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The Lawyer's Myth Wipf and Stock Publishers  
The magical saga of the women behind King Arthur's throne. "A monumental reimagining of the Arthurian legends . . . reading it is a deeply moving and at times uncanny experience. . . . An impressive achievement." —The New York Times Book Review In Marion Zimmer Bradley's masterpiece, we see the tumult and adventures of Camelot's court through the eyes of the women who bolstered the king's rise and schemed for his

fall. From their childhoods through the ultimate fulfillment of their destinies, we follow these women and the diverse cast of characters that surrounds them as the great Arthurian epic unfolds stunningly before us. As Morgaine and Gwenhwyfar struggle for control over the fate of Arthur's kingdom, as the Knights of the Round Table take on their infamous quest, as Merlin and Viviane wield their magics for the future of Old Britain, the Isle of Avalon slips further into the impenetrable mists of memory, until the fissure between old and new worlds' and old and new religions' claims its most famous victim.

*Spaces of Spirituality* John Hunt Publishing  
Lawyers today are in a moral crisis. The popular perception of the lawyer, both within the legal community and beyond, is no longer the Abe Lincoln of American mythology, but is often a greedy, cynical manipulator of

access and power. In *The Lawyer's Myth*, Walter Bennett goes beyond the caricatures to explore the deeper causes of why lawyers are losing their profession and what it will take to bring it back. Bennett draws on his experience as a lawyer, judge, and law teacher, as well as upon oral histories of lawyers and judges, in his exploration of how and why the legal profession has lost its ennobling mythology. Effectively using examples from history, philosophy, psychology, mythology, and literature, Bennett shows that the loss of professionalism is more than merely the emergence of win-at-all-cost strategies and a scramble for personal wealth. It is something more profound—a loss of professional community and soul. Bennett identifies the old heroic myths of American lawyers and shows

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how they informed the values of professionalism through the middle of the last century. He shows why, in our more diverse society, those myths are inadequate guides for today's lawyers. And he also discusses the profession's agony over its trickster image and demonstrates how that archetype is not only a psychological reality, but a necessary component of a vibrant professional mythology for lawyers. At the heart of Bennett's eloquently written book is a call to reinvigorate the legal professional community. To do this, lawyers must revive their creative capacities and develop a meaningful, professional mythology—one based on a deeper understanding of professionalism and a broader, more compassionate ideal of justice.

**Lady of Avalon Harper Collins**  
In this challenging and enlightening companion volume to the bestselling *Goddesses in Everywoman*, Jean Shinoda Bolen turns her attention to the powerful inner patterns--or archetypes--that shape men's personalities, careers, and personal relationships. Viewing these archetypes as the inner counterparts of the outer world of cultural stereotypes, she

demonstrates how men and women can gain an invaluable sense of wholeness and integration when what they do is consistent with who they are. Dr. Bolen introduces these patterns in the guise of eight archetypal gods, or personality types, with whom the reader will identify. From the authoritarian power-seeking gods (Zeus, Poseidon) to the gods of creativity (Apollo, Hephaestus) to the sensual Dionysus, Dr. Bolen shows men how to identify their ruling gods, how to decide which to cultivate and which to overcome, and how to tap the power of these enduring archetypes in order to enrich and strengthen their lives. She also stresses the importance of understanding which gods you are attracted to and which are compatible with your expectations, uncovers the origins of the often-difficult father-son relationship, and explores society's deep conflict between nurturing behavior and the need to foster masculinity. In *Gods*

in *Everyman* Dr. Bolen presents us with a compassionate and lucid male psychology that will help all men and women to better understand themselves and their relationships with their fathers, their sons, their brothers, and their lovers.

**Close to the Bone** Bush Street Press  
A classic work of female psychology that uses seven archetypal goddesses as a way of describing behavior patterns and personality traits is being introduced to the next generation of readers with a new introduction by the author. Psychoanalyst Jean Bolen's career soared in the early 1980s when *Goddesses in Everywoman* was published. Thousands of women readers became fascinated with identifying their own inner goddesses and using these archetypes to guide themselves to greater self-esteem, creativity, and happiness. Bolen's radical idea was that just as women used to be unconscious of the powerful effects that cultural stereotypes had on them, they were also unconscious of powerful archetypal forces within them that influence what they do and how they feel, and which account for major differences among them. Bolen

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*Endnotes* Mango Media Inc.

