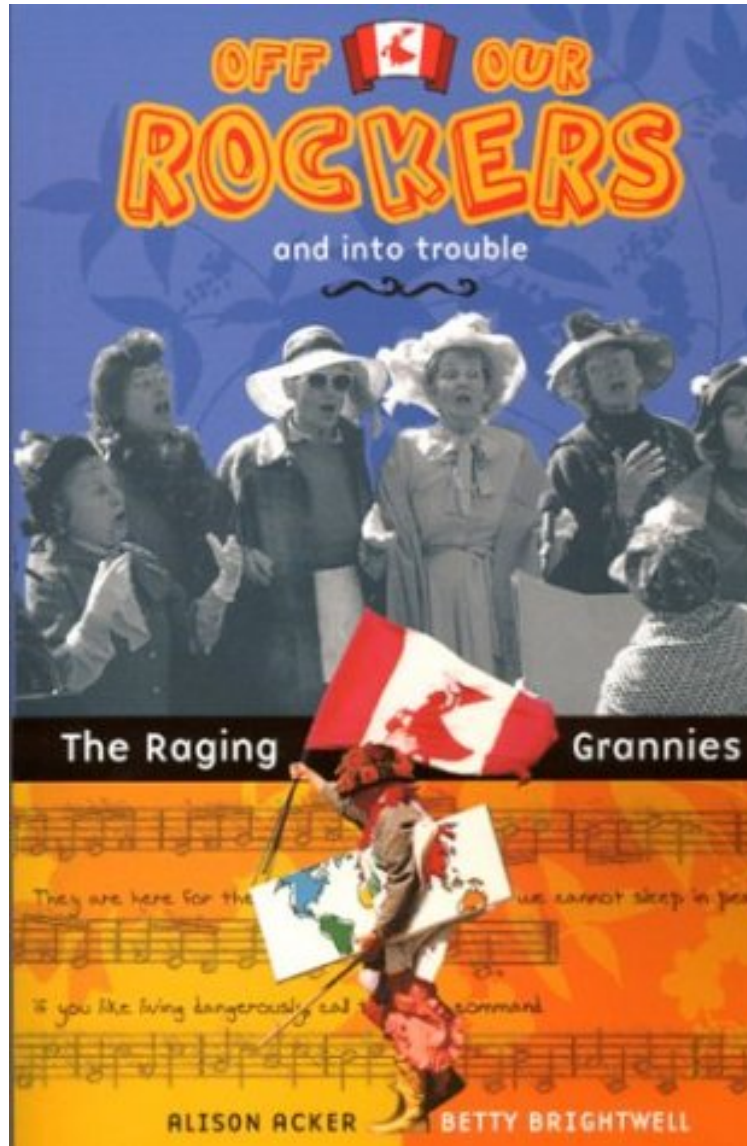


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Alison Acker, Betty Brightwell : Off Our Rockers and into Trouble: The Raging Grannies before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Off Our Rockers and into Trouble: The Raging Grannies:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Power to the Grandmother-People!By grandmalizzWhat an inspiring, enlightening, and delightful book this is! I am old enough to recall the Gray Panthers movement and Caprow's "happenings;" the raging grannies appear to manifest the best of both. They show us how to work for peace

and social justice by abdicating our stereotypical roles as nice, invisible older women, by using courage, creativity, and outrageousness to get results. I bought this book because I am doing a Ph.D. dissertation on older women as agents of social change, and expect to quote it frequently. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. 'Off Moved, Entertained Enlightened Me! By Rose DeShaw Off Our Rockers is the best kind of personal non-fiction. In many ways it qualifies as Chick Lit (the viewpoints are female and outrageous yet highly sympathetic, the adventures non-stop and such a delight to go along on, as a reader and the happenings are memorable). I find myself going back to certain sections in my mind. Simply, it is the story of a group of concerned older women through the eyes of two women, Alison and Betty, who have all the usual urges and surges of their ages and times but know they can make a difference. Fortunately all this happens on the British Columbia coastline where hapless captains of leaky nuclear subs, hopeless heads of legislative security and heinous clear cutters are blatantly abusing their positions, cruising full speed ahead, unthinking about the consequences until some women who have done a great deal of thinking appear. Rather more than a spanner in the works, these are grannies whose songs give a new definition of the word, 'sarcasm.' The resulting collisions between granny and wanker is most satisfactory in every case. It will make a four star feature film giving Meryl Streep, Barbara Streisand, Maggie from the Potter films, Holly Hunter and that wonderful woman who just starred with Jack Nichols (duh), something in which to sink their teeth (whether or not they are the teeth with which they started life). Most notable is the fact that these actresses are just playing at what these powerful role models are actual living. The 3 pages on how to choose a granny for a gaggle was particularly compelling. It says a lot about what to look for in a long-time friend. Crammed with dignity, respect and rolling around in the woods, 'Off' will be shelved as a classic for our grandchildren. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. When the personal becomes political By S. Montgomery 'Off Our Rockers and Into Trouble' describes the formation of the first Raging Grannies group, in Victoria, B.C. Written by two founding members, with Anne Moon, a more recent member, this book shows through personal experience and reflection what the Raging Grannies is about. Easy to read, informative, accurate, funny, honest, provocative... these brave women, all activists within the peace and environment movement before becoming Raging Grannies, tell about their optimism and sharp learning curve as they take on super-powers at a local level. Simply by protesting the presence of U.S. nuclear submarines in their harbour, they start an action which becomes a world-wide movement. This inspiring account makes the Grannies human, not just the performance-grabbing radicals that popular media loves or hates. An important book for activists and should be required reading for granny wannabes. Not the only book about the Raging Grannies, but it's about the first group, so very important. Beware: Reading it could challenge your complacency and passivity.

When the Raging Grannies sprang up in 1987 in Victoria, B.C., they didn't realize they'd be starting a worldwide movement. They just wanted to protest, but in a different way. And they do. Their weapons? Satire and song. The Grannies have challenged nuclear-armed ships, forestry companies, arms manufacturers, multinational corporations, pharmaceutical giants, makers of war toys, the World Trade Organization and every level of government, from municipal councils to the American presidency. Wearing outrageous hats and warbling witty lyrics, they make fun of the powerful people who are wreaking havoc with the world of their grandchildren. For their messages of peace and justice, Grannies have been arrested, jailed, pepper-sprayed and even hosed by the U.S. navy. They've also been praised by Ralph Nader, Peter Gzowski, David Suzuki and Pete Seeger, invited to perform far and wide and admired as role models. Off Our Rockers is a funny book. It shows how groups of older women around the world take on the powers that be, win the occasional battle and have a wonderful time doing it all.

Fearless, outrageous, marvellous — these Grannies tell it like it is as few others do. -- David Suzuki Proof that a small group of ordinary women can become extraordinary through passion and commitment. Buy this book. It rocks. -- Lorna Crozier About the Author Alison Acker is the author of two books, Children of the Volcano and Honduras: The Making of a Banana Republic. Betty Brightwell writes regularly for her local paper and has contributed to several books on the history of Vancouver Island. Both Alison and Betty have been Raging Grannies since the group's inception in 1987 in Victoria, B.C.