

Dear FaTGIRL...

Hey fat girls!

You have the best zine. We (Mike N & I) have a gift subscription and we love the thing. Great content. Best thing I've read since the late great Quim (England) and Wicked Women (Australia). Keep it up.

Joanie

Good Riddance to Bad Lovers

Dear FaTGIRL:

Thank you!!! A thousand times thank you! Your magazine is like salvation to me. I am an overweight woman of 180 lbs. and I never had a problem with lovers until the last one who was absolutely cruel and despicable. I got rid of her, but not as soon as I should have. She was fine with me in the beginning of our relationship, but then she started making little hurtful remarks that became more and more insulting. Right before I broke it off with her she told me I should start taking laxatives after I ate so that I would lose the weight.

I have to be honest and tell you that I almost believed her and did what she was telling me to do. But, thank the goddess for good friends and ex-lovers who care, and of course, YOU! I am not changing for anyone because I am happy with who I am. I love all of you and everything you stand for! I can't wait to come to California and meet all of you! If you haven't read the book, *Seasons of Erotic Love*, get it!!! There is a story in it called "Dimensions" about loving a fat woman that is absolutely wonderful!
Big Love and Kisses!

Lisa

FaTGIRL Totally Rocks My World

Dear FaTGIRL:

Let me just say that FaTGIRL is the finest publication of the lesbian and erotic print worlds and it totally rocks my world! OK, I've been wanting to say that since I picked up my first issue of FaTGIRL over a year ago and I've finally said it. With that established, you can understand why I'm totally thrilled to be living in San Francisco where my favorite zine is published.

Andrea

Long Distance Love

Dear FaTGIRLs

Hi! It's me again from the Island City of Singapore. I'm placing an additional order for back issues. Please do not cancel FaTGIRL, it is just too precious for you to do that. I mean you gals look beyond the issues and stereotypes of just being fat. Until then, last but not least, keep up the good work and more pictures please.

Ridzuan(Wan)



Happy New Subscriber

Hi Dreamgrrrls-

I've been buying your beautiful, life-affirming zine off feminist newsstands for a year and I'm ready to upgrade. Please sign me up for one FABulous year of big, juicy fun. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Madeline

(Editors Note:

FaT GiRL's subscription is for four issues. This does NOT necessarily mean a year. As we strive to put out three issues a year, your subscription will probably last longer.)

Journey to FaTGIRL Love

Dear FaTGIRL

My girlfriend and I were so happy to find out about you. She lives in a small town and found out about you on the internet. She's very resourceful, I might add, as we met on the internet as well. It started out as friendship, two fat dykes ranting and raving about life. I was a skeptic about personal ads or computer romances, but eleven months later, I'm a believer.

Imagine my surprise while I was checking out the kinky sex store in the gay-friendly French Quarter. Right in the middle of all the men's smut magazines I saw a

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rather large, lovely woman and sure enough, it was issue #5 of FaTGIRL. I was finally able to get my hot little hands on you! Oooh! I feel so lucky that I found that issue.

At last, a magazine for people like us! All my life I have been fat and have always been in revolt against society dictating how fat women should live, act, dress, etc. However it took me a long time to come to terms with my sexuality because I felt so "asexual" because of my fatness. You know the story, fat girls aren't supposed to be attractive, desirable...I faced a dilemma, as a fat virgin dyke in her mid-twenties, how would I ever feel comfortable and trusting enough to give freely of my body and soul to another person?

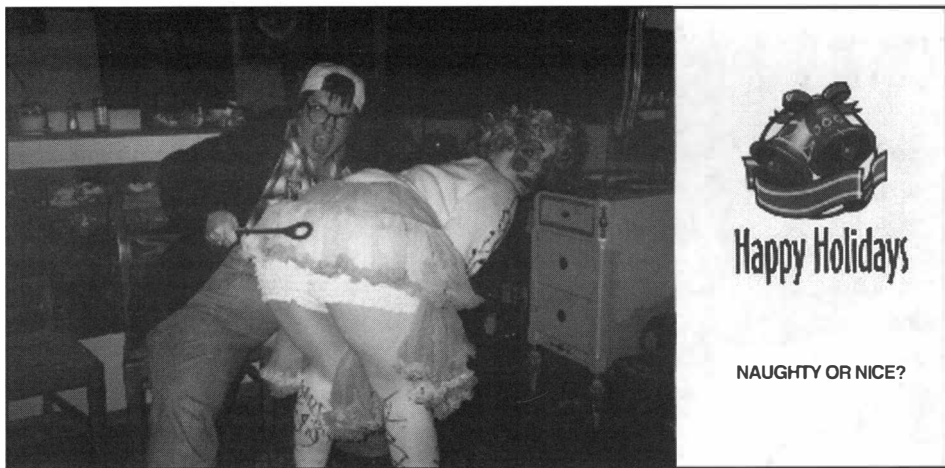
It was a long process, but I realized that I needed to take risks in life in order to love. I found the right woman for me. Sex has become quite an intimate act of love instead of something horrifying. My girlfriend and I have learned to fully appreciate our plentiful bodies.

FaT GiRL Activist Relocates

Hi Everyone!
This is your intrepid bi-coastal staff member, bringing news from Baltimore. We're just starting to settle in and check out the scene here. This weekend marked, in typical Charm City celebratory fashion, the Bicentennial of Baltimore and the anniversaries of the Baltimore Eagle (sixth) and John Water's classic Pink Flamingos (25th.) I am looking forward to meeting the members of F.I.S.T. and connecting with more queers here in our local Hampden neighborhood. Word has it that there's quite a fierce gay Backyard Barbecue culture here... Stoke up the hibachi, hon!

Look for a local review of the famous 'fat girl mall' that I've been hyping the past 3 years. On the home front, Oh, Said Rose, a store specializing in art-to-wear in plus sizes, is scheduled to open in May at 840 West 36th Street, Baltimore, MD. Anyone traveling through— come in and say howdy!
xxooxxoo

Susannah



We're so happy together and we rejoice to have a means to keep in touch with other fat-positive affirming women loving women. There are so many of us out here feeling isolated in our own little corners of the world and starved for like-minded progressive thought and individuals. Thank you for being our voice.

Tons of Love,
Jennifer

**This issue is dedicated
to all the
Femmes and Butches
who have had the courage
to be themselves,
whether it was fashionable
or not.**

FaT GiRL is:

a zine for and about fat dykes. **FaT GiRL** seeks to create a broad-based dialogue that both challenges and informs our notions of fat dyke identity. We encourage dialogue based on our lived experience as fat dykes, recognizing that our lives are various and multifaceted. **FaT GiRL** is produced by an eclectic collective of fat dykes. We come in all shapes and sizes; from diverse ethnic cultures and different class backgrounds.

FaT GiRL is a political act.

We want your participation!

Submissions: We accept original work by women that is relevant to fat dykes. Please include a S.A.S.E. with your stuff. We like written submissions that are typed. We love submissions that are on disk, especially MAC disk. We are always on the lookout for art!!!

Please don't ever send us your original copy of anything. Include a brief bio with your submission and model releases for your photos (we can send these to you if you need them).

Submission DEADLINE for issue #8 is July 21, 1997.

FaT GiRL is: April Miller, Bertha Pearl, Kebo, Lara Michelle, Laura Johnston, Margo Mercedes Rivera, Susannah, Sondra Solovay, Selena & Oso.

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