



The camera glides up, down and around these women's bodies like a giant tongue.

— David Edelstein, National Public Radio

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Childhood sexual harassment

"Intimate acts of violence" was a good piece of writing on the writer's horrific childhood experience of sexual harassment. Such harassment can take place anywhere—at home or school, on public transport, at public functions. The effects of childhood sexual abuse include depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and propensity to further victimisation in adulthood, and physical injury to the child, among other problems. It is difficult to tell someone what you suffered because as studies have found, many victims know their abuser socially—relatives or close family members, or other acquaintances. Social consciousness and guardians' vigilance in encouraging children to open up to them can help child survivors of sexual violence deal with their trauma.

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Intimate acts of violence

This magazine includes meaningful and at times, groundbreaking, articles by regular writers as well as refreshingly new ones. One such piece, written by Sara Rashid brings out with rare candour and vehemence the traumatic experience she

suffered as a seven-year old which still affects her. Sexual abuse of young children is endemic in our society and largely goes unreported for fear of social stigma. The abuse is not restricted to young girls, boys are also subject to abuse by close

relatives, teachers and people who are supposed to take care of them. It is about time this menace is talked about openly by all of us to radically change the mindset of parents.

Anwarul Amin



Play like a girl

The female footballers were able to triumph over people's, including many of their parents', disapproval. The girls are shattering the image of what playing like a girl means and changing people's preconceived attitudes about women. But they need to go further. Financial and infrastructural support, interested sponsors for domestic matches and tournament, long-term training opportunities for senior players are needed as well as widespread acceptance of girls playing sports wearing shorts and boots.

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