

Celebration of Joan Nestle
November 10, 2020

Text Chat

00:35:36 Sue Katz: Hi from Boston to all the friends, long-time and recent, that I see here. Once again Joan has brought us together!

00:36:19 Julie R. Enszer: Butches are always first on my mind!

00:36:39 Grace: Hello! from Melbourne/Naarm - glad to be here

00:36:44 Sutree Irving: So excited to see you both here tonight!

00:37:04 Nancy bunson: hi Sue Katz!

00:37:58 Pam McMichael: so appreciative of this.....from Louisville, KY...Osage, Cherokee, Shawnee ancestral lands

00:38:24 Becky: ahhhhahahahaha how beautiful

00:39:13 Chris Schwertman: Persistent Desire changed my life! Thank you Joan!

00:40:02 Marilyn Mesh: yes, Joan, Æs writing changed my life..

00:40:54 Yolanda Leyva (she/her/ella): Joan is going to make me cry.

00:41:13 Juanita Kirton: Yes, penetration, deep, long wet & wonderful

00:42:21 Ann Cvetkovich: radical openness and vulnerability - a crack in the world - femme hunger and receptivity - such important concepts and writing.

00:42:46 Lorraine Fontana: I attended Queens College 1964-68. Memories!

00:43:01 Shams: I love seeing you all here, especially my elders. I worked in Portland's feminist bookstore in the 80s, when I was in my 20s. Now in my 50s, I am always happy to see you all and listen!

00:43:59 Ana Ortiz: The same students are very much unwanted now.

00:44:40 Chris Schwertman: My best friend, Henry Evans, taught in the SEEk Program. What a great program that was.

00:46:00 Juanita Kirton: Shirley Chisholm, was my neighbor in Brooklyn, where both my parents from came from Barbados

00:46:23 Adriana Garriga-López (ella, she): That's amazing @Juanita!

00:46:26 Shams: wow, cool!

00:49:15 Juanita Kirton: Yes we can still hear/feel the rhythms

00:49:26 Nancy: Beautiful.

00:49:27 Adriana Garriga-López (ella, she): Yes

00:49:39 Adriana Garriga-López (ella, she): So many of those were important for me, too!

00:49:48 Marilyn Mesh: I love seeing all the BOOKS in the screens

00:49:49 Sue Katz: Please provide the list of books, thanks!!

00:50:10 Kate Conroy: Which book, Cheryl?

00:50:41 Mariana Romo-Carmona: Restricted Country?

00:51:10 Julie R. Enszer: Yes, A Restricted Country

00:51:30 Julie R. Enszer: The story is , Æ "This Huge Light of Mine"

00:51:40 Kate Conroy: Thanks!

00:53:28 Nancy bunson: hi sue reamer!

00:55:20 Nancy bunson: I feel you too!

00:55:29 Nancy: This is Nancy K Bereano, editor & publisher of Restricted Country -- the book changed my life, too.

00:55:30 Sutree Irving: I would love to be felt by you!

00:55:46 Shromona, tech!: Thank you!!!

00:55:59 Janet Prolman: Feel away, Joan!!!!

00:56:01 Grace: Thank you Joan, it was a great comfort to me in 2018 (a ,Àomillennial,Àô working class femme - thank you for helping me ,Àúmeet,Àù myself and others in history)

00:56:04 Mariana Romo-Carmona: Thank you for touching out lesbian oh so queer souls

00:56:09 Elana Dykewomon: A Restricted Country ,Ài a classic. Always.

00:57:00 Chris Schwertman:Joan, you,Àôre such an important part of my own Herstory as a lesbian. I,Àôve taught your literature for the past 20 years. You taught me so much about butch and femme desire and erotic energy. You made me fall in love with their world.

00:57:56 Ann Cvetkovich: yay Firebrand Press!! thank you Nancy Bereano for bringing so much work into the world! yes to lesbian feminist publishing.

00:58:14 Shams: Amen to lesbians in the 70s!

00:58:26 Nancy bunson: i miss the boston lesbian feminist book stores.

00:58:59 Brynna Fish: Lesbians and diversity. yes.

00:58:59 Tracy Moore: eg nationally distributed Ain,Àôt I a Woman? from Iowa City

00:59:38 Paula: hi JP!

01:00:02 Shams: Goddess Bless Audre & Adrienne. May their memories be a blessing!

