

Entry List For:

Women's Reproductive Lives: An Encyclopedia of Health, History, and Popular Culture

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Entries:

Abortion (Issues in and Results About):

Controversies – **350 TAKEN**

Birth Control/unwanted pregnancy (e.g. “drop off baby” Fireman rule) – **350 TAKEN**

American Small Towns and High teenage Pregnancy rates (e.g. Wichita Falls, Texas) – **350**

Famous Figures in the History of Abortion Rights - **1500**

History of Abortion and Abortive techniques – **1500 TAKEN**

Adoption (cross ref for Law and custody/gender and sexuality etc)

Advertising:

Illustrations: past and present (men in advertising) – **350**

Male images in sanitary pad ads - **350**

Body image (connect to theater and literature?) - **850**

History of advertising/language/ Language (conservative/feminist/insensitive) The Blue liquid and the “RedDot” - **1500**

Medicine: Menstruation to Menopause - **350**

Adolescents/Women/Seniors - **850**

Anorexia:

Amenorrhea/Dysmenorrhea - **350**

Adolescents/Adults - Risk to Reproductive System – **1500 TAKEN**

Anatomy/Physicians:

Andreas Vesalius – **350 TAKEN**

History of and Relation to - **350**

Early Language of (negative/positive) (male/female body) - **350**

Modern Language of (negative/positive) - **350**

Nero’s Mother – **350 TAKEN**

Arabic and North African influences (Constantine the African) and Greek Forgery - **1500**

Soranus - and techniques and cures for - **350**

Trota/Trotula and early female physicians - **850 TAKEN**

Avicenna - the father of modern medicine (Islamic/Middle Eastern/North African influences) - **850**

Leonardo da Vinci - **350**

Art:

History of Reproductive Art - **850 TAKEN**

Arthurian Legend (and Reproductive Ideas): **TAKEN**

Lancelot and Guinevere /Women in Legend / Knights in relation to women- **350 TAKEN**

Attitudes/Views Toward:

- Classical, Medieval, Renaissance (repro/birth control etc)- **350 each TAKEN**
- Romantic, Restoration, Victorian, Modern (repro/birth control etc) - **350 each TAKEN**
- Contemporary and Cross-Culture (repro/birth control etc) - **350 each**
- Early Cultures vs. Contemporary Culture (repro/birth control etc) - **850**
- Prostitution and Reproduction: how did women protect themselves in early times –

(under war topics)

Body: Female/Male

- Early Scientific Views – **850 TAKEN**
- The One Sex Model (Not Two Sexes) – **850 TAKEN**
- Modern Scientific Views – **850 TAKEN**

Birth Control/Contraception:

- Ancient to Modern (overview) - **350 TAKEN**
- Early Teens and /Early Teens and Hormone Therapy - **850**
- Human Papillomavirus/HPV Vaccine (Gardasil) – **850 TAKEN**

Bleeding Body:

- Christ (significance/symbol)/Woman/Stigmata/ mystics (cross ref mystics) – **1500 TAKEN**
- Christ bleeding body - **Carolyn Bynum** - discuss her work in relation to – **1500 TAKEN**
- Menarche to Menopause (significance of bleeding in ancient vs. modern cultures) – **850**

Breast:

- History of (Marilyn Yalom's book, Meena Spadola's book and others) main idea: how breasts are for sustenance and for the erotic: **1500 TAKEN**
- Breastfeeding: history of - to modern ideas lactation /bottle feeding and Baby Formula: **850 TAKEN**
- History of Wet nurses: **350**

Cancer:

- Breast/ Ovarian/cervical – **850 TAKEN**

Castration/female mutilation – **850** – *one* entry on:

- Political problems with other countries and the US/ Female problems and issues

Celibacy: (cross ref birth control programs in schools)

- Vows and “abstinence education” (Christian youth group in schools) – **850 TAKEN**

Chastity Belts: --350

Childbirth:

History of Midwives - **1500**

Complications of advanced maternal age (e.g. Down's syndrome) - **350 - TAKEN**

Children:

Puberty- Historical aspects of puberty - how was puberty dealt with in the 50's to now, e.g. when you look at books for adolescence (up to recently) and see the ways in which they represent the attitudes and mores of the period - **850**

Church:

Early Church's views toward women/menstruation/menopause etc - **350 TAKEN**

Church and Women's reproductive functions - **350**

Women and Childbirth/Churching - **350 TAKEN**

Midwifery - midwives stressed more of the spiritual concept of healing instead of medical. History of this concept - **350**

