

Mirror, Mirror, in my hand...



Women's World

From the diva to the dominatrix, the girly girl to the goddess, the fashionista to the infamous, females come in all forms, shapes, and sizes. March moves women into the spotlight and celebrates that one creation men just can't live without.

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10 Fascinating Facts on Women:

- ♀ The word "woman" is rooted in the Middle English term *wyfman*, or wife (wyf) of man.
- ♀ In a 2010 Philippine survey, women ranked food as the fifth highest contributor of happiness while sex took a sad 18th spot. (Either Filipino cuisine is THAT good or...)
- ♀ In August of 2010 the *New York Times* reported that 80 percent more men get into car accidents than women.
- ♀ There are 15 female (three percent) CEOs of Fortune 500 companies (Catalyst, 2010)
- ♀ It was then-president Cory Aquino who declared that the first week of March be Women's Day in the Philippines, following a global tradition that started in the early 1900s.
- ♀ The United Nation's theme for International Women's Day 2011 is: "Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women."
- ♀ A circle placed on top of a small cross is both the symbol for the planet Venus, and for the female sex. It is believed to be a drawing of the Roman goddess Venus' hand-held mirror.
- ♀ The Tale of Genji is supposedly the world's first novel. Its female author, Murasaki Shikibu, published it in Japan in 1000 A.D.
- ♀ The Premier Hotel in Times Square offers women-only rooms equipped with women's magazines, vanity kits, curling and straightening irons.
- ♀ In most parts of the planet, women outlive men by five to ten years.



"I have never been a material girl. My father always told me never to love anything that cannot love you back." - Imelda Marcos, former first lady of the Philippines