

