



Voices That Count: A Comics Anthology by Women

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The comics anthology *Voices That Count* features nine stories that illuminate the challenges of being a woman in today's world.

This is an English translation of a Spanish publication. While the women involved in writing and drawing it hail from a single country, their stories have global significance. Their personal experiences include underdog successes in the face of patriarchal bias and oppression, a battle with anorexia, and efforts to promote women's pride and equality in Uganda through soccer. Most are told in a traditional sequential art style, but the book also features illustrated poems, song lyrics, and a prose piece that's accompanied by a handful of striking images.

The art styles and techniques vary from literal to impressionistic, but always fit the mood of a given segment, whether the piece was written by the artist or is the product of a collaboration. The storytellers are not limited to experienced comics creators; they include political analysts, journalists, and media personalities, giving the collection a scope representative of a wide swath of society.

Though several stories make the undeniable point that further progress toward equality and fairness must be made, this is an optimistic book. *Voices That Count* is an inspiring and informative graphic collection that shows that hope and determination can conquer many obstacles.

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