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Modeled after *This Bridge Called My Back* (1981), this feminist anthology acknowledges the enormous contribution to feminist literature of the first *Bridge* and explores continuing challenges for feminist thought. Co-editor and contributor Keating notes that this book is not meant as a commemoration but intends "to examine the current status of multicultural feminist theorizing." The editors also acknowledge that this book is more academic and theoretical than the previous work. The anthology comprises poems, letters, stories, and essays from an array of writers of different races, nationalities, and sexual orientations, including men. The first section explores the impact of the earlier *Bridge* on feminist thinking and the personal lives of the writers. In later sections, contributors draw on personal experience to explore social ills such as racism, sexism, and homophobia, and the broadening of the feminist experience. Contributors include Evelyn Alsultany, Shefali Milczarek-Desai, and Max Wolf Valero. Readers interested in feminism and multiculturalism will appreciate the variety of contributors and viewpoints. *Vanessa Bush*

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### Review

"Reading "this bridge we call home, which has more than 80 contributors, is like attending a late-night party with every noteworthy activist, professor, and artist you've ever met. The lives out its subtitle; it's hard to walk away from reading it without feeling changed."

- "Bitch, Winter 2003

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- "Booklist, September 15, 2002

""this bridge we call home is a book that, like its predecessor, turns our ideas upside down, revisits the battlegrounds of identity politics, and pushes us to ask hard questions about ourselves and our communities....Anzaldua and Keating have created a daring collection."

-Daisy Hernandez, coeditor, "Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism

"From shouldering the traumas and dramas of life in the most powerful country in the world, the U.S., toward the creation of a different world--a sort of us/then and us/now--"this bridge we call home is a step in gathering up and documenting our best thoughts about collected, difficult experiences. Diversity, difference, underlying pain, and gain, are revealed, spoken, and still, as in an earlier "bridge, with a hope about speaking with the mainstream, the malestream, as well as the many more outside of either. An accomplishment, a brave, collaborative model for understanding the importance of both collected and collective experience."

-Deena J. Gonzalez, Chair, Dept. of Chicana/o Studies, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles and author of "Refusing the Favor: The Spanish-Mexican Women of Santa Fe, 1820-1880

"If you're ready for some serious fare by some of the best women of color writers working today, this is a collection for you."

- "Curve, April 2003

### About the Author

Gloria E. Anzaldúa is a self-described tejana patlache (queer) nepantlera spiritual activist and has played a pivotal role in defining U.S. feminisms, Chicano/a issues, ethnic studies, and queer theory. Her book *Borderlands/La frontera: The New Mestiza* was selected as one of the 100 best books of the century by *Hungry Mind Review* and the *Utne Reader*.

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