



## FABULOUS STORIES ABOUT THE FEMINIST WOMEN I LOVE

### HISTORIAS FABULOSAS SOBRE LAS MUJERES FEMINISTAS QUE AMO

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#### ABSTRACT

*This series of short short stories is a very personal compilation of facts about the feminist people I love. Through them, these fictional texts echo the impact some feminist people have had on my life. And, yes, let's not be scared of the word feminist. In the end, the word FEMINISM means EQUALITY.*

#### RESUMEN

*Esta serie de micro relatos es una recopilación muy personal de hechos sobre las personas feministas que amo. A través de ellos, estos textos ficticios hacen eco sobre el impacto que algunas personas feministas han tenido en mi vida. Y sí, no tengamos miedo de la palabra feminista. Al final, la palabra FEMINISMO significa IGUALDAD.*

### **Adri**

Danny calls herself a queen, and that doesn't mean that she's a fragile, damsel in distress. It means that she's the strongest, most determined woman I know. Every day, she makes tons of decisions for her family's well-being; she goes to work and earns her cruelty-free bread and butter; and though occasionally tired, she's never considered giving up. That's the kind of QUEEN she is.

### **Ceci**

Ceci believes that it doesn't matter what her son wants to be when he grows up. In fact, one of these days she told him, "I don't care if you want to be a ballet dancer or an engineer. Just be the best at what you do and enjoy every single minute of it. I'll support you in every step of the way. "



### **Hellen**

While having a cup of coffee, seventeen-year-old Hellen had a revelation during her first college year. She said, "My new roommate is gay. I had never met a gay man before. I had never met such a brave, resilient, and kind human being. Where I come from, you don't talk to gay people. You don't share with gay people. My parents had always told me that gay people lived in sin and that they were worthless. I see now that they got it wrong. What is worthless is living a life hating beautiful people."

### **Laura**

Laura had always been into sports. However, one day she discovered pole dancing. Even though some of her relatives believed that Laura was doing something wrong with her life by posting "provocative" videos on social networks, she confronted them one day and said, "Pole dancing is a sport. Pole dancing is an art form, too. If you think my videos and routines are hypersexualized, check yourselves first. Maybe it is your mind the one that is hypersexualized. And BTW, men can pole dance, too. And no. Not all of them must be gay."

### **Fernanda**

Fernanda changed my life. It was during my sophomore year that I met her. I remember that we clicked almost immediately when we met in a public speaking class.

However, I feared that she would not talk to me anymore if I told her that I was gay. It was my big secret—or so I thought. One day, while we were talking about films, I said that Dennis Quaid was “a very good actor”, when I meant to say the hottest man alive. Fernanda grabbed my hand kindly and said, “Fab, you’re safe with me. Say what you really want to say. I won’t judge,” and that meant the world to me. After that, I was never afraid of coming out to anybody, anywhere. Fernanda changed my life.

### **Paula**

Paula has never been a person who gives up easily. While studying at the university, she had her first child. For many women around the world, this meant that Paula would have had to leave university. But not for her. For Paula, this meant that her baby's father had to work as hard as she did to overcome this. It is for this reason that he would wait for her in her car in the university parking lot the entire time Paula was in class. During breaks, Paula would breastfeed her son and accompanies them for 10 minutes. They did this for as long as it was necessary. They did this because they believe that the education of a woman is essential in the 21st century. They did this because a pregnancy should not be an obstacle to chasing a woman's dreams.

### **Jess**

Thirteen-year-old Jess will never forget the first time she was called a lesbian. She thought to herself, “What did I do to deserve such a compliment? The lesbian women I know are the happiest, most confident women I’ve ever met.” After that, Jess was called a lesbian several times for wearing comfortable clothes, for not wearing makeup, and for showing interest in anime, manga, and video games. Every time someone called her a lesbian, she would reply, “Wonderful compliment!” because she knew, deep inside, that most of those comments were rooted in envy and confusion, caused by the sight of such a liberated woman.