01:00:20 Sue Katz: Ain,Àôt I a Woman? from Iowa City - one of the great publications, 'tracy

01:00:23 Juanita Kirton: June Jordon, Pat Parker

01:00:24 Adriana Garriga-L√≥pez (ella, she): Raising up June Jordan

01:00:31 Shams: yes, yes

01:00:35 Brynna Fish: Great article today in NY Times about new Adrienne Rich biography.

01:01:14 Isa Coffey/WiseBodies: Cancer and sex,ÀŹ.gorgeous piece, Joan.

01:01:27 Yeva Johnson: Joan Nestle, thank you, you gave me a chill!

01:01:35 Nancy bunson: triple yes! loved Adrienne, Audrey! love Audrey's poster on fear

01:02:49 Marilyn Mesh: Joan, hopefully you will write on aging...

01:03:09 Janey Kelf: I second that

01:03:11 Becky: ohhhhh i so relate to writing viscerally

01:03:46 Marilyn Mesh: writing viscerally...yes..

01:04:19 Ann B. Los Angeles: his is SO WONDERFUL!!! Thank you Julie, Joan and Cheryl!!! xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Ann

01:04:21 Chris B Philly: So much love for John Preston.

01:04:44 Jorge (He/Him/His): John Preston lives!

01:05:25 Becky: thank you for speaking so honestly about shame

01:06:18 Julie R. Enszer: Questions you want to ask Joan? Feel free to put them in the chat. We will take audience questions.

01:07:09 Shams: so much embodied compassion, wisdom, love of justice, Jewishness- everything you are saying and being has all the feels!

01:07:53 Nancy bunson: who's aging, saging.

01:08:16 Sutree Irving: you both look to be aging very well

01:08:17 Isa Coffey/WiseBodies: Lesbian Erotic Writing: Let,Àôs keep making our own spaces for this writing. Let,Àôs do this together. This 61 year old wants to continue having places to publish my erotica, and also to read yours.

01:08:38 Mariana Romo-Carmona: Thank you, Joan. And how do we write through the pain, but you just answered that, I teach these works in my courses and it, such a gift when i realize the relevance as it reaches our young students

01:09:07 henrietta Bensussen Santa Rosa: I gained a new girlfriend from reading my sex poems at an OLOC retreat--Henri, 83

01:09:18 Juanita Kirton: We need safe spaces for erotic

01:09:55 Sutree Irving: 65 and proud!

01:10:11 Butterfli | Carpinteria, CA, USA: age 60 & swimming in the ocean

01:10:13 Nancy bunson: 63 holding resilience

01:10:45 Chris B Philly: This is a once in a lifetime moving experience.

01:11:02 Lynne S. Brandon she/her: Hi Cheryl and Joan, Thanks SO much!!

01:11:43 Ana Ortiz: This has been my best day as an old Boricua Lesbian in some time. Thank you for this.

01:11:56 Angela Arnold: Much quotable material tonight: I can only age with many ages...a great perspective

01:12:13 henrietta Bensussen Santa Rosa: The Butch Femme Reader still important--thanks for holding this "conversation." Henri

01:12:23 Shromona, tech!: Here, the link to , Salute to Joan Nestle from LHA Archivettes, >
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO0cEAV3J-I&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=SinisterWisdom

01:12:26 Brynna Fish: question for Joan: how does Judaism inform your lesbian life and did your parents know you were a lesbian? what was that like?

01:12:37 Jorge (He/Him/His): QUESTION: How did , Sister and Brother: Lesbians and Gay Men Write About Their Lives Together, come to be? How long did it take? And how was it working with John Preston?

01:13:33 Lisa E Davis: Which of your books are in print, and if they aren't, what can we do?

01:13:56 Alexandra Juhasz: how many, cheryl?

01:16:52 Kate Conroy: Question to Joan: These days, lesbian life is more public than my coming out in the 80s. The public/political imperatives have invaded what had been my much more private life. If this is the case for you, do you find you have more public obligations around these broader newly constructed social imperatives, outside of the lesbian community?

01:17:13 Kris Anderson: Just a comment for Joan - as a girl raised in poverty, then coming out and being a femme - your book -speaking out so openly, including about sexual violence and about desire and class and and and.....meant so much to me. I hadn't identified with a lot of lesbian writing before Restricted Country.

01:17:22 Brynna Fish: thank you Joan. I also love the social justice aspects of Judaism

01:17:22 Sue Katz: QUESTION: Are you aware of how many generations you have impacted? I am lucky to have some young friends here in Boston - Bren, Mel, Maggie, Melsen - all on this Zoom as great admirers of you. Do you continue to interact with so many young people as you always did?

