

AN INTRODUCTION TO:

zines

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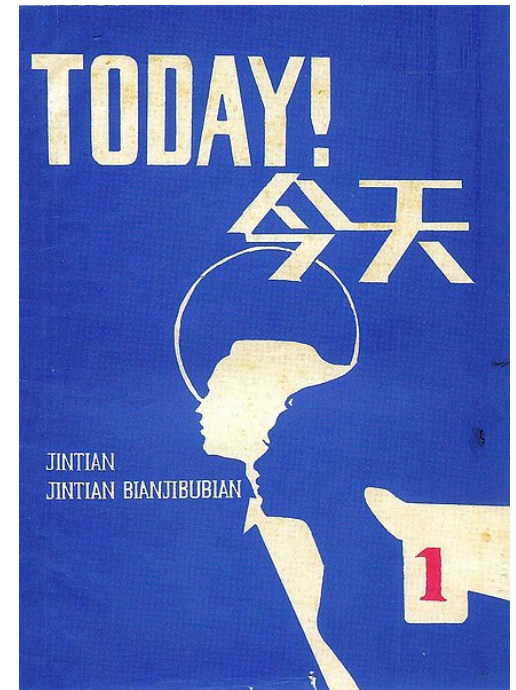
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- short for magazine
- non-commercial
- DIY / DIT ((Do-It-Yourself/Do-It- Together)
- contains original and/or appropriated text and images
- self-published
- often reproduced with a photocopier
- small circulation

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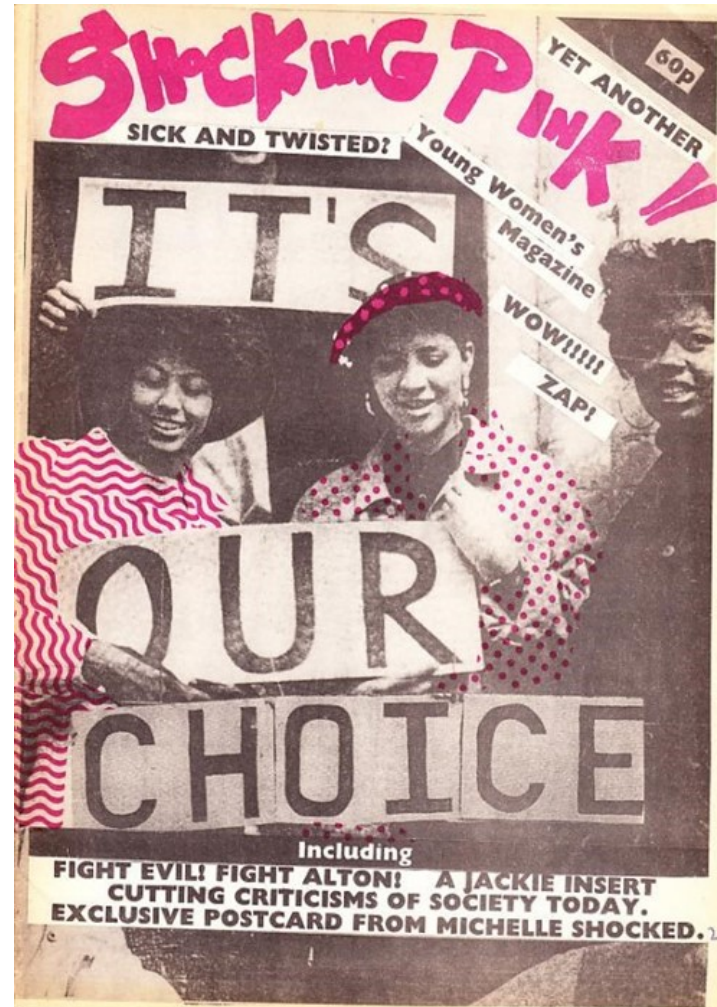
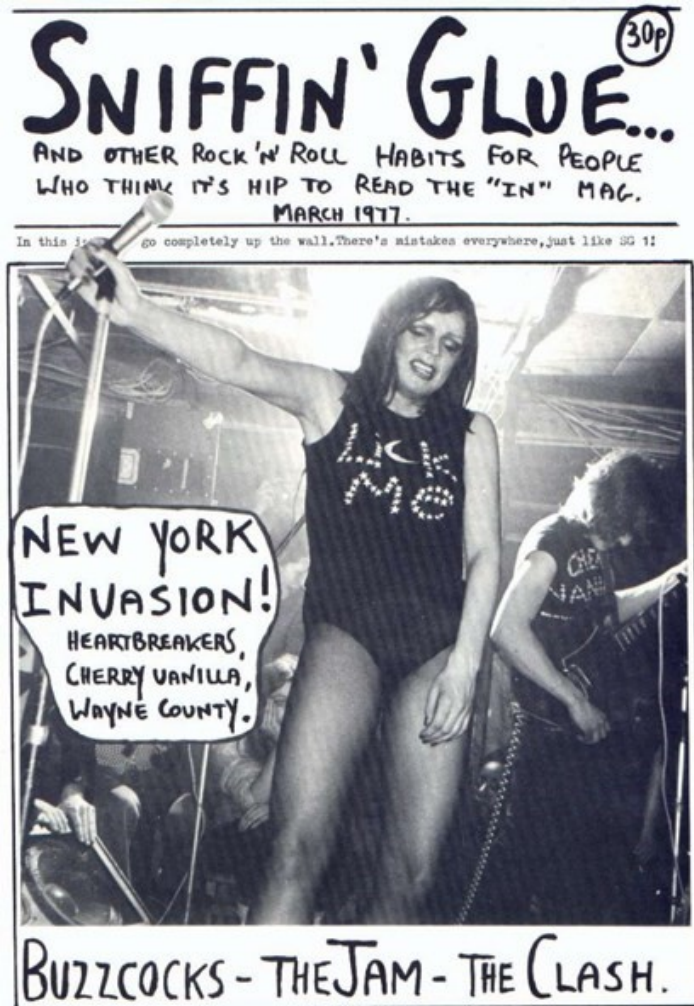
Zines were used in non-Western contexts and cultures, as everyday people creatively made political, and often subversive, ideas public.



Chinese dazibao (“big-character posters” or wall-mounted newspapers), which used self-publishing as an activist and cultural tool during the Democracy Wall Movement in 1978. Activists also placed hand-made journals along the wall.

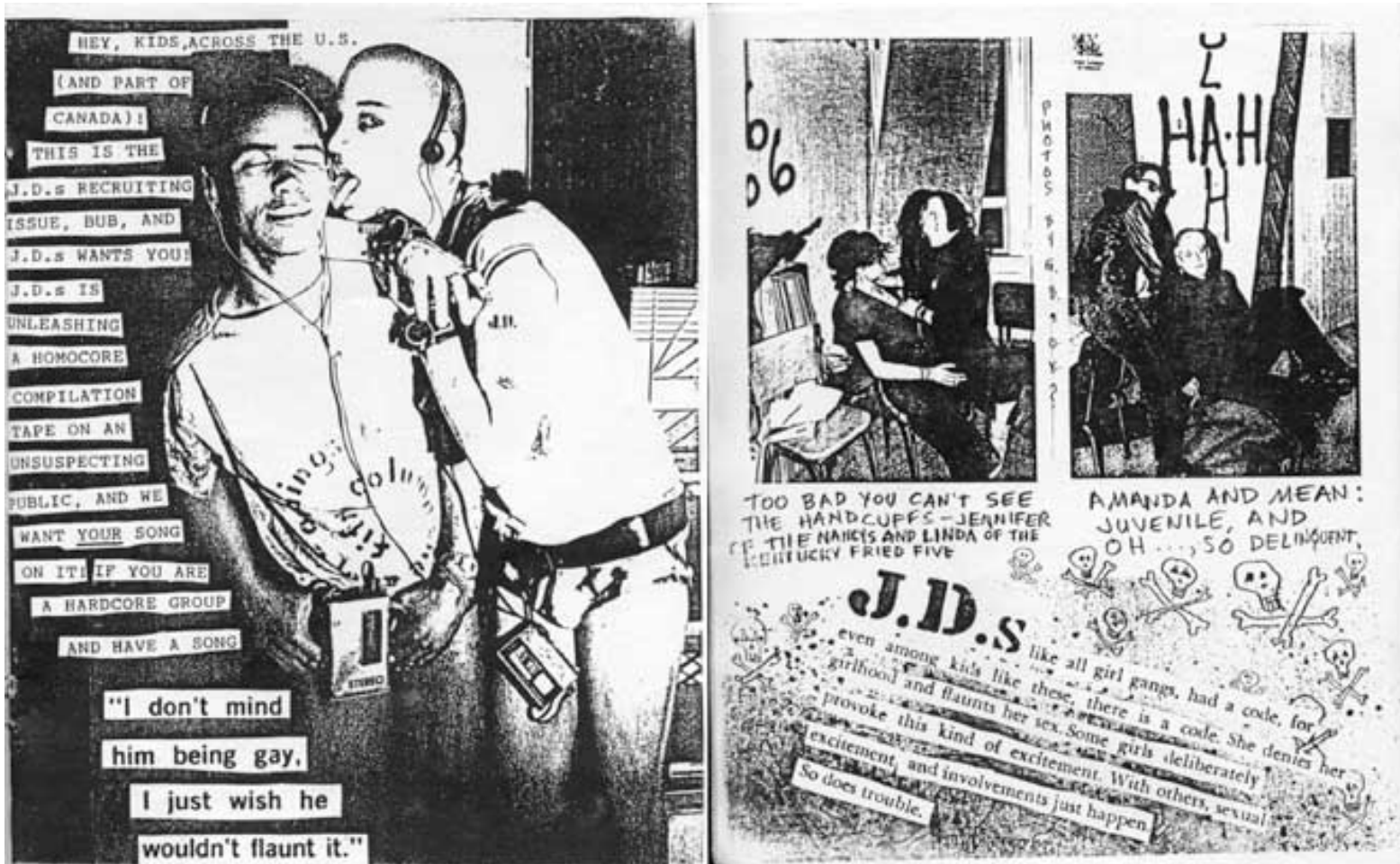
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70s punk culture – emergence of self-publishing within underground music scene.



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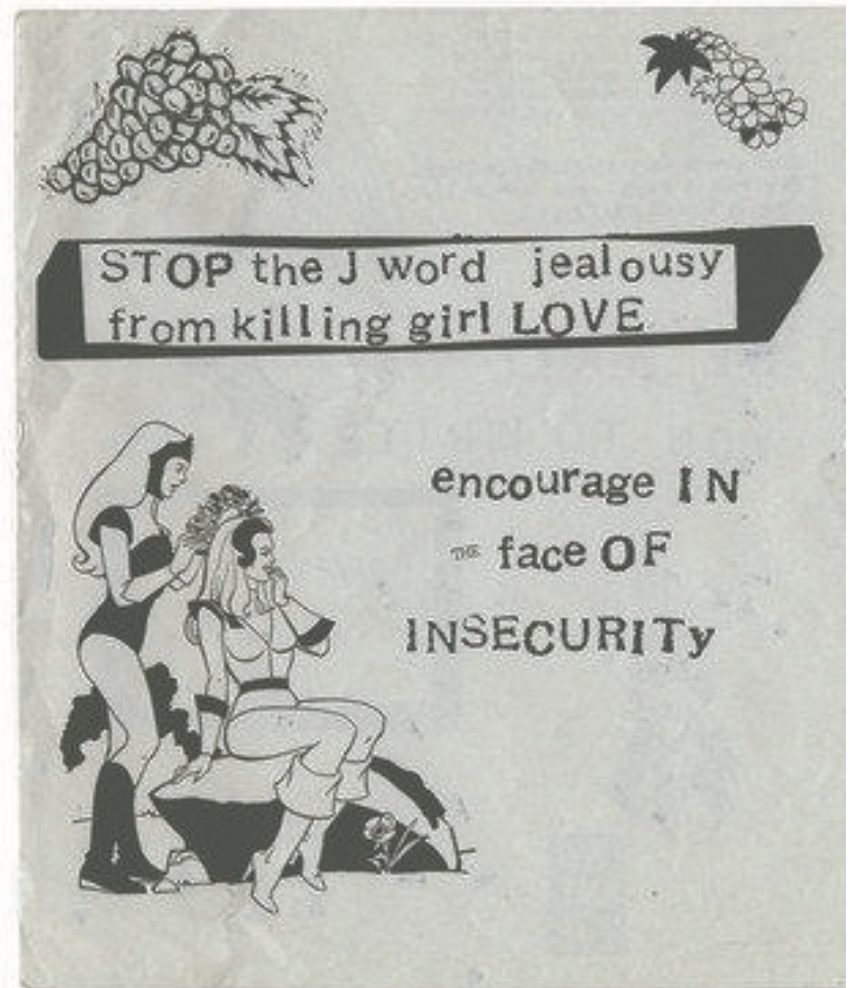
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first issue of J.D.s in 1989

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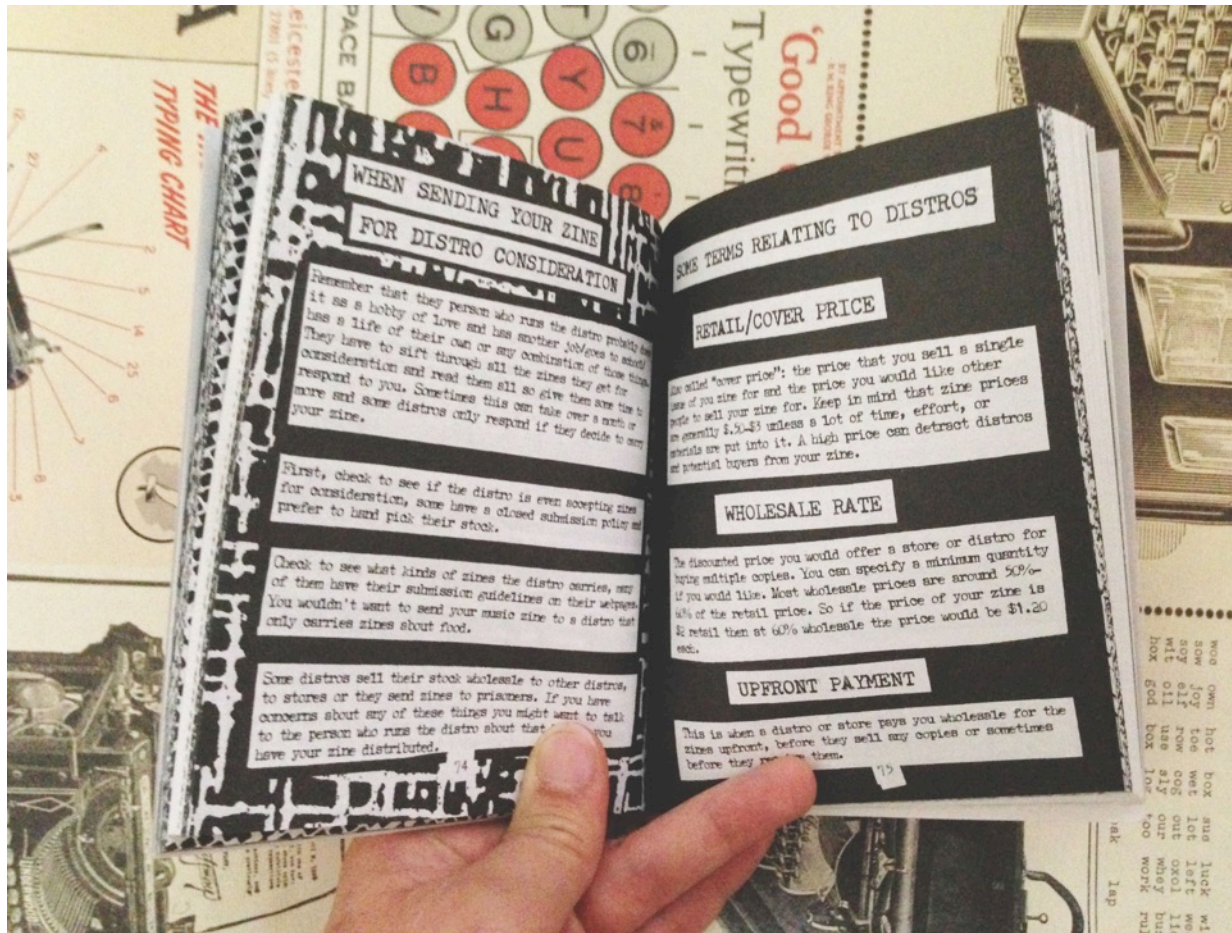
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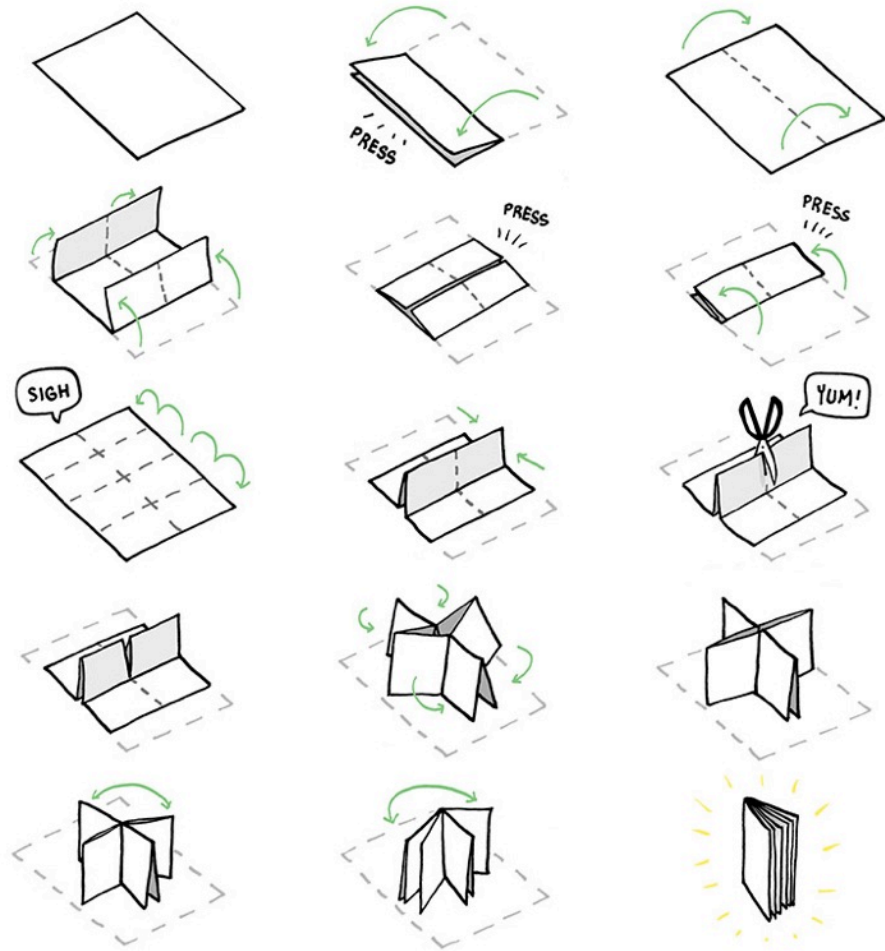
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Make a
ZINE

HOW TO FOLD A

SHEET-O-PAPER

INTO A

8-PAGE ZINE



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