ISSUE #1:
A FALL 2017 RETROSPECTIVE

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Here it is! The **first** issue of **AS GODDESS AS IT GETS**.

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1. This was the 1st year we were ready for the Box Tops Drive.

2. 70 box tops, divided exactly in half, with the teacher's name written on the bag.

3. I want to be the President!

4. Our daughter is in 5th grade. Which means it has taken us 5 years to figure this out.
Start with the corner that you're in right now

We opened a package of hats my dad sent, and it finally rained. Another tropical storm, I think.
From the summer of “Call Me Maybe” to the autumn of the Ferguson protests, Tyler Cohen nestles personal family scenes inside of larger cultural moments to create what feels like an intimate—and gorgeous!—scrapbook of the past few years. Using expressive lines and bright, delicate color, she weaves in occasional history lessons, questions about sexual and racial identity, fantastical visions of a body positive world, and what appear to be comments from a web platform.

For more of Cohen’s work, see www.primazonia.com

"The surest guide to the correctness of the path that women take is joy in the struggle... Joy does not mean riotous glee, but it does mean the purposive employment of energy in a self-chosen enterprise. It does mean pride and confidence. It does mean communication and cooperation with others based on delight in their company and your own. To be emancipated from helplessness and need and walk freely upon the earth that is your birthright.”
from *The Female Eunuch* by Germaine Greer

**Moments in Our Big, Human Story**

1400s-1500s (maybe earlier), present-day NY state & Ontario: The Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, and Seneca nations unite to become the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Balance of power is built into the governing structure: both between women and men, and between the individual nations and the group as a whole.

1765-1769, Oxford, England: Sir William Blackstone publishes *Commentaries on the Laws of England*, making the precedents of English common law accessible to mass audiences. Chapter 15 of vol. 1 explains that “the husband and wife are one person in law.” Called “covenant,” this means that the “very being or legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage.”

July 4, 1776, Philadelphia, PA: The 13 American colonies form an alliance similar to the Haudenosaunee’s to declare themselves free of British rule. Eventually becoming the USA, this new nation adopts the *Commentaries* as the basis for its legal codes, thereby institutionalizing sexual inequality.

July 19-20, 1848, Seneca Falls, NY: Inspired by the role of women in Haudenosaunee society, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton hold the Seneca Falls Convention. There, Stanton reads her “Declaration of Sentiments,” which compares the rule of men over women to the rule of King George over the colonists.

**Draft from a Book in Progress**

Even though you've been a stay-at-home mom all these years, you've been doing things that COUNT!

Just think about it! Yeah... like keeping people from dying...
DIARY EXCERPT ON RECKONING WITH TRAUMA

but like I couldn't let him know this

like when small animals pretend to be dead

I spent so much of my life pretending to be dead

like when you run when a dog is chasing you?

like when you show your palms

I guess that's why finally living fully feels both promising and terrifying.

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These books guided the research on pg.7:

• Gage, Matilda Joslyn. Woman, Church and State. Chicago: C.H. Kerr, 1893. (or any later edition)


Thank you for reading! RD