*Sophia's Return* is an exploration of Goddess spirituality and an instructional book. It encourages women to lead their own sacred circle using the Celtic Wheel of the Year and shows them how to run a sacred or spirituality circle. This

book includes the script for eight ceremonies typically used for the Celtic Wheel of the Year, for example, Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox, Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox. Each ceremony includes a guided meditation and information about the Goddess honoured during that ceremony. Sample Maiden, Mother and Crone ceremonies as well as a personal memoir recounting the author's own story and Goddess experience are included. This book is a beneficial tool for women of all ages who might be feeling a call for spirituality with the Feminine at its centre. One of the goals with this book is to give the reader the basic tools and foundation of knowledge to get started to run their own sacred circle in a simple and easy-to-use format.

**Women's Rites of Passage** Mango Media Inc.

In the summer of 2001 Carol Ohmart Behan made her first

pilgrimage to Glastonbury, re-tracing the ancient pilgrim-path to the Isle of Avalon, luminous sanctuary of the Goddess and the Grail. Her quest became a catalyst for her work as a writer, pilgrimage leader, and teacher of Earth-wisdom. A dramatic encounter with her past-life self as a 16th-century healer opened the door to her true 21st-century identity as an Earth-healer and voice of the Divine Feminine, which is re-emerging in the world once again.

*Changing of The Gods* Mango Media Inc.

In this lively collection from an array of accomplished writers, readers meet an old woman who imparts an invaluable midnight message on a Greek island; brothers who heal old family wounds in Ireland; and travelers who awaken to the mystery of their souls in such disparate places as St. Peter's in Rome

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and a dusty road in India. Contributors include Phil Cousineau, Kim Chernin, David Yeadon, Don George, and Jan Morris. The *Spiritual Gifts of Travel* reveals the myriad ways that travel renews the spirit. "The tales ring clear and loud with the universal need to travel the road toward self." -- Francesca de Grandis, author of *Be a Goddess!*

New Age and Neopagan Religions in America Mango Media Inc.

A MIDLIFE QUEST FOR THE GRAIL AND THE GODDESS Dr Jean Shinoda Bolen's extraordinary memoir celebrates the pilgrimage that heralded her spiritual awakening and leads readers down the path of self-discovery. In this account of her journey to Europe

Goddesses in Everywoman Penguin  
Feminist Foremothers in Women's Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health is by and about the more recent wave of feminist foremothers; those who were awakened in the 1960s and '70s to

the realization that something was terribly wrong. These are the women who created the fields of feminist therapy, feminist psychology, and women's mental health as they exist today. The 48 women share their life stories in the hope that they will inspire and encourage readers to take their own risks and their own journeys to the outer edges of human possibility. Authors write about what led up to their achievements, what their accomplishments were, and how their lives were consequently changed. They describe their personal stages of development in becoming feminists, from unawareness to activism to action. Some women focus on the painful barriers to success, fame, and social change; others focus on the surprise they experience at how well they, and the women's movement, have done. Some well-known feminist foremothers featured include: Phyllis Chesler Gloria Steinem Kate Millett Starhawk Judy Chicago Zsuzsanna Emese Budapest Andrea Dworkin Jean Baker Miller Carol Gilligan In *Feminist Foremothers in Women's*

*Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health*, many of the women see in hindsight how prior projects and ideas and even dreams were the forerunners to their most important work. They note the importance of sisterhood and the presence of other women and the loneliness and isolation experienced when they don't exist. They note the validation they have received from grassroots feminists in contrast to disbelief from professionals. Although these women have been and continue to be looked up to as foremothers, they realize how little recognition they've been given from society-at-large and how much better off their male counterparts are. Some foremothers write about the feeling of being different, not meshing with the culture of the time and about challenging the system as an outsider, not an insider. These are women who had few mentors, who had to forge their own way, "hit the ground running." Their stories will challenge readers to press on, to continue the work these foremothers so courageously started. Throughout the pages of

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Feminist Foremothers in Women's Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health runs a sense of excitement and vibrancy of lives lived well, of being there during the early years of the women's movement, of making sacrifices, of taking risks and living to see enormous changes result. Throughout these pages, too, sounds a call not to take these changes for granted but to recognize that feminists, rather than arguing over picayune issues or splitting politically correct hairs, are battling for the very soul of the world.