01:18:38 Shams: thx, Paula

01:18:44 Becky: Thanks, Paula - for showing the photo

01:19:33 Juanita Kirton: write it!

01:19:45 Beau (they/them):do you have any advice for writers feeling terrified to share our writing with the world?

01:19:56 Marina Franchild:I remember being at a demonstration in Times Square which was a counter demonstration to Women Against Pornography, and you spoke and spoke about the butches and the femmes while discussing the economic reality that most sex workers face. I thought of you as a leader from that moment on! On a personal level, your lovely support made my young butch self soar. Thank you Joan. You have meant so much to so many lesbians.

01:20:22 Butterfli | Carpinteria, CA, USA: QUES: Where do you recommend lesbian writers new to publishing begin their publishing?

01:20:34 Barbara Ruth: For Joan: Can you say something about how living in Australia informs your visions?

01:20:53 Jorge (He/Him/His): Thank you, Joan!

01:21:47 Maggie Cee:Heyyy Katz!!

01:22:05 Maggie Cee:<3 and everyone

01:22:08 Adriana Garriga-L\>pez (ella, she): okayyy :D

01:22:12 Bren Cole: Katz!! Maggie!!

01:22:15 Jewelle Gomez (she/her) Writer: It's a joy to grow old w/you Cheryl, Joan and all the other old lesbians on this ZOOM who have shaped my life and my writing!!! Jewelle

01:22:34 Bren Cole: Joan, thank you for helping me find my community so many years ago as a baby butch

01:22:43 Ann Cvetkovich: so wonderful and important - this generosity towards others, this embrace of differences - that is femme sensibility at work.

01:22:48 Becky: so beautifully put

01:22:53 Shams: You are a blessing, too, Jewel. Thank you for all of your work!

01:23:02 Shams: And Irina K, I see you here too.

01:23:10 Nancy bunson: love the feeling of the pushing.

01:23:32 Judith Masur: Joan - great love to you over the decades and over time and space.

01:23:48 Adriana Garriga-L\>pez (ella, she): Thank you, Joan!

01:23:57 Alice: We youngins definitely learn more from you Joan (from me and the young woman carpenter)

01:24:00 Sue Katz: Hi to Di!

01:24:13 Barbara Ruth: Wonderful flow between Cheryl and Joan. Thank you both so much and SW and Julie for making this happen.

01:24:18 Isa Coffey/WiseBodies: Remarkable to share space with Cheryl, Joan, Jewelle, Irena, JEB, and more. Very grateful to each and every one of you. Deep, endless love and thanks.

01:24:18 Megan Rossman (she/her): What a great question to end on

01:24:27 Renee Bess: Do you realize how many times Joan has said, "I learned." To appreciate learning so much is a precious gift.

01:24:29 Lynne S. Brandon she/her: so many of my literary she-roes here!

01:24:42 Adrienne,Ãs iPhone: to echo another woman. It's a joy to grow old.

01:25:13 DrJazz Normand: □üää,ù\$Ô[]è,ú°Ô[]è

01:25:27 Adrienne,Ãs iPhone: And to still to have a story to tell!

01:25:30 Juanita Kirton: I,Ãm a member of the Sirens Motorcycle Club, NY who lead the NYC Gay Parade, also part of our history,

01:25:34 Sutree Irving: So many treasures I am so grateful for

01:25:47 Sherry Gorelick: What a joy this celebration is. What a joy you are, Joan Nestle, your ever-expanding love and thought and political wisdom!

01:25:55 RH: JA

01:26:10 Mariana Romo-Carmona: Right on!

01:26:13 Yeva Johnson: I,Ãm filled with smiles and tears, thank you all so much! Thank you Sinister Wisdom for making this day possible!

01:26:26 Janey Kelf: Thankyou

01:26:28 Sutree Irving: I so happy that you are still around

01:26:31 Ruth Goldman: What a gift to share space with you all. Thank you.

01:26:36 RH: J YAY I LOVE THE sUANITA

01:26:44 Yeva Johnson: Joan Nestle and Cheryl Clarke, I will never for get this. Thank you!!! <3

01:26:54 Lorraine Fontana:If young people here who live in ATL would be interested in creating an intergenerational ongoing meeting at Charis, please let me know? I'm on Facebook or email me at tana44@hotmail.com. Thanks to Joan and Cheryl and Julie! :-)

01:27:01 Megan Rossman (she/her): Thank you for this great event, and for all of your work for our community!

