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Sisterhood Is Global:  
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### FACTS ON WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD FROM SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL

- \*94% of all women in the Sudan are nonliterate; two out of three of the world's nonliterates are women.
- \*In Iran, because of fundamentalist Islamic interpretation of the Koran, it is thought illegal to execute a woman who is a virgin; therefore, women sentenced to death for "anti-Islamic activity" are, if virgins, first raped--and then executed.
- \*In Thailand, 41.5% of all women working in the Bangkok region are working as prostitutes; 70% of Thai prostitutes suffer from venereal disease.
- \*If one spent \$1 million a day for 2000 years it would equal one-half of the Reagan Administration's proposed defense budget of \$1.5 trillion for 1983 to 1988.
- \*Two of every five women in Latin America work as domestic servants.
- \*In Brazil, husbands who murder their wives and then plead the "Defense of honor"--suspicion of infidelity, even without any proof--are set free.
- \*50% of women in India gain no weight whatsoever during the third trimester of pregnancy, due to malnourishment.
- \*The average Soviet woman has between 12 and 14 abortions during her lifetime, due to the fact that contraceptives, although legal, are extremely difficult to obtain.
- \*30% to 50% of all maternal deaths in Latin America are the result of improperly performed illegal abortions or complications following abortion attempts.
- \*In the U.S., a woman is battered every 18 seconds, raped every 3 seconds.
- \*In Java, 80% of pregnant and nursing rural women have anemia.
- \*Indian women have been demonstrating by the thousands against widespread "dowry murders"--killings (made to look accidental) of women by in-laws because their dowries are thought unsatisfactory.
- \*In Kenya, women provide 60% of the labor for all food production.
- \*In Europe and North America, women constitute over 40% of the paid labor force, in addition to contributing more than 40% of the Gross Domestic Product in unpaid labor in the home.



FACTS ON WOMEN CONTINUED

\*70,000,000 women alive today are genitally mutilated--the victims of clitoridectomy or infibulation. This custom, sometimes erroneously referred to as "female circumcision," is practiced largely on the African continent and the Arabian Peninsula--but also has been practiced in England and the United States as recently as the 1940's.

\*Female infanticide is on the rise in China; the government's "one child per couple" edict combined with the centuries-old preference for sons has created, in the government's own words, "an epidemic of drownings and other murders of girl babies."

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"ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN DOCUMENTS OF THE CENTURY"\*  
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\*--Alice Walker

In 1970, Robin Morgan's Sisterhood Is Powerful was published. The first anthology of writings from the women's liberation movement, it went on to sell over 400,000 copies and became the basic primer of the women's movement.

Now Doubleday/Anchor Press is proud to present Robin Morgan's newest contribution to the women's movement, **SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL: THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MOVEMENT ANTHOLOGY** (November 16; \$24.95 hardcover/ \$12.95 paper). What Sisterhood Is Powerful accomplished on a domestic scale, **SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL** achieves on an international one. Robin Morgan has commissioned and edited articles by leading feminists from 70 countries--from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, from Nepal to Kuwait. Among the contributors to **SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL** are Simone de Beauvoir (France), Ama Ata Aidoo (Ghana), Margaret Papandreou (Greece) and Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo (former Prime Minister of Portugal), as well as women in exile, underground or writing pseudonymously from such countries as Cuba and South Africa.

Each of the essays in **SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL** is prefaced by information and statistics--many never before available or published--concerning the condition of women in that country, including:

- \* Population, Birth Rate, Infant Mortality, Literacy, Life Expectancy--all with female/male percentages
- \* Contraceptive and Abortion Laws and Practice

- \* % of Women in Education, Government and the Labor Force
- \* Women's Religious, Secular, Educational and Employment Rights
- \* Laws (and de facto traditions) plus data on Current Practice regarding:
  - virginity
  - marriage
  - homosexuality
  - motherhood
  - childbirth
  - inheritance
  - sexual harassment
  - illegitimacy
  - prostitution
  - rape
  - divorce
  - incest
  - battery
  - welfare
  - custody

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The publication of SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL will be launched by a strategy meeting of some of the international feminists who are contributors to the book, and the meeting's findings will be released to the press on November 19. The majority of the royalties from this definitive work will be used to establish the first international feminist foundation.

Excerpts from SISTERHOOD IS GLOBAL have appeared in Ms. Magazine and Newsday. Additional excerpts will appear in seven consecutive issues of Essence (January, 1985 through July, 1985) and the March, 1985 issue of Ms.