Clothing: (the underwear - women used rags/pads/ with straps to modern day underwear and pads with sticky back:

Classical/Medieval/Renaissance – **350 TAKEN**

Romantic/Restoration/Victorian - **350**

Contemporary American –From the Wild West to Modern – **350**

Modern vs. Early Cultures (including accessories) – International??? – **850**

Contraception – see Birth Control

Countries: views of repro/menstruation/menopause

Africa: general overview, program donating tampons and pads to help girls - **850**

Europe/North America - **850**

Africa/Asia – **850 TAKEN**

South America/Caribbean – **850 TAKEN**

Australia/New Zealand/South Africa/Southern African countries – **850**

Disability:

Reproductive issues and - **850 TAKEN**

Custody laws and - **350** (cross ref laws custody) **TAKEN**

Early Cultures/Modern Culture:

The menstrual/menopausal hut vs. the “career woman” - **850**

Social issues: menopause and the “useless woman” as opposed to the “wise woman” – **850 - TAKEN**

Early American Female Settlers (Wild West) vs. The Modern American Female – **850**

Economics:

Social/economic Issues and - **350**

Jobs and Wages (male wages vs. female wages) – **1500**

Economics and “Third World Women” and repro issues, e.g. some of the issues discussed in Kum-Kum Bhavnani’s book *Feminist Futures Re-Imagining Women, Culture and Development* – **850 TAKEN**

Education:

Public Schools: family /sex education (**vs. abstinence education**) - **850**

Private Schools: family/sex education (**vs. abstinence education**) - **850**

Catholic/Protestant Schools/public: Family/sex education - **850**

Difference in education of boys and girls – **350 TAKEN**

Adult awareness and education about menopause: Internet and Paper (books, magazines, leaflets etc.) - **350**

Feminine Mystique: discuss Betty Friedan and repro/women issues – **1500 TAKEN**

Fertility - social/medical:

Symbols/culture: **350**

Ethical aspects of fertility (in vitro) – **350 TAKEN**

(Cross ref. pregnancy & unwanted alternatives)

Film: Abortion/unwanted pregnancy in North American film: **TAKEN**

Entertainment: fiction and nonfiction (e.g. “Juno”, “Knocked Up”) – **850 TAKEN**

The Language of Repro in film and TV and controversies (e.g. One could not say the word pregnant on TV until late 60's) - **850**

Menstruation/Menopause in - **850**

Symbolism and folklore (Blood, Moon, Vampires) – **350**

Folklore:

History of Reproduction in Folklore- **350 each**

Literature - **350**

Witches/Crones – **350 TAKEN**

Food:

Menstrual health/Menopausal health (menstrual gardening using menstrual blood to feed vegetables?) - **850**

Cookbooks/menstrual diet - **350**

French Feminists:

Cixous, Irigaray etc and - **1500**

Health and Fitness:

General Exercise/Incontinence - **1500**

Yoga / repro health – **350 TAKEN**

Fitness and Diet/Food - **850**

Henry VIII and wives:

History of how women are punished for not being able to bear an heir and the politics of succession – **850 TAKEN**

HIV/AIDS and Reproduction and Childbirth – **850**

Holocaust and repro issues: **-850**

Illegitimacy: “Bastardy”:

Illegitimate children/Law historical views - **350**

Individuals

Margaret Sanger - **1500 TAKEN**

Vern Bullough - **1500 TAKEN**

Judith Butler - **350 TAKEN**

Elsimar M. Coutinho - **850 TAKEN**

Jacquart and Thomasset - **850**

Roy Porter - **350**

Infanticide (Maternal):

History of – **850 TAKEN**

Traumatic nature of – **350 TAKEN**

and different Cultural Perspectives (e.g. Inuit, Native American American/African/European??) – **850 TAKEN**

Legal issues and Mental Health (Andrea Yates) - **850**

Hysterectomy:

Problems with women/issues social/medical - **850**

Joan of Arc: repro/military – **1500 TAKEN**

Julian of Norwich: (cros ref motherhood/mystics/blood) – **1500 TAKEN**

Judy Blume: Juvenile literature and repro - **850**

Kama Sutra: how women are women viewed – **1500 TAKEN**

Law:

- Roe vs. Wade and abortion laws – **850 TAKEN**
- Custody laws and paternalism/race/gender /sexuality- **850 TAKEN**
- Sexuality/AIDS issues/custody – **350 TAKEN**

Literature:

Fiction:

- Western Literature and Repro-History of – **850**
- Menstruation and Menopause as Metaphor – **350**

Non-Fiction:

- Western Literature and Repro History of – **850**
- Menstruation and Menopause as Metaphor – **350**

Fiction/Non-Fiction:

- Symbolism (Blood, Moon, Vampires) – **350**

Important Literary Figures:

- Chaucer and rape/issues with – **350 TAKEN**
- Shakespeare/women and repro – **350 TAKEN**
- Toni Morrison and repro - 350

Motifs:

- Coventry Patmore's "Angel in the House" - **850 TAKEN**
- Juvenile Literature : other than Judy Blume - **350**

Living Body and Academics/

- Women: Simon de Beauvoir (female biology) - **1500**
- Reproduction and/women in academics - **850**

Margery Kempe: (cross ref. Motherhood/Christianity/mystics/blood) – **1500 TAKEN**

Marriage/Remarriage/Divorce:

- History of /repro and women's status in (medieval - modern) - **850**

Medical and Scholarly Debate concerning -

- Pliny/Hippocrates/Aristotle/Galen/Coutinho/Straussman/Proffet -**1500 TAKEN**

Medical Pain Techniques and Medicine for:

- History of medicines and Techniques for - **850**
- Menstruation/Menopause - **850**
- Birth/C-Sections/Episiotomies/Controversies – **850**

Medical Manuals and Tools:

History of Implements, the Speculum – **1500 TAKEN**

Obstetrical Manuals - **850**

Medicine/Modern:

Endometriosis/Fibroids /Cysts/Ovarian – **1500 TAKEN**

Birth Control/Birth Control and Cancer – **850 TAKEN**

Breast cancer/mammograms – **850 TAKEN**

Medicine:

History of Folklore/Herbal—Historical overview - **850**

Men in relation to Women's Reproductive:

Men's issues dealing with - **350 TAKEN**

Fatherhood/parenting/paternity leave how does it affect women (masculinity/femininity in repro issues) – **850 TAKEN**

Men in repro adverts - 850

Menstrual insertions/ Pessaries from cups to tampons – History of- 350

Menstruation/blood:

View of: Classical, Medieval, Renaissance - **350 each TAKEN**

Romantic, Restoration, Victorian, Modern/Contemporary - **350 each**

Celebrities in sanitary napkins Ads (Susan Day, etc.) – **350**

Celebrities and menopause ads - **350**

Myths: shark attacks and menstrual blood - **350**

Gardening - (cross ref food)

Midwives: history of - **1500 TAKEN**

Miscarriage:

Problems addressed in Fiction/Nonfiction – **850**

Famous miscarriages? (e.g. Frida Kahlo) **850**

Missionaries:

Reproduction issues/children/in foreign countries - **850**

Motherhood:

Politics (e.g. argument against women presidents because of childbirth) - **850 TAKEN**

Baby Blues (postpartum psychosis - mental illness? Andrea Yates) - **1500 TAKEN**

Ms Magazine: And repro issues/controversies - **850**

MUM:

Museum of Menstruation: Responses/Feedback (popularity) - **1500 TAKEN**

Mystics: mystics in general and repro/motherhood (other European mystics – not Julian of Norwich or Margery Kempe) - **850**

Name Brands:

Kotex, Always, Stayfree, Tampax, OB, Pearl, Generic - **850**

Kotex's history in WWI and WWII - **350**

NMAS:

North American Menopause Society: Responses/Feedback - **850**

Novels:

Fiction/Nonfiction – **850**

American and European authors - **850**

World Literature -Authors significant- around the world - **850**

Menstruation and Menopause in - **850**

Blood significance – **850 TAKEN**

Nurseries:

History of nurseries and daycare – **850**

(Cross ref. parenting)

Pain Killers associated with:

History of/Brand names/generic (Midol etc) - **350**

Parenting:

“Latchkey kids” – **350 TAKEN**

Juvenile Delinquency and contraception—link? - **850**

Performing Art:

Ballet/Dance (and coping menstruation etc) – **350 TAKEN**

Symbolism in theatre (Blood, Moon, Vampires, Fiction) – **350**

Politics:

Suffrage Movement and - **850**

Women in Power: important royal women/Queen Elizabeth - **1500 TAKEN**

(cross ref Victoria)

Female Presidents women in power / debate and the issues of succession (female

presidents in Caribbean, India/Pakistan, Europe?) – female power in America – **1500 TAKEN**

Pregnancy:

- Unwanted/Alternatives (in vitro fertilization, surrogacy, adoption) – **850 TAKEN**
- Mortality rates in Early times compared to now - **850**
- Language and Pregnancy on film and TV - (one couldn't say the word pregnant on tv till the late 60s?) – **850 TAKEN**
- Pregnancy in Africa/Asia - **350 TAKEN**
- Europe/America - **350** and North America/Caribbean - **350**
- The way different cultures hold babies- on the left, right, back, front – **850 TAKEN**

Prostitution

- and Reproduction under war entry – **1500 TAKEN**
- Choice vs. Non-choice - **850 TAKEN**
- Historical Overview – concubines and courtesans/repro issues - **850**
- Modern view and feminist issues support for kids/job/former prostitutes – it is not good - **850**

Queen Victoria:

- and reproduction - **850**

Race and Reproduction:

- North American politics/derogatory terms in medicine - **850**
- Medical politics in other major countries - **850**
- (Cross reference to gender/sexuality/disability)

Rape and Reproduction:

- Historical Overview: ancient to modern - **850**
- (cross ref Chaucer/prostitution)

Religion and Reproductive Practices:

- Christian – **850 TAKEN**
- Protestant - **350**
- Judaism - **350**
- Hinduism - **350**
- Islam - **350**
- Buddhism – **350 TAKEN**
- Christian Scientists – **350**
- Scientology (Tom Cruise?) - **350**
- Neo-Paganism – **350 TAKEN**

Sanitary Napkins/Depends:

- Mass Production - **350**
- WW I&II - nurses used the gauze for pads etc **850?**

Sexuality:

History of Class/Gender/sexuality - **850**

Slavery:

African Slavery/interraciality and repro issues/childbirth etc – **850 TAKEN**

Sobriquets (Universal):

Menstruation (**350** total):

The Curse/Witch Once a Month/Auntie's in Town/Derogatory Language -
medical issues

Menopause (**350** total):

The Change/Derogatory Language - medical issues

Sociology:

Medical Sociology and Women's Reproductive function and Freedom - **850**

Language for Reproductive process: medical/derogatory/sensitive (then vs. now) – **850**

Social History of: **850 TAKEN**

Sterilization/Child birth:

History of - **850 TAKEN**

Surgery:

Early to Modern – **850 TAKEN**

Using tampons for - **350**

Mastectomy /Hysterectomy - **850**

Symptoms/Cures:

History of Poultices and Cures and drugs - **850**

Medical controversies - **350**

Tampons/pads

Organic vs. mass-produced (health issues –cotton for tampons and pads washed in
chlorine) - **350 TAKEN**

Theater (connected to section on the body) –

Plays about - e.g. Vagina Monologues - **1500 TAKEN**

Towns:

Early Medical Centers/learning - North Africa/Europe /Salerno, Italy – **850**
 Small towns in America and reproduction - **850**

Virginity/Chastity:

and history and religion (cross ref religion) - **850**
 Penitential practices and **350**

Wives and Widows:

History of Wives/repro (eg, notes in Marilyn Yalom's book) 850

Women and the Body/surgery:

Sexual revolution – controversies /women and promiscuity/freedom etc - **850**
Our Body Ourselves book– ground breaking/reaction/controversies first published in 1973 and now re-published in 2005 – **850 TAKEN**
 Women and body image: dieting craze/ weight in pregnancy and stomach surgery: **1500**
 Vaginal rejuvenation surgery: - **350 TAKEN**
 Cosmetic surgery to rebuild hymen – social implications/cultures/woman's acceptance in culture (e.g. Dr. 90210) - **850**

Women in Nunneries/Monasteries and Mystics and:

Fiction/Nonfiction Classical to Modern - **350**
 Problems experienced/blood significance - **350**
 Women's lives in - **350**
 (Cross ref Mystics/Stigmata/blood significance)

Women in the Military:

Fiction/Nonfiction Classical to Modern - **850 TAKEN**
 World Wars and repro/ women in- **350 TAKEN**
 Military female doctors/nurses - **350**
 Problems experienced/Controversies - **350**
 Early women and military – **350**
 Prostitution, War, and Reproduction – **850 TAKEN**

Women in Institutions/Prisons:

Fiction/Nonfiction – **850 TAKEN**
 Controversies/Problems experienced – **1500 TAKEN**
 Treatment of /Provisions for in repro – **850 TAKEN**

Women in Sports

Fiction/Nonfiction - **850**

Problems experienced/Medical controversies - **850**

(Title IX?)

Medical benefits and provisions for repro - **850**

Women in the Workplace

History of Maternity Leave - **850**

Daycare in the workplace – **850 TAKEN**

Sexual Harassment and – **850**

Paternity vs. Maternity Leave (Public & Administrative controversy) - 350