited by Sarah Koehl. Chance Publications, 1989. Black and white photos. \$8.95.

Tee Corinne began photographing lesbian writers in 1974. She was drawn to their words as well as to their uncloseted public stance. *Lesbian Muse* features a sampling of these faces, long anonymous to us, in the format of an engagement calendar.

Corinne's photos portray warmth and clarity and a view of the writer as friendly confidant rather than exalted genius. There is, however, a great deal of genius among the women pictured. Included in the calendar are Judy Grahn, Pat Parker, Becky Birtha, Sarah Schulman, Valerie Taylor, Judith Barrington, Carol Seajay, Jane Rule, Lee Lynch, Sheila Ortiz Taylor, Willyce Kim, Sabrina Sojourner, Sarah Aldridge and many others.



Editor Sarah Koehl had a tough time limiting the authors from Corinne's collection to the space she had to work with; yet, she did a fine job of including lesbians of color, lesbians of all ages, lesbians who are well known and lesbians who are not, but may soon be.

Photographs are a flowering of our heritage, love notes to the future saying, "This is what we looked like." *Lesbian Muse* documents our existence, which is essential to our growth. The authors featured in this calendar have literally created an understanding of lesbian culture and community, and *Lesbian Muse* is a celebration of their bravery and honesty.

The Gay Desk Calendar, 1990. Caricatures by Michael Willhoite. Alyson Publications, 1989. \$10.95.

Michael Willhoite first published his caricatures in *The Washington Blade*. Willhoite utilized old photographs, books, and videotapes to draw the person's face at its most nakedly revealing. Each caricature has a biography that is well written and informative.

Caricatures include J. Edgar Hoover, Tallulah Bankhead, James Baldwin, Liberace, Vita Sackville-West, Lily Tomlin, George Sand, David Leavitt and many others.

Each week introduces you to a personality from past or present. Facing each caricature is a spacious listing of the next seven days with anniversaries and important dates to compliment your own.

Dykes to Watch Out For, 1990 Wall Calendar. Cartoons by Alisen Bechdel. Firebrand Books, 1989. \$8.95.

Alisen Bechdel's syndicated comic strip, "Dykes to Watch Out For," needs little introduction as it appears regularly in feminist, gay and lesbian papers.

This is an 11-by-11 inch wall calendar with a full color cover and black and white cartoons. There is ample room to make your dates and appointments and Mo, Harriet, Clarice, Tony, Lois, Sparrow and the rest of the dykes will help you keep them.

— Renee LaChance



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