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life. I'm done. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I really am a fan of this book, lol ...By StarberryGhost I really am a fan of this book, lol. There are some very important tidbits in here that any geek girl of any experience level should find helpful. I really hesitated to buy this book because "I don't need a book to tell me how to be a geek" plus from what I understand there has been a lot of female bias about what it actually MEANS to be a female [lolol] but this read really gave me a self-esteem boost, some desperately needed coping skills, and I am also reminded that I am not alone in the geek community. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sam Maggs: Superwoman By Cassi Since reading this AWESOME book, I've actually had the chance to ask Sam Maggs questions on Twitter, where she was a complete doll - so not only can she write these uplifting informative, and inclusive books, but she is good to her fans and will chat about who you loved most in Dragon Age! As for the book itself, it was so well constructed. The bits about the types of trolls, about not taking anyone's bullshit to heart all really hit me. I was just gleeful to own a copy and feel that support. A perfect gift for someone who doesn't get your fangirl-ness, really. I am thinking of gifting a copy to people who give me odd looks for my fangirl lifestyle, but that's what it is! I also won a poster for preordering which is the cover and hangs on my door. I just fell in love with Sam and her truly great book.

This ultimate handbook for ladies living the nerdy life is a fun and feminist take on the often male-dominated world of geekdom. Fandom, feminism, cosplay, cons, books, memes, podcasts, vlogs, OTPs and RPGs and MMOs and more it's never been a better time to be a girl geek. With delightful illustrations and an unabashed love for all the in(ternet)s and outs of geek culture, this book is packed with tips, playthroughs, and cheat codes, including: How to make nerdy friends How to rock awesome cosplay How to write fanfic with feels How to defeat internet trolls How to attend your first con And more! Plus insightful interviews with fangirl faves, like Jane Espenson, Erin Morgenstern, Kate Beaton, Ashley Eckstein, Laura Vandervoort, Beth Revis, Kate Leth, and many others.

If you or someone else in your life could do with an inclusive, funny, super smart, and sweet introduction to the world of female geeks, look no further. The Mary Sue Short, thorough, wide-spread, funny, and varied I wish I'd had this handbook when I first ventured into the fanzones! Tamora Pierce, author of The Song of the Lioness series Everyone could use tips on how to be a better and happier geek from this book. Maggs dishes out the best advice on cosplay, gaming, fan fiction, social media and even how to battle trolls. You'll start reading as student and leave a Jedi Master. May this book be with you always. Bonnie Burton, author of The Star Wars Craft Book and You Can Draw: Star Wars Part analysis and part celebration, this handbook thoroughly explores geekdom and the way women have made it their own. A must-have for anyone interested in fangirl culture. "Beth Revis, author of the New York Times bestselling Across the Universe series This FANTASTIC book embraces and encourages the growing number of women who are unleashing their glorious and gorgeous inner geeks. It celebrates the nerdy girl in all of us. Such fun! Amanda Tapping, actress from Stargate SG-1 and Stargate Atlantis Read it cover to cover, and then make sure you share it with all the young girl geeks you know. Brit + Co A handy handbook for being an empowering and happy girl geek. Sweetie High The Fangirls Guide to the Galaxy is a great homage to anything and everything fandom, especially for those new to the genre. Reading Eagle ...this book could be invaluable. Geek Mom Through and through, Maggs manages to talk about feminism, fangirling, cons, lingo, and the general idea that you should be yourself, and do that unapologetically, with a great deal of lightheartedness and fun. The Frisky For a woman trying to find her way in fandom, I think this book would be invaluable. But that's not to say men can't get something out of it as well. Freak Sugar About the Author Sam Maggs is a writer and televisioner, who despite her MA in Victorian literature mostly writes about geek culture and how it intersects with being a lady. Named Awesome Geek Feminist of 2013, Sam is an Associate Editor for The Mary Sue; talks pop culture on TV and movie screens; and her writing has appeared everywhere from the Internet, to books, to national newspapers. She loves YA lit, Pacific Rim, BioWare games, Carol Danvers, and Jeff Goldblum. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Introduction: One of Us! One of Us! I'm a fangirl. More often than not, people hit me with that word in a derogatory way. They use it to make me feel devalued, unintelligent, and immature. And you know what? They couldn't be more wrong. Being a fangirl is the best thing that's ever happened to me. My geekiness has made me friends all over the world, women who continue to be the most intelligent, well-spoken, and wonderful people I know. Fandom has given me a voice to advocate for the things I'm passionate about. And being a geek girl is constantly exciting no one else gets more invested in the things they love. New video game? Freak out for months in advance over the cover art! Waiting for a new season of Sherlock? Create an endless number of GIFs to ease your pain! Angry about the way they posed Black Widow on that new poster? She-Hulk smash the patriarchy! What's more, regardless of their particular fandom, geek girls are devoted to supporting women in media, constantly pushing an agenda of acceptance, diversity, and fair representation. Oh, and we manage to do all this while containing our squees. Mostly. We know what we're into, we love hard, and we're okay with it. But we don't have it easy. Far too often, fangirls are made to feel marginalized and unwelcome in the nerd community. Women are ostracized from online gaming, called out as fake, accused of being desperate for attention, harassed while cosplaying, and, worst of all, forced into silence. Some dude nerds don't like that we're invading their space and have become obsessed with gatekeeping, deciding who counts as a real fan and who doesn't. You're not a true fan if you only

like the Marvel movies; you can't be in the anime community unless you speak fluent Japanese; you're not allowed to dress up as Ms. Marvel unless you've read every Ms. Marvel comic, ever. I once had a comic-book-store employee refuse to help me unless I could name everyone who had ever been a member of the Avengers. Do you know how many superheroes that is? It's a lot. Do you think he ever asked that of a guy in the shop? I'm gonna go with nah, son, because you know that never happened. But you know what's really crazy about all that? More and more, nerdy audiences are made up of literal bat-tons of fangirls. (Because, spoiler alert: basically half of all fans of anything are ladies.) According to a 2014 survey by the Entertainment Software Association, female gamers age 18 and up make up 36% of the gaming population, compared to just 17% for boys age 17 and under, and in recent years over half the social media discussions at San Diego Comic-Con were generated from accounts run by geek girls. The Syfy channel gets huge ratings with women ages 18-34, thanks in part to lady-driven and LGBT-friendly shows like *Lost Girl*, *Continuum*, *Bitten*, and *Haven*. Women are becoming the driving force behind geek culture, and we shouldn't be relegated to the sidelines. Knowing that we could basically make our own army, bust down the elitist gatekeepers, and establish our own glorious kingdom (queendom?) of lady-nerds honestly makes me wonder why the hell we haven't done that yet. We're getting better at it—we're taking up more and more space online, we're fighting back against the trolls, and we're refusing to be silent. Merriam-Webster even added fangirl to the dictionary. We're fully legit now. But despite all the articles online about being an awesome nerd-girl, the great feminist Tumblr posts about Sailor Moon, and bands like the Doubleclicks receiving worldwide attention, something was still missing: an actual printed book that says, Being a geek girl is the best thing ever and here are all the ways you can do more nerdy things that are awesome and don't ever apologize for it because you are the best person out there and I'm so proud of you and you're beautiful. Until now. So here, ladies, is *The Fangirls Guide to the Galaxy*. I hope in this book you can find some new ideas for your next Star Wars premiere party, figure out how to make your IRL bestie the newest member of SuperWhoLock, finally brave your first-ever convention in full cosplay, learn how to start an awesome blog devoted to your craziest ship, and develop the wittiest retort to anyone who ever dares accuse you of being a Fake Geek Girl. And then you can get back to your Lord of the Rings marathon (extended edition, obviously). I promise.