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## **GIRLS WHO BITE BACK**

**WITCHES, MUTANTS, SLAYERS AND FREAKS**

*Edited by Emily Pohl-Weary*

Taking on the bombshell spies, slayers, witches and assassins who are fighting their way into movies and television shows everywhere, *Girls Who Bite Back* examines what these new role models for young women are really about.

Emily Pohl-Weary, co-author with Judith Merrill of the Hugo Award-winning *Better to Have Loved: The Life of Judith Merrill*, puts her unique stamp on the field of speculative fiction and pop culture in this one-of-a-kind anthology of short fiction, cultural analysis, comics and original artwork.

*Girls Who Bite Back* cuts through the layers of the new “female power,” questioning its corporate origins and investigating issues of race and sexual orientation. And the book goes a crucial step further by asking: If you don’t like what’s out there now, what do you want to see?

In response, writers like Hiromi Goto (*The Kappa Child, Chorus of Mushrooms*), Nalo Hopkinson (*Brown Girl in the Ring, The Salt Roads*), Larissa Lai (*Salt Fish Girl, When Fox Is a Thousand*), Nikki Stafford (*Bite Me! An Unofficial Guide to the World of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, How Xena Changed Our Lives*), Mariko Tamaki (*True Lies: The Book of Bad Advice, Cover Me*) and more chronicle the best and the worst supergirls, envision new role models and create a do-it-yourself guide to being a superhero.

Talented artists, including Shary Boyle, Eliza Griffiths, Sonja Ahlers, Sheila Butler, Marc Ngui and Matthew Blackett, imagine stronger, more intelligent superheroines and explore the ugly side of girls who fight back. (And check out the actual recipe for action ...)

Pohl-Weary has put together an assembly of fresh voices that bring rich insight, as well as wry irreverence, to this compelling and controversial issue. From Little Orphan Annie to *Kill Bill*, *Girls Who Bite Back* shows how far we’ve come, how far we have to go, and gives us a sneak peak at a future where all girls bite back.

Visit the fabulous *Girls* website at: [www.girlswhobiteback.com](http://www.girlswhobiteback.com)

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