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30 SOMETHINGS

30 New Yorkers bound for greatness

There's no shortage of talented people in New York, which made it even more difficult to narrow our choices down to the 30 worthy folks we feature in this highly selective offering.



▶ TRISTAN TAORMINO, WRITER

"I wanted to call it *Backdoor Betty*," says writer Tristan Taormino of her latest book, *The Ultimate Guide to Anal Sex for Women* (Cleis Press). The 26-year-old workaholatrix (and niece of Thomas Pynchon) also edits the erotic pansexual quarterly *Pucker Up* (which she started because she felt there was "no forum for people to write about radical sex and gender") and the annual *Best Lesbian Erotica* and has just been asked to write a sex-adventure column for the new *On Our Backs* magazine. She is also working on a memoir about her father, a writer who died of AIDS two years ago. "My mom is very supportive, after good family counseling," says Taormino. "She used to be shocked by belly-button piercing." ★ Nora Burns