*Crossing to Avalon* Ballantine Books

A psychoneuroimmunologist explores "how intuition works; and how people can use it to be in tune with their bodies, reduce stress, and promote health" (Booklist). Women's intuition is real, says Paula Reeves. Encoded in a woman's DNA, this subtle yet potent source of knowledge has been doubted and dismissed as an old

wives' tale. Because social conditioning and male-dominated culture have caused women to feel disconnected from their own bodies, Dr. Reeves believes that most women are unaware of what their intuition is trying to tell them. In *Women's Intuition*, Dr. Reeves guides readers to remove the blocks preventing this channel of knowledge from informing and enriching their daily lives. By evoking body-based intuition, readers can reestablish their body-mind bond and access their intuitive power for healing and insight. "Reeves describes numerous real-life therapy sessions and exercises involving SCM [Spontaneous Contemplative Movement], providing us with clear illustrations of how to connect with our bodies and emotions and hence achieve a

deeper understanding of the self. She helps us through the difficult task of both rediscovering the intuitive parts of ourselves we have lost and trusting our intuitions to guide us through life. This challenging book will no doubt profoundly change some readers' lives." -Library Journal "A gift to any woman who is determined to connect with her own feminine body." -Marion Woodman, author of *Bone: Dying into Life* "This gracious book is for all who suspect that the body knows things we do not know. We've yearned to free the wisdom locked in the body's images, symptoms, and movements; Reeves gives us a burnished key." -Jill Mellick, PhD, author of *The Art of Dreaming* **Crossing to Avalon** Routledge Communication with those we love and with ourselves.

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«America is now wholly given over to a d - d mob of scribbling women, and I should have no chance of success while the public taste is occupied with their trash...» Taking Hawthorne's famous 1855 complaint about women writers as a starting point for consideration, *Scribbling Women and the Short Story Form* is a collection of fourteen critical essays about the short fiction of British and American women writers. This anthology takes a feminist approach, examining the liberating possibilities for women writers of the form of the short story, a genre often associated with alienation or subversion (the writer Frank O'Connor describes the form as marginal or «outlaw»). Covering the work of selected women writers from the 1850s through the late twentieth century, this collection includes essays on

well-known authors such as Rebecca Harding Davis, Louisa May Alcott, Kate Chopin, Katherine Anne Porter, Flannery O'Connor, Cynthia Ozick, and Ursula K. Le Guin, alongside essays on Harriett Prescott Spofford, Ruth Stewart, L. T. Meade, Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Zitkala-Sa, Sui Sin Far, and Lydia Davis, less-known authors whose stories offer rich ground for consideration.

### **Crones Don't Whine**

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This volume of original chapters is designed to bring attention to a neglected area of feminist scholarship - aging. After several decades of feminist studies we are now well informed of the complex ways that gender shapes the lives of women and men. Similarly, we know more about how gendered power relations interface with race and ethnicity, class and sexual orientation. Serious theorizing of old age and age relations to gender represents the next frontier of feminist scholarship. In this volume, leading national

and international feminist scholars of aging take first steps in this direction, illuminating how age relations interact with other social inequalities, particularly gender. In doing so, the authors challenge and transform feminist scholarship and many taken for granted concepts in gender studies.

