

# The Future Generation

The Zine-Book for Subculture Parents, Kids, Friends & Others

## China Martens

China Martens started her pioneering mamazine *The Future Generation* in 1990. She was a young anarchist punk rock mother who didn't feel that the mamas in her community had enough support, so she began publishing articles on radical parenting in an age before the internet.

The anthology of her zine, *The Future Generation: The Zine-Book for Subculture Parents, Kids, Friends & Others*, was first printed in 2007 and has been out of print for many years. Covering sixteen years, it uses individual issues as chapters, focusing on personal writing, and retaining the character of a zine that changed over the years—from her daughter's birth to teenagehood and beyond.

We are proud to present a tenth-anniversary edition including a new afterword by China's grown daughter. *The Future Generation* remains a timeless resource for parents, caregivers, and those who care about them. Though first published in the 1990s, many of the essays and observations—about parenting, children, and surviving in a hostile political climate—still ring true today. The next four years are going to be especially demanding for those trying to balance parenting, politics, and survival. We're going to need the voices and experiences in *The Future Generation* now more than ever.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

China Martens is a zinestress extraordinaire based in Baltimore, MD. Her first book, *The Future Generation*, is a compilation of sixteen years of her first zine. She is also the coeditor of *Don't Leave Your Friends Behind: Concrete Ways to Support Families in Social Justice Movements and Communities* and *Revolutionary Mothering: Love on the Front Lines*.

## ACCOLADES

"The original punk parent zine."  
—Ariel Gore, *Hip Mama*

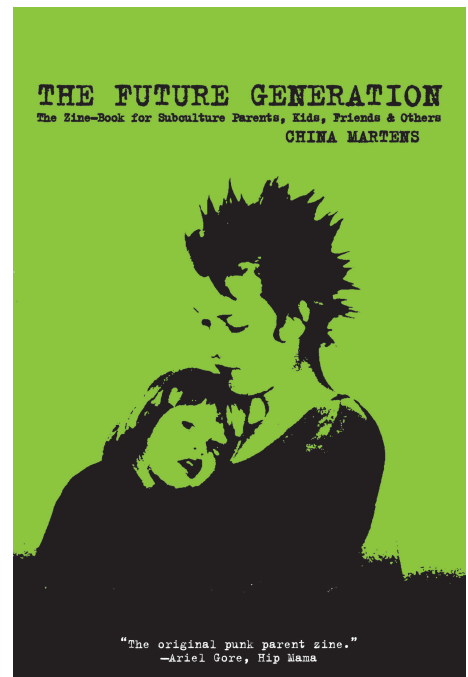
"Martens has been writing since long before the mommy wars were a media trope, but her work is a powerful response to punditry casting institutional and political problems as personal issues of 'work-life balance' for mothers (notably, not fathers)."

—Lisa Jervis, *Bitch* magazine

"*The Future Generation* is a must read for anyone who wants to understand Adrienne Rich's idea of mothering (*Of Woman Born*) based on the mother's own experience, not the patriarchal definition of motherhood in which mothers must be surveilled, controlled, advised, and punished. For here is an evolution of mothering, a memoir of a conscious mother. Get it. Read it. Pass it on."

—Katherine Arnoldi, author of *The Amazing True Story of a Teenage Single Mom and All Things Are Labor*

"*The Future Generation* is deeply touching and eye-opening intimate."  
—Jordannah Elizabeth, author of *Don't Lose Track*



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