

# THE PROMISE OF THE ARCHIVE : MEMORY, TESTIMONY, AND FEMINIST DOMAINS. pdf

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de Mel, N. (). *The promise of the archive: memory, testimony and feminist domains. In Militarizing Sri Lanka: Popular culture, memory and narrative in the armed conflict* (pp. ).

The delicious concatenation of two ideas, two embodiments, twinned theories, dual expressions that together create something greater than what exists separately. Oh, I admit, I am under the spell of lesbian-feminism in its glory and its strife, its love and pain, its present, its memory, its future. Yes, I believe lesbian-feminism is present today and has a vibrant future. Lesbian-feminism exists in the work of women to find sustainable, environmentally conscientious solutions for human-created problems. Lesbian-feminism exists in theatre and art that nurture and sustain us. Lesbian-feminism exists in politics, in the pragmatic work of people who dig in deep to change conversations and initiate new ones that seek to care for more people in our country. Lesbian-feminism is in the pages of this journal—and in the future we create together. Cover image by clarity haynes. Variations, edited by Alexis Clements When I became editor of Sinister Wisdom , my dream was to find and build an audience of young women for the journal while sustaining its devoted and supportive audience, the audience that had nurtured it for then thirty-four years. Some stories about feminism and lesbian-feminism would have us believe such an audience is impossible; generational wars, ferociously ever-present, were the undoing of both feminism and lesbianism, not even considering the revolution that the two united imagine. As usual reports of its demise were premature and overstated. That dream of a multi-generational audience, of building many entry points to thinking, writing, reading, and engaging with lesbian-feminism? With this issue and other recent and future issues, it becomes more of a reality. In Sinister Wisdom Variations , Alexis Clements , our extraordinary guest editor, gathers vibrant and exciting perspectives on lesbian-feminism. Some contributors to this issue have sustained us for many years and multiple generations—for example, Merrill Mushroom and Fran Winant—others offer perspectives from a new generation discovering, inventing, and reshaping new forms of lesbian-feminism. Clements combines oral history and testimony about lesbian cultural institutions such as the Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective with interviews with working artists like Amanda Curreri. Within these pages are wonderful bits of language, art, and thought, all inviting us into a broader conversation about the variations of lesbian-feminism. Alexis is herself an important writer and documentary filmmaker; she has done an extraordinary job of assembling thoughtful and provocative conversations about lesbian-feminism today. If Sinister Wisdom Variations has done its job, it will surprise and delight, provoke and challenge, anger and satisfy. They wanted to initiate a new, sinister conversation about lesbianism and feminism and separatism and the philosophical, the metaphysical, and the material. They did not know how women would react to their first issue, their second issue, their third issue, but they promised to publish three and mail them to anyone who sent money for a subscription. The next year they re-upped their promise. Each year since then Sinister Wisdom publishes a few issues and mails them to subscribers. It is now a forty-year conversation. Join Sinister Wisdom in its 40th anniversary—and its continued commitment to lesbian-feminist voices. This post was published on the now-closed HuffPost Contributor platform. Contributors control their own work and posted freely to our site. If you need to flag this entry as abusive, send us an email.

2: SAGE Books - The Promise of the Archive: Memory, Testimony and Feminist Domains

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The landscape described here is bleached white under the sun at high noon. The thorn-bush draws on both the biblical texts where the word appears: There, Judah married the daughter of a wealthy widow. They had one son, Menahem. In the couple joined a group of settlers who founded Petah Tikvah. They had four children: Esther Raab was a Hebrew poet and memoirist who initially came to public notice due at least in part to factors of environment and circumstance. She had the distinction of being the first modern woman Hebrew poet born in the Land of Israel. Her poetry, much of which includes striking and detailed images from the world of nature, brought a new voice to Hebrew poetry. Her attachment to her landscape lacked the ambivalence that is often attributed to writers who came to the Land of Israel after they had already experienced the pull of their native lands. In her memoirs and diaries, as well as in the many interviews she gave in the later part of her life, Raab describes growing up in Petah Tikvah, where her religiously-observant pioneer-farmer family was among the founders. The relatively primitive conditions had an influence on the girl whose frequent bouts with malaria, school adventures and early romances convey the portrait of a person who knows hardship and fights to overcome it. Her memoirs present a picture of life in the shadow of the eucalyptus tree outside the family home. Raab enjoyed learning and resented having her schooling peremptorily cut off by her father when she was fifteen because a new principal decided that young men and women could study in the same classrooms. Nonetheless, her recollected childhood presents her close relationship with her father and her distance from her mother. He was credited with plowing the first furrow in the settlement. She spent part of her late adolescence involved with the pioneers building the settlements of Deganyah and Nes Ziyonah. Green was a devoted husband who encouraged her literary interests, even supporting her visits to France, during which they corresponded in French. After about five years in Cairo, they built a large, red house in Tel-Aviv which served as a literary salon. The great disappointment of her marriage was her inability to have children, apparently due to her frequent bouts of malaria. The stillbirth of a son in was particularly painful. She wrote of his death: Although Raab outlived Green by more than fifty years, they in many senses did not fulfill the promise of her younger years. A second marriage to the artist Arie Allweil was short-lived November 1, 1917, leaving Raab both single and childless. Financial difficulties clouded the rest of her life in which her poetic voice was often silenced for short or longer periods. She maintained close relationships with her extended family, one of whom, her nephew the writer Ehud Ben-Ezer, serves as her literary executor. The entrance of women into the field of modern Hebrew poetry was a phenomenon of the early 1900s, a revolution in which Raab played a major role. The literary establishment, still under the influence of Bialik, was not particularly open to the works of the four women who began publishing Hebrew poetry in this period: Raab was in some ways the most isolated of the four, seeing herself as belonging to no literary school or generation. Largely unrhymed and unmetred, these poems first appeared in run-on fashion: Poems do not start on a new page; each large page contains eleven or twelve lines, with the end of each poem indicated. Her attention to the details of the flora in Palestine yields a plethora of specific plants, many of them familiar to her from her youth. Her goal is not to present a landscape, but to present the emotions seething underneath the surface. The land is always changing, moving. The occasional biblical reference is but one of the indicators that within the lines of this secular poet there is a quest for ultimate connection in an almost religious sense. Critical attention has focused largely on the poems in Kimshonim, leaving her later poetry in need of serious attention. It is as wide-ranging and varied in its themes and metaphors as the earlier work, though perhaps less connected to specifics of the landscape. Monographiyah The Poetry of Esther Raab:

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