### *Shaping Social Justice*

Leadership University of Chicago Press

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their own emotional and spiritual pilgrimages." SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE BOOK REVIEW "This wise and challenging work, the most personal of Jean Shinoda Bolen's books, is an absorbing often uncannily perceptive, and useful companion for the soul journeys of our time, which is 'The Time of the Goddess Returning.'" 'ALICE WALKER, author of 'The Color Purple' "In 'Crossing to Avalon', Jean Shinoda Bolen turns her acute and brilliant eye toward the interconnectedness of women's mysteries, sacredness of the body, the effect of pilgrimage on soul, and deep feminine friendships." CLARISSA PINKOLA ESTES, Ph.D., author of 'Women Who Run with the Wolves' Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D., is a Jungian analyst and clinical professor of

psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco. She is the author of 'Goddesses in Everywoman, Gods in Everyman, ' and 'The Tao of Psychology.' **She is Everywhere!** Routledge Provides solid principles and proven measures to promote optimal health and well-being using a holistic approach. Answering Avalon's Call Penguin The first time Helen Curry walked a labyrinth she was moved to tears and then "was filled with peace and possibilities." Here, she shares her years of experience with labyrinth meditation and shows how others can find serenity and guidance by adopting this increasingly popular practice. Unlike mazes, which force choices and can create fear and confusion, labyrinths are designed to "embrace" and guide individuals through a calming, meditative walk on a single circular path. *The Way of the Labyrinth*

includes meditations, prayers, questions for enhancing labyrinth walks, guidelines for ceremonies, instructions for finger meditations, and extensive resources. This enchanting, practical, and exquisitely packaged guide helps both novice and experienced readers enjoy the benefits of labyrinth meditation, from problem-solving to stress reduction to personal transformation. Includes a foreword by Jean Houston, the renowned author and leader in the field of humanistic psychology, who is considered the grandmother of the current labyrinth revival. **The Heroine's Journey Workbook** Harper Collins A classic work of female psychology that uses seven archetypal goddesses as a way of describing behavior patterns and personality traits is being introduced to the next generation of

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*Feminist Foremothers in*

*Women's Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health* Simon and Schuster

With her groundbreaking debut book, *Birthing Ourselves into Being: A Year Long Women's Empowerment Program*, author Baraka Bethany Elihu transcends the restrictions of intellectually-based therapy by offering an experiential curriculum of personal healing centered not only in doing but in being. "Many women are naturally heading towards this gentler, organic approach in personal therapeutic work. Women are ready to be simply witnessed in their own mastery. We do not need to be managed, facilitated, taught or guided," explains Baraka. "The experts live within us." *Birthing Ourselves into Being* is fully situated in the metaphor of childbirth. The book consists of twelve



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chapters that explore the symbolic rhythms of the childbearing year, including pre-conception and postpartum. Offering clear, innovative, and effective steps, this creative arts-based curriculum provides readers tools to emerge with an entirely new life and stories of adventure and love to inspire the journeys of other women. "We can surrender to our process and trust that a greater peace in the world will emerge naturally, from the very belly of our personal, quiet revolutions," Baraka writes. "The space we hold for ourselves and for one another becomes the standard by which the planet responds. It is time. And we are ready."  
*Artemis* R&L Education  
"For women there is nothing more liberating than age if we learn to use our energy, power

and compassion." -- Back cover.  
**Moving Toward the Millionth Circle** Harper Collins  
There is a scarcity of professional literature and research that focuses on women's spiritual development and experiences and how it may differ from that of men. For women, the spiritual is often inner focused, rather than transcendent; relational, rather than solitary; and interdependent, rather than autonomous. Using *Dancing the Labyrinth* integrates knowledge of women's psychological and spiritual development and the stories of a diverse group of women to examine how spirituality changes over the adult life course; the catalysts for said changes (e.g., the natural aging process or traumatic events); and feminist spirituality,

which highlights the importance of relationships (to self, others, and God). While the authors focus on spirituality, they examine the experiences of women who express their spirituality within both traditional and non-traditional spiritual paths. The text also includes several chapters that highlight specific clinical interventions professionals can use to implement spirituality into their practice with women. Written in an engaging and accessible style, this book serves as a helpful resource for mental health practitioners, pastoral counselors, spiritual directors, and lay audiences interested in better understanding of the nuances of women's spiritual development and experiences.