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## March is our Month: Women's Herstory



Southern Sisters, 411 Morris St., Durham, NC (1988-1995).  
Photo courtesy of Melody Ivins.

### Spotlight: **Southern Sisters, Inc.**

*Few things have done more to promote women's history than feminist bookstores like this one.*

"You had to be passionate and crazy," said Dorothy "Cookie" Teer. In celebration of women's history month, we honor feminist bookstores.

Cookie and several friends founded Southern Sisters, a feminist bookstore in Durham, North Carolina, in business from 1988 to 1995. Melody Ivins managed the store for most of its history.



**Cookie Teer**



**Melody Ivins**

We interviewed Cookie and Melody, and their interview provides insight into the passions needed to undertake such a project and the challenges that feminist booksellers face.

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## **The Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist Herstory Project**

We collect, archive, and celebrate oral and written stories of unsung, Southern, lesbian-feminist activists during the second half of the twentieth century. We are proud of our contributions to lesbian culture, strengthened by our collective voices.

Many of us recognized that the lesbian-feminist voices of southern lesbians had been omitted or marginalized in mainstream literature of the LGBTQ movement as well as from feminist history. We are the antidote to this omission. We worked with Duke University to set up archives, did interviews all over the south, and eventually collaborated with Julie Enzer to publish 6 issues of Sinister Wisdom, full of all our stories. Now we maintain our website and update it monthly, as you hear about through this newsletter. We are still gathering more Southern lesbian stories, interviewing, writing, editing, tracking and networking.

We are always ready to welcome new collaborators! If you would like to join the SLFAHP group, email us at [SLFAHerstoryProject@gmail.com](mailto:SLFAHerstoryProject@gmail.com). We have a meeting coming up on March 14.

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