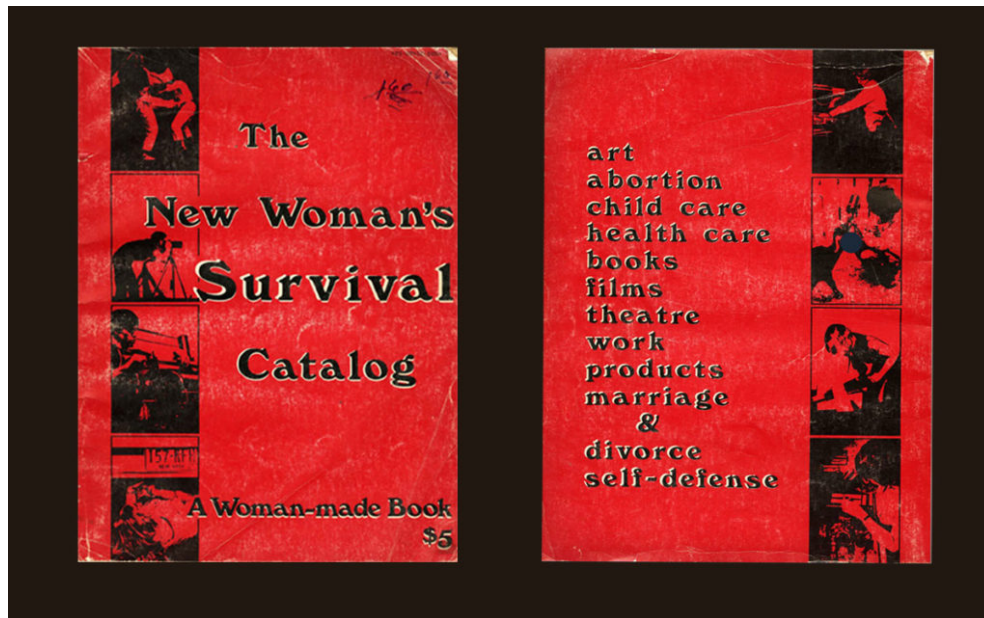




This was the project of Kirsten Grimstad and Susan Rennie, two university professors who left their homes, their husbands, and even their dog, to embark on the real feminist road trip.

In a story published by *Vice*, the two women told how, in a rented car, they drove around the country to search every commune, every organization, and every women's group that was doing something for gender equality.

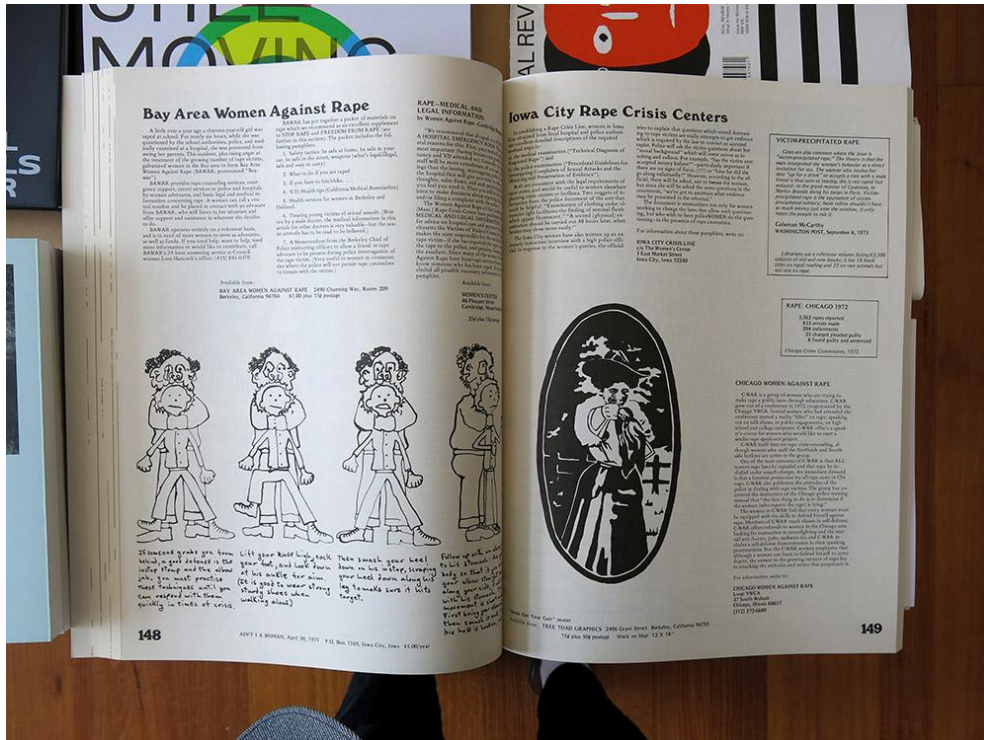


"The book offers a lively window into the pre-Internet era of political organizing," says the story, "and a look at the priorities of the early second-wave feminist movement."

It is the *New Woman's Survival Catalog*, a compendium of zines that collects "information on feminist health collectives, credit unions, arts organizations, union organizing, woman-made clothing, and legal advocacy groups to help women obtain affordable divorces."

Grimstad and Rennie traveled thousands of miles during the summer of 1973 to see first-hand how the second feminist wave was brewing precisely on the ground and far from academic circles.

"What was exciting was not just what people were talking about in consciousness-raising groups or studying through academic studies, but how these things were being lived out on the ground by women all across the country," Grimstad said.



"It was very rare that we were in a place that didn't have a specific group of women that we were going to talk to," Rennie said. "We'd come into town, and then a lot of these groups were actually communes or collectives, so we'd stay with them, or someone would offer us a spare room. They attracted a bit of attention even on the road, she added: "We had a bumper sticker saying, 'Women pick up women. There was a hitchhiker culture at that time. When we were on the road, truckers would see this and honk and blast their horns and we never knew if they were saying 'Fuck you' or if it was good. We got a lot of attention from the truckers."

This is another one of the many stories that remain buried in the collective memory, overshadowed by the colorful impact of the hippie revolution, the culture of psychedelia, and the post-summer love.