TO BE A WOMAN

book & Journal

To Be A Woman is your guide, big sister & companion through an experience of sexual assault & life as a young woman.

The accompanying Journal encourages readers to reflect on their own experiences through a series of prompt questions & writing/doodling/drawing opportunities.



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book

An honest, personal and at times, funny account into the many emotions individuals are subjected to following an experience of sexual assault. Fiercely empowering, maybe it is also a love letter to all young women, especially to those who have been subjected to sexual assault & violence, as this is sadly far too common for all women. Written as the older sister or friend you might be looking for right now, the author opens up about her own path through the recovery process in order to make you feel less alone and to normalise the thousands of overwhelming emotions you might well be experiencing.



created by university students with lived experience of sexual violence & abuse.

Journal

The reflective journal to accompany To Be A Woman.

Using prompt questions based upon the themes that feature in To Be A Woman, this accompanying journal offers you creative, compassionate \mathcal{E} reflective space to explore your thoughts, feelings emotions \mathcal{E} experiences in relation to the book chapters.

Explore your narrative side-by-side with your GINA sister.

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Below is an example of similar customization for organisations for our *Only Human* workbook.

foreword by RSVP

This workbook has been gifted to you by our sister organisation, RSVP.

We hope this gift can offer a compassionate haven to explore ways we can care for ourselves while experiencing human responses to trauma.

We know this can be a difficult time while waiting for support. We're doing everything we can to reduce this wait. In the hours that we can't be with you, we hope this workbook will allow for self-care exploration at your own pace, in a way that works for you, to pick up & put down as needed.

For the moments when everything gets too heavy for your back to carry, let the spine of this workbook bear the weight instead.

We give you this gift in compassion, hope 8 unity. We'll see you soon.



- The RSVP Team

we think you're an extraordinary human doing the best you can with some really tough human things right now.

we're all doing our best... surviving & muddling through. It can be messy.

you're allowed to be messy.

you're allowed to feel it all.

this workbook will be with you when it feels heavy.

it will carry some of the heaviness, it will help you trust that it will pass and when you can, encourage you to lean into moments of your magic.

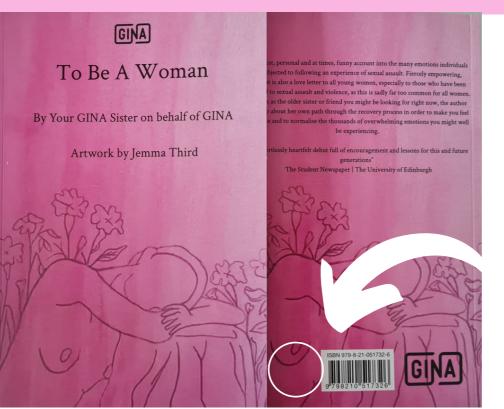
we are enough.

we never have to be anything more than the whole, beautiful beings that we are.

we're only human, after all.







Uour organisation's logo will feature here on our back cover, along with a message from your organisation on one of our front internal pages.

Where possible, positioning of your customization can be flexible & any additional customization you'd like can be explored.

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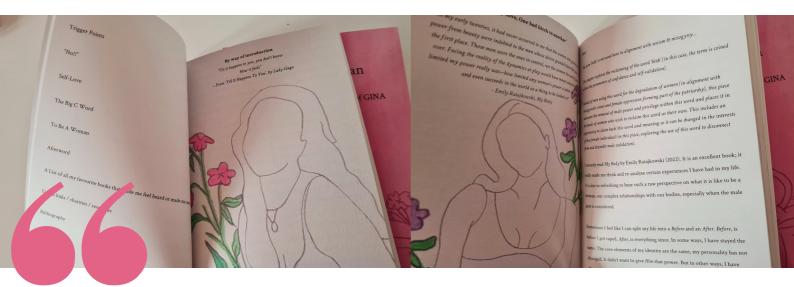
An effortlessly heartfelt debut full of encouragement & lessons for this and future generations

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The Student Newspaper The University of Edinburgh

the artwork in To Be A Woman

bespoke illustrations by Jemma Third



I still can't quite grasp the fact that the many months of processing alone on the carpet floor in my room would lead to Your GINA Sister seeing my peace on the gallery wall. This would develop into us working together on this book...I am forever grateful to Your GINA Sister for sharing her experiences for you to read here, sistered by my art, and for this now to reach those who might also feel like I felt (or sometimes do still feel) sat on my carpet floor or on that coach during the assault I experienced.



I loved the structure of the book – all the chapters really build on each other. I loved how personal and chatty it was – I really liked you writing style. I loved the little poems and quotes that were included at the start of each chapter – I thought that was lovely and shows what influenced the author. I also loved the chapter on 'Everything I wish I had known when I was 15'.

I just thought the book was great and will definitely be recommending it to my friends. As someone, who hasn't had the same experience as you, it was so important to read and understand a personal perspective and the different stages and how everyone copes it very differently. I have learnt a lot from it. The journal was great too!

It was well written and powerful. It felt like someone was speaking to me rather than reading a text off the pages, an uncomfortable comfortable, so in that sense it was hard to read. It made me feel like when my daughter told me her story; emotionally charged.

The book was phenomenal...I gobbled it up, I will probably read it through again too to properly absorb it - I got a bit excited to read some passages that I related to so much.





An unapologetically authentic exploration of sexual violence & the issues that are impacting young women today.

This book will meet you where you are.

It beautifully captures the messy nature of a young woman navigating sexual trauma, mental health, sex, friendships and relationships. This book is not afraid to discuss the important stuff and will resonate with young women everywhere.

In this book, you will discover authenticity, strength and female solidarity. These pages contain trails and tribulations that are reflected within the lives of young women everywhere.

These pages reflect our experiences. They may well reflect yours too.



To women who have been subjected to any form of sexual violence & violence (& even those who haven't): This is a beautiful book, written by my beautiful friend & I cannot recommend it enough. I have sat on my living room floor laughing out loud, ugly crying & feeling so many emotions in between. She has poured her heart out into these words & I sincerely hope they reach the people who need to hear them most. It is raw, honest, relatable, emotional, empowering & inspirational. Not only does it address the complex emotions & questions women may have after rape & sexual assault, but it de-stigmatises conversations about rape & discusses issues at the root of our society. It captures the essence of what it means to be a woman & everything that comes with it."

-Alex



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