01:27:04 Alexandra Juhasz:What a beautiful night

01:27:11 Sutree Irving: Thank you are so much!

01:27:37 Mariana Romo-Carmona: I,Ãm star struck!

01:27:38 ellen sturtz: What an amazing experience!! Much thanks to all.

01:27:42 Nancy: Thank you thank you, Joan, for everything!

01:27:42 RH: Juanita I love the Sirens!

01:27:52 Naj McFadden she/her: Let's have a slumber zoom!

01:27:55 Marina Franchild:Yes, much thanks to all!

01:27:58 Adriana Garriga-L\>pez (ella, she): Thank you, Cheryl!

01:27:59 Janet Prolman: Love to everyone, thank you.

01:28:03 Sutree Irving: you could do this again

01:28:10 Sara: thank you all sooo much. Inspiring □üió□üió

01:28:12 RH: Thank you Joan for everything

01:28:13 Stacy Macias: Gracias, Joan! I hope you keep writing and holding it down for all femmes!

01:28:15 Nancy bunson: hi janet Prolman

01:28:26 Ann Cvetkovich: I love the tears - the openness to being touched by others, to taking it all in....

01:28:31 deborah: thank you thank you Joan and Cheryl for this incredible sharing!!!!!!!!!!

01:28:55 Shromona, tech!: Events > <http://sinisterwisdom.org/events>

01:29:11 Shams: So much gratitude. My life is richer due to many of you and your gifts and labors.

01:29:19 Shromona, tech!: Subscribe to SW > <http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/subscribe>

01:29:20 Carol Seajay: Joan, Where would we be without you? We wouldn't be in herstory, the way we are now. We'd be less sexual, we'd love ourselves less. Thank you so much, for everything, and most especially for your perseverance..... love,

01:29:54 Shromona, tech!: Sustain SW > <http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/sustainers>

01:30:19 Julie R. Enszer: Joan Nestle <joan.jessbsimple@gmail.com>

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01:30:48 Shams: Thank you for Firebrand, Nancy!

01:31:19 Yasmin Tambiah: Thank you Joan and Cheryl, so tremendous to see so many of my favourite writers and fighters at this gathering. Warmest regards from Sydney, Australia.

01:31:48 Tracy Moore & Lisa Edwards [shes/hers]:
tracymoore@earthlink.net

01:31:52 Sara Wechselblatt: Thank you so much Joan. You are such an inspiration.

01:32:13 Shromona, tech!: Links to SW Socials!

01:32:17 Shromona, tech!: <https://www.facebook.com/SinisterWisdom> FB!

01:32:40 Shromona, tech!: Twitter https://twitter.com/Sinister_Wisdom

01:32:55 Ann B. Los Angeles: Nancy Bereano THANK YOU- Firebrand was INCREDIBLE. You sent so many PHENOMENAL writers to the LESBIAN WRITERS SERIES! xxxxxxxx

01:33:00 Shromona, tech!: Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/sinister_wisdom/?hl=en

01:34:00 Shromona, tech!: Lepa you are an international inspiration!!! My ex-roommate from Belgrade looks up to you and its honor to be here tonight!!!

01:34:04 Shams: yes!

01:34:05 Ann Cvetkovich: well said about the life force!! so palpable even via zoom.

01:34:37 Morgan Gwenwald: Irena, so wonderful to see you!

01:34:42 Paula: everybody put on your videos please

01:34:53 Tracy Moore & Lisa Edwards [shes/hers]: Tracy & Lisa feel like our lives are flashing before our eyes. Mazel tov to Joan & Cheryl, and much gratitude to you both for all you have gifted us and everyone on this zoom.

01:35:01 Lynne S. Brandon she/her: no video, but love from Jyl Lynn Felman amd Lynne S. Brandon

01:35:30 Barbara Ruth: Wow Joan. So impressed with your memory

01:36:09 Marilyn Mesh: Irena Klepfisz and Joan influenced my life so strongly. thanks ☺

01:36:18 DrJazz Normand: goosebumps

01:36:22 Sarmishta Govindhan: Gosh it,Äs been so so so special to hear from you Joan. my heart is soaring!!! thank you all so much ,ù\$Ô[]è,ù\$Ô[]è,ù\$Ô[]è

01:37:02 Julie R. Enszer: Thank you all for coming!

01:37:08 Julie R. Enszer: So much joy to spend this evening with you!

01:37:30 Pam McMichael: Yer Girlfriend from Louisville!

01:37:46 Sutree Irving: Loving the song and all you lezzy's

01:37:54 Elana Dykewomon: Thank you, Julie ,Äi for all your organizing, for your dedication to keeping lesbian cultures alive.

01:38:03 Shromona, tech!: Yer Girlfriend >
<http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/YerGirlfriend>

01:38:06 Julie R. Enszer: Always so wonderful to be together! Send me ideas for other events you would like to see!

01:38:09 Adriana Garriga-LV>pez (ella, she): so much love to all of you

01:38:10 Pam McMichael: is humbling... that is me

01:38:19 Ronna Magy: Thank you Julie, Joan and Cheryl!

01:38:28 RH: love being a LESBIAN

01:38:31 Yeva Johnson: Julie, thank you for this lesbian dance party!!!

01:38:33 Michele: Thank you.
01:38:33 PT: thank you so much! my heart is full!
01:38:48 Sandra Lambert: Huge thanks to Julie, Joan and Cheryl!
01:38:59 Lynne S. Brandon she/her: BE IT!
01:39:14 Sutree Irving: This is awesome! thank you all so much!
01:39:28 Robin: Will this recording be available at the LHA?
01:39:29 Sara Wekselblatt: This made my year!
01:39:44 Julie R. Enszer: Recording will be available at
www.sinisterwisdom.org/sw118
01:39:52 Julie R. Enszer: sometime tomorrow
01:39:54 helenalipstadt: This evening, so full of heart, what a
pleasure. Thank you all.
01:40:02 Shromona, tech!: For recording >
<http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/sw118>
01:40:11 Robin: Thank you!
01:40:20 Julie R. Enszer: Recording will go up sometime tomorrow.
01:40:22 AJ Guerrero: Great song! Who did it?
01:40:38 Julie R. Enszer: Song is by YER GIRLFRIEND
01:40:40 Shromona, tech!: Yer Girlfriend!
01:40:41 Julie R. Enszer: THE L WORD
01:40:44 Shromona, tech!: It,Ãs called L Word
01:40:47 Julie R. Enszer: Available at the Sinister Wisdom website
01:41:03 Julie R. Enszer:
http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/sites/default/files/L-Word_0.mp3
01:41:06 Lynne S. Brandon she/her: awesomeness
01:41:37 Adriana Garriga-Lopez (ella, she): goodnight everyone
01:41:40 Pam McMichael: Carol Kraemer wrote the song and the band
Yer girlfriend recorded it
01:41:53 Tracy Moore & Lisa Edwards [shes/hers]: Hi Amy Beth! xoxo
Tracy
01:41:55 Sutree Irving: Love seeing Jewelle Gomez there too!
01:42:40 Sutree Irving: wow, that's intense
01:42:41 Shromona, tech!: Bye everyone ~ thank you for this!
01:42:50 AMANI: That Was Sooooo MUCH Fun!!! Great to see all of you
inspiring women. Thanks for a powerful evening.
01:42:58 Jean Vallon: thank you Joan, Cheryl, and everyone for
your wonderful selves and amazing work and courage! This was great!
01:43:41 Sutree Irving: I so love seeing all your faces!
01:44:22 Morgan Gwenwald: Joan and Cheryl, Thanks for a wonderful
conversation.
01:44:32 Adrienne,Ãs iPhone: Group hug! Let,Ãs form new lesbian
communities! improved, better!
01:44:45 Marilyn Mesh: yes..thanks for this JOY
01:45:00 marthadunham@att.net: Thank you all, Joan, Cheryl and Julie.
Much love from CA!!!
01:45:22 Pam McMichael: thank you thank you thank you THANK YOU
01:45:55 Adrienne,Ãs iPhone: anyone on here from DC? 1969, 1970?
01:45:56 Jen Margulies: So many thanks to you, Joan and Cheryl, and
for all of you who put this together and shared with us.
01:46:02 Chris B Philly: Thank you all
01:46:04 ellen sturtz: Promise a next time, Joan
01:46:11 Grace: Thank you deeply
01:46:12 Nancy bunson: letting go isn't my strong point..

01:46:15 Ann B. Los Angeles: LOVE YOU JOAN AND CHERYL!!!! Thank
you!!!!