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#### About the Author

Daphne Gottlieb: Award-winning poet Daphne Gottlieb stitches together the ivory tower and the gutter just using her tongue. She is the editor of "Fucking Daphne: Mostly True Stories and Fictions" and "Homewrecker: An Adultery Reader", as well as the author of the poetry books "Kissing Dead Girls", "Final Girl", "Why Things Burn" and "Pelt", as well as the graphic novel "Jokes and the Unconscious" with artist Diane DiMassa.

"Final Girl" was the 2003 winner of the Publishing Triangle's Audre Lorde Award. "Final Girl" was also named one of the the Village Voice's Favorite Books of 2003, and received rave reviews from Publisher's Weekly, and the San Francisco Chronicle. "Why Things Burn" won a 2001 Firecracker Alternative Book Award. Gottlieb is a three-time finalist for Lambda Literary Awards. Her work has been translated into Turkish and Greek, and has inspired theatrical adaptations and DJ remixes.

Recent press has praised her work as "fierce," "unapologetic," "scorching" and "deliriously gutsy." She has been widely published in journals including Utne Reader, Tikkun, Nerve.com, McSweeney's.net, Exquisite Corpse, and Instant City. Her work has appeared in a number of anthologies including "Live Through This: The Art of Self-Destruction", "Word Warriors: 35 Women Leaders of the Spoken Word Revolution", "Don't Forget to Write!", "Half/Life: Jew-ish Tales from Interfaith Homes", "With a Rough Tongue: Femmes Write Porn" and "Short Fuse: A Contemporary Anthology of Global Performance Poetry". She is also the cover girl on Akashic Books' "San Francisco Noir".

Gottlieb has performed at festivals coast-to-coast, including South by Southwest, Bumbershoot, and Ladyfest Bay Area. She formerly served as poetry editor of queer literary magazines Lodestar Quarterly and Other Magazine.

Gottlieb currently teaches graduate-level creative writing, and has also taught creative writing workshops at all levels around the country. She received her MFA from Mills College.

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