### **Sammy**

Sammy was engaged to be married when she got a scholarship to study abroad for several years. Naturally, Sammy and her fiancé decided to postpone their wedding. Unexpectedly, upon return, Sammy noticed something: she was not the same Sammy that had left two years ago. Against her family’s will, Sammy called her wedding off and broke up with her fiancé. When asked why, Sammy said, “There is no point in pretending people don’t

change. I have changed. I am not who I was, and these years have taught me that my future is not tied up to my past. Today I choose to embrace the woman I am and if that means setting myself free from my own choices made in the past, so be it. Let's see what the present brings!"

### **Karen**

When she was twelve years old, Karen couldn't understand why her classmates made fun of her when they saw a surprising pool of blood under her seat. She was so embarrassed she didn't show up to class for the next few days. When she called me that day, she said, "Why do people make you feel bad for something you can't control? It's just my freaking period, for crying out loud! Do they have any idea of how ridiculous they made me feel? Where's their empathy? I swear that I will never be like that. Nobody deserves to be laughed at. For no reason. Whatsoever. Let alone for something as natural as a woman's first period."

### **Julia**

Julia has always been one of the boys. She loves hanging out with her male friends. One day, one of her friends said that women who have had multiple partners before marriage are no "wife material." Julia didn't know what to do. She was appalled. "Says who the value of a woman is determined by her sex life?", she said aloud. "Have you had many sex partners?" she asked, "because if you have, according to your own standards you're no husband material either, right? Or does your reasoning only apply to women?" In that moment, she realized that the phrase "boys will be boys" was something that needed rewording: "boys will be nonjudgmental boys" if shown that people's worth is not determined by their sex life.

### **Rachel**

Rachel was my high school classmate. Somehow, at some point, she started losing weight and becoming more isolated and definitely more concerned about her looks. Even though people around her tried to help her, she determined her self-worth based on societal expectations. Rachel started losing her hair. Rachel was admitted in a hospital. Rachel's mother had to spend the night pressing her ear against Rachel's chest just to make sure her heart was still beating. Rachel almost died because she had stopped eating. But she didn't die.

After all that, she forgot about labels and stereotypes. What matters is staying alive, living your life, and not worrying about imposed standards.

### **Mari**

As a twenty-year-old gay man living in Central America in the year 2007, I knew that I would never get to marry another man. It was my dream to settle down, have my own family, and live “happily ever after.” But this dream was just that at that point. A distant dream that started to eat me up till the point of losing all hope. It was in that moment when my mom slyly said, “you know you don’t need a piece of paper to love someone, right? You know you don’t need society’s approval to move in with the person you love and start a family, right? This is far from ideal, but you know that you can cheat the system while everything gets better, don’t you?” And that’s when it hit me. My mom was right. Society might oppress you, but while you fight for your rights, you shouldn’t forget to live your life! (Newsflash: same-sex couples are able to get married in 2020!)

### **An**

An enjoys going out. It’s not like she parties every weekend until dawn (and there would be nothing wrong if she did). She just likes having fun with her friends at the club. The whole ritual of choosing a nice outfit and cool makeup is part of the thrill of going out. However, she doesn’t go out because she’s looking for anybody to spend the night with. She goes out because it is fun and that is it. Even today, some people believe that when people go out it’s because they’re trying to find a hookup. Sad, right? People go out because it is fun. Period.

### **Evelyn**

Evelyn was a small-town girl who decided to become a tourism project manager. To accomplish her goal, she had to move out of her house and into a humble apartment far from her family. Many of her beloved relatives said, “She won’t be able to survive one semester on her own,” while others said, “Evelyn can’t possibly become an independent woman overnight. She’ll be back in less than a week. This is the best for her; she’s too young.” But Evelyn proved them all wrong. Last year, she became the tourism project manager she wanted to be. At her graduation, she told me, “Never tell a woman what she can or cannot do.”



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THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE GO HERE.**