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***SHE'S OUT THERE! Essays by 35 Young Women Who Aspire to Lead the Nation:  
The Next Generation of Presidential Candidates***

Edited by Amy Sewell & Heather L. Ogilvie, Photographs by Robert A. Ripps

*"It's not about just one. It's about just as many women as men standing up in the snows of New Hampshire and the hills of Iowa. Many daughters will be running for president of the United States someday soon. This is not a guess, it is a fact."* — **Marie C. Wilson, President of The White House Project and Co-Founder of Bring Your Daughters to Work Day**

In the new book, *She's Out There! Essays by 35 Young Women Who Aspire to Lead the Nation: The Next Generation of Presidential Candidates* (LifeTime Media, May 12, 2009; ISBN 978-0-9816368-4-9/hardcover/\$29.95), editors Amy Sewell (filmmaker of documentaries *Mad Hot Ballroom* and *What's Your Point, Honey?*) and Heather L. Ogilvie feature 35 essays written by the young future female leaders of America. With the help of the market research firm **Fresh Perspectives** and the nonprofit organization **The White House Project**, the editors collected essays from hundreds young women nationwide, all of whom want to be president someday. Photographer Robert A. Ripps traveled around the country to take photos of the essayists in local settings that reflect their commitment to public service.

Hailing from 20 states and diverse races and socioeconomic backgrounds, these women voice opinions from across the political spectrum. Two of the essayists are featured in the 2008 documentary on women's leadership, *What's Your Point, Honey?*, directed by one of the editors, Amy Sewell.

In *She's Out There!* readers will learn fascinating and empowering facts about female leaders in politics — both past and present — including the 104 women who currently serve as governors, senators, congresswomen, and cabinet members. In addition, several women currently in office — including Sarah Palin, Hillary Clinton, Mary Landrieu, and Kay Bailey Hutchison — offer their advice to young women hoping to follow in their footsteps.

Readers can peruse essays and view photos from the 15 women in the 21-35 age group, the 12 girls in the 14-21 age range, and the 8 girls between ages 5-13. The essays touch on topics ranging from: resolving the Iraq War and reforming health and education policies to reducing poverty and crafting a sensible environmental policy.

Readers gain insight into the minds of America's future leaders and learn what's on these women's agendas. Some highlighted essayists include:

- Colorado native Ingrid Tighe, 31, a former U.S. Army captain who trained Iraq's first all-female military company. Since establishing her own consulting business outside Albany, N.Y., she has been training civilian women to be community leaders — and planning her own campaign for local office.
- Harlem middle school student Fiona Lowenstein, 13, who has been interning for New York Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney for the past *two* years.

- Science whiz Sade Kammen: At 10, Kammen is a veteran of NASA Space Camp who takes a truly global perspective when considering the problems facing our country.
- 17-year-old Kyera Singleton, originally from Camden, N.J., one of the poorest and most dangerous cities in America. Transferring to a school in a neighboring town opened her eyes to the overwhelming disparity in educational quality that can exist from one American school to another. Since then, she has interned with local and state politicians to work on educational reform.
- 22-year-old Agxibel Barajas: A second-generation Hispanic American and daughter of migrant workers, she is the first woman in her family to get a college degree. She's now pursuing a law degree so she can advocate not only for the rights of migrant workers in her California community, but for the rights of all immigrants in America.
- 18-year-old Alex Desaulniers: She has been keeping a scrapbook entitled "My Journey to the White House" since she was 9. With firsthand experience running her family's oyster farm, Alex believes in government policies that help support small business—"the backbone of our nation's economy."

This collection of essays reveals what drives the political ambitions of a younger generation of American women – and reveals their vision for our country. Between the ages of 5 and 35, these outspoken girls and women represent our country's next generation of female political leaders.

The essays collected in this book will not only inspire other young women to speak out about issues that affect them and to pursue public office, they will also give readers a sense of the direction female leadership is likely to take our country in the future.

#### **About the Editors & Photographer**

**AMY SEWELL** is a documentary filmmaker (*Mad Hot Ballroom*, Paramount, 2005; *What's Your Point, Honey?* Cinetic Media, 2008). She is also the founder and director of *Give It Up for the ARTS!*, a nonprofit organization with the primary goal of exposing at-risk kids to the arts.

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