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Gender as a social construct restricts access to the world of opportunities that women have longed to acquire for generations. Institutions like family and community that are supposed to facilitate nurture and growth often do the opposite; they effectively stifle women's potential and intellectual achievements. The inevitable results are conflict and dilemma which rack a woman's inner and outer space alike. What is space and how should women occupy it vis-a-vis men? How far have professional and cultural spaces transformed from the last century to this, to accommodate women? The first step to change is awareness and how far has Patriarchy retreated to make space for that change to happen? How free have women become with respect to their bodies, their minds, their expressions of themselves? These and many such questions get addressed in this volume brought forth by the Women's Studies Centre of Bethune college. The book articulates voices from well known Authors and Academicians, National and International, and spans across two centuries of empowered women who had the courage and grit to be the change that they wanted to see. Bethune College, Kolkata, is proud to present these voices which talk about the extraordinary life of these ordinary women.

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