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Publisher Launches Imprint with Feminist Collection on 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Award-winning publisher Bona Fide Books is pleased to announce the publication of “Get Out of My Crotch! Twenty-One Writers Respond to America’s War on Women’s Rights and Reproductive Health,” to be released Jan. 22, 2013 by its new imprint Cherry Bomb Books.

Cherry Bomb Books was created in April 2012, when Bona Fide Books publisher Kim Wyatt grew outraged by legislation being proposed based on women’s reproductive health. “I got tired of seeing men in suits talking about personhood, transvaginal ultrasounds and the definition of rape,” says Wyatt. “Honestly, I couldn’t believe that in 2012 I was hearing about legislation based on menstrual cycles.” Choice, in particular, seemed at risk and Wyatt was concerned that young people tired of election-cycle politics weren’t paying attention.

Wyatt contacted some of her favorite writers, including Roxane Gay, Lidia Yuknavitch and Kate Sheppard, proposing a collection based on these issues and the writers agreed. But Bona Fide Books wasn’t the best fit for the book, so Cherry Bomb was born. Despite a significantly shorter publishing timeline, co-editor Sari Botton, also a contributor, and Wyatt decided to publish the book on the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

“As we approached both the 2012 presidential election, and the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, I kept alternately hearing stories about conservative law makers trying to retract women’s reproductive rights, and young women being apathetic about voting,” Botton recalls. “Not to mention some ridiculous notions about it being impossible to get pregnant from ‘legitimate rape.’ I felt like women who’d had abortions – myself included – needed to come out of the woodwork about their experiences, to dispel the shame and stigma, and to open the conversation. I also felt it was important that those who’d had experiences with rape and other violations of their rights shed light on those stark realities in this collection.”

A launch for “Get Out of My Crotch!” will be held Jan. 22, 2013 in Portland, Ore., with readings to follow in New York, Boston, and Lake Tahoe, Ca.

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