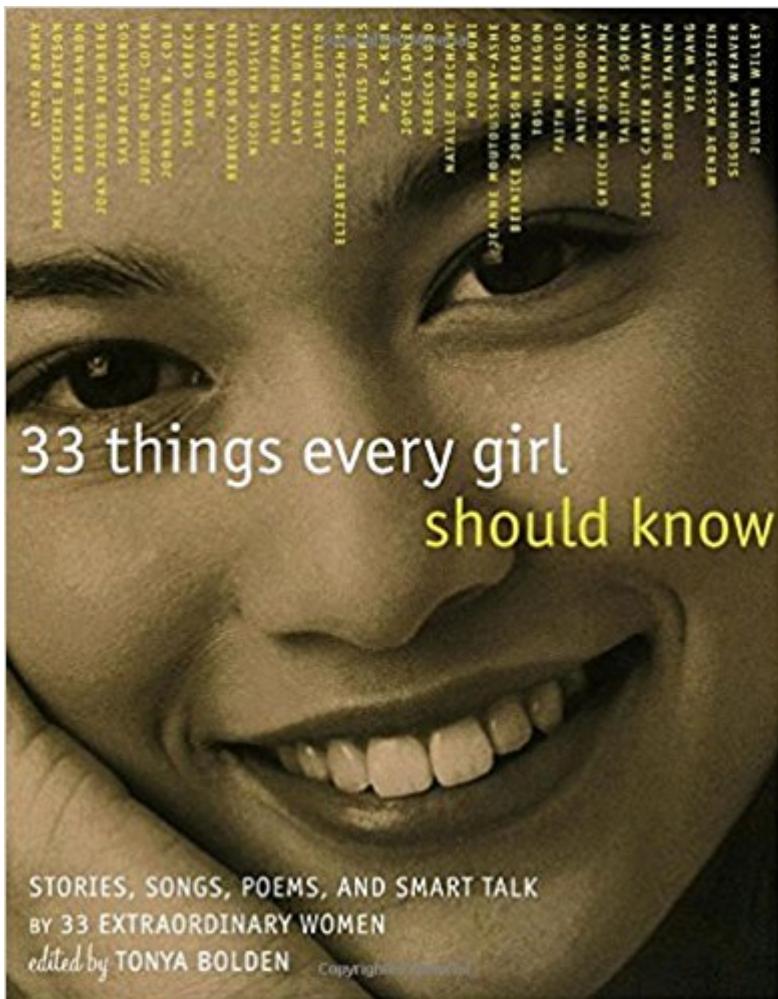


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# 33 Things Every Girl Should Know: Stories, Songs, Poems, And Smart Talk By 33 Extraordinary Women



## **Synopsis**

Natalie Merchant. Sigourney Weaver. Tabitha Soren. Wendy Wasserstein. Rebecca Lobo. Lauren Hutton. Anita Roddick. Lynda Barry. These are among the thirty-three extraordinary women who lend their diverse voices to this outstanding collection of stories, songs, poems, comics, and essays that will give every adolescent girl reason to feel hopeful about making the transition from girlhood to womanhood. Dealing with subjects like popularity, success, communication with boys, speaking one's mind, and body image, here is a book that offers help and inspiration to girls as they struggle to find a portrayal of womanhood they can call their own. 33 Things Every Girl Should Know is an empowering and inspirational gift book that every girl will want to own, to share with friends, and to use as a springboard to self-knowledge, self-acceptance, and self-esteem.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

In the forward to this book, Tonya Bolden explained that these authors know what adolescent girls are feeling right now. I was skeptical. The times have changed, how could they know?? Well, the authors of the book proved me wrong! I learned very important lessons about growing up, and hope to pass them on to my daughters. People would say that this is only a good book for girls ages 11-around 15, but I think that mothers could also learn a lesson about their daughters. Sometimes

mothers think they know what's best, but this book may get the mother's a little more informed! I loved this book! You must read it, TRUST ME!

This book was a really good book showing girls how to pull through struggles, not let yourself get down, being strong and many other vital things girls need to know and aren't taught.

Funny, witty, moving inspiring. Lots of role models of different types dealing with emotional, physical, intellectual, social challenges of growing up. Wish I'd had such a book when growing up. Minor caveat -- lots of discussion of different things girls can be when grown up, but no mention of being a mother. I understand that one does not want to be encouraging teenage girls to have babies, but on the other hand would have been nice to have something addressing what is likely to be a significant portion of a woman's life. For instance, they could have had an essay by a physician who works part-time and is home with kids part-time, to make the point that getting a good education and a skilled professional job can make it easier to do flex-time and work from home. Something to prepare girls to get ready to balance work and family, to be thinking about the choices they will be making, and to acknowledge the importance and satisfactions of the drive to nurture.

The book is really good. The book talks about different women that have grown up and are telling others their stories. They help others realize that the world is not perfect and how to get through it. I would give this book to anyone I know.

Someone gave me this book about 10 years ago, when I was a young teen. Flash forward to 10 minutes ago, when I pulled this off the bookshelf in the process of moving out of my parents' house. Immediately I remembered how incredible this book was. It's insightful without being preachy, lighthearted without being silly. And more than anything else, as I flipped through the pages, I realize how much it sticks with you. 10 years later, I still remember many of the short stories. They'd flit in and out of my mind over the years, as I dealt with being "nerdy" in high school, with struggling to become independent in college, and even now as I move onto the next big step. I know I've totally outgrown it, and yet, it's such a thoughtful book that I'm tempted to bring it with me! Highly recommended for all girls!

My daughter loves this book. She reads me poems and stories from this book all the time. I think all teenagers should purchase this book.

This July at the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, First Lady Hillary Clinton mentioned "33 Things Every Girl Should Know" in her speech before 15,000 people. Two hours after the speech, "33 Things..." was flying off the shelf at a book signing at the Women's Rights National Historical Park. My 13 year old daughter, Elizabeth Jenkins-Sahlin, an author of one chapter called "Get Involved!", autographed 205 books. The books ran out before her writing hand tired. She is the great, great, great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, early founder of the women's movement. There is no question this chapter and this book empowers girls. Oh, by the way, Elizabeth says, "Even my 50 year old dad likes the book."

I'm so glad I bought my 12 year old this amazing book...it has so much insight on teenagers..treats stories...poems...quotes...and so much more..this is a must have for any mom to give to there daughters..I'm so glad I found it there's so much they can cry laugh or think about...awesome ty

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