



A BOOK OF HAIKUS ON

CONSENT



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ABOUT US

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End Cyber Abuse are a collective of gender and human rights activists, lawyers, researchers, and advocates globally interested in bringing light to the experiences of victims and survivors of image-based sexual abuse, the challenges they face as a result of abuse, and how the law can most effectively provide remedies.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This booklet is a collection of poems co-created on the 1 December 2019 at our event on sexting, consent and the law. On this occasion, the audience was asked to co-write Haikus about the meaning of consent with a general structure of one person writing one line before passing it on to a stranger. We have chosen to share some we found most striking with you through this booklet.



 **HaikuJAM**

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*when you stared at me
you made me uncomfortable
much like when you spoke*

By Sundeep, Rhea and Manvi



*Always ask first
Look beyond words
Do not read between the lines*

By Niranjana, Manvi and Rhea



*No is no, no matter
who you are: an adult or child
queer, bisexual, trans or asexual, you
always have to ask*

by Rhea, Anushree and Sundeep



*Enthusiastic, Emphatic, Retractable
Flexible, respectful boundaries honor
practice relief
These are the consent words*

By Sundeep, Rhea and Manvi



*Always ask before you do
Say no if you don't want it
May the consent always be the force*

by Mihi and Karuna



*Where do I start this?
Start with the self
And get good sex with my consent*

by Anushree and Sonali



*I did not say yes
When I met you first
Then I woke up from my sleep*

by Trishna, Aritra and Sudipta



*What are the limits of
Pushing your agenda
Without the negotiation of consent?*

by Simiran, Biney and Kavita



*Yes would also mean no
So be mindful of our complex
negotiation*

by Manvi and Kavita



*what amounts to consent today
is trust, respect and boundaries
be happy and not be stressful*

By Rahul, Sonali and Divya



*Bodily autonomy, boundary, empathy,
ASK*

*If only consent was a word in your
dictionary*


If not, incorporate it NOW

by Sundipta, Sundeep and Anushree




*you need to ask me
if i want to do this
if yes, then I consent*

by Kavita, Niraijovina and Rahul



*Ask me first
Apologies, I thought I did
Wait for me to learn*

by Arita, Trishna, and Ketaki



*With everyone's agreement
we could continue with love
or actions of collective conscience*

by Ria, Ketaki, and Simiran

