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She's Such A Geek: Women Write About Science, Technology, And Other Nerdy Stuff



Synopsis

She's Such a Geek is a groundbreaking anthology that celebrates women who have flourished in the male-dominated realms of technical and cultural arcana. Editors Annalee Newitz and Charlie Anders bring together a diverse range of critical and personal essays about the meaning of female nerdhood by women who are in love with genomics, obsessed with blogging, learned about sex from Dungeons and Dragons, and aren't afraid to match wits with men or computers. More than anything, She's Such a Geek is a celebration and call to arms: it's a hopeful book which looks forward to a day when women will invent molecular motors, design the next ultra-tiny supercomputer, and run the government.

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If I were rich, I'd thought my only book project would be to send a certain book or two to every legislator and department head in my country (the United States). After reading parts of this book, though, I'm updating that: I would send 10-30 copies of this book (depending on department size) to every science department, every math department, every computer department, every business department, every women's studies department, and every library on every campus mentioned in this book...and as many more campuses as I can think of. I'd ask professors to set them out in the coffee room where the department's books are stored saying, "Borrow one!" and let the bright yellow cover entice students and faculty alike. Women and men, boys and girls alike should read these stories. What perfect descriptions they are of what life is like for the young geek whose sex is "female" and what perfect descriptions they are of what that does and can mean later in life.

suppose I'd also send 10 copies to major campuses' and companies' IT departments and to big research companies. This book is the perfect book--so captivating--for men to walk a mile in women's shoes (especially geeky men to walk a mile in geeky women's shoes) and the perfect book for girls to walk a mile in older women's shoes and take the precautions necessary to stay a geek for life--rather than be a dropout--if they think they're going to want to. I would also send a chopped-up version to every middle school in the country, if I really had a lot of money.

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