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*In loving memory of other 'Goodna Girls' who also fought for justice—  
Elaine, Heather, Joy, Judith, Cathy and Nell*



What man has nerve to do, man has not nerve to hear.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1852



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