

A Western Front Video Production by Sara Diamond

Hey Girls! Does this list apply to you?

1. Attempting great things.
2. Dealing with heroes.
3. Having the same qualities as hero.⁺

* Are you, or would you like to be not just a heroine ("chief female character in poem, play, song")⁺ BUT a HERO ("of superhuman qualities, favoured by the gods, demi-god, illustrious warrior, individual admired for achievements and noble qualities; chief character in poem, play, song or video")?⁺

* We bet that you're BRAVE ("able to face and endure danger or pain; splendid, spectacular, admirable").

* Well, take your courage in both hands
because

Let's face it:

men get to be the heroes. We're supposed to sit at home and watch it happen on t.v. It's hard to compete with John Wayne, John Glenn and the Marines in Lebanon. (do you really want to?) We know that women have the right stuff.

Isn't it about time that we got some recognition for our valient acts: acts of love, of defiance, of rage, of endurance, of tolerance, of humour, of silence.....

- * Who gets to decide who's a hero and who isn't anyway.
- * Don't you think everyone's afraid at least 50% of the time?
- * Maybe Heroics are all in the telling.
- * Come and tell your bravest story and we'll find out.....we'll show them who's got guts.

+Oxford Dictionary

WE LIVE IN TERRIFYING TIMES, SURROUNDED BY VIOLENCE FROM MEN, RIGHT-WING WIERDOS, TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, POTENTIAL NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION, ISOLATION. WE ALL KNOW THE SMELL OF FEAR. SO THIS TAPE IS A REMINDER OF JUST HOW BRAVE WOMEN REALLY ARE. WHAT IS FEMININE HEROISM? HOW DO WOMEN SEE THEIR OWN COURAGE? DOES IT HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR? IS IT CROSS-GENERATIONAL? WE'LL LOOK FOR ANSWERS TO THESE AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS, IN JANUARY, AT THE WESTERN FRONT.

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context, representing sites of female heroism and referring to the constructed environments of soap operas, television drama and studio.

Compilation: HEROICS: DEFINITIONS 37 minutes.

Series: HEROICS: A QUEST DEFINITIONS 18 minutes

HEROICS I: CREATIVITY 22 minutes

HEROICS II: A SHINING EXAMPLE 21 minutes

HEROICS III: SURVIVAL 38 minutes

HEROICS IV: TO TRIUMPH OVER MISFORTUNE 39 minutes

HEROICS V: A CONSCIOUS AND DIFFICULT CHOICE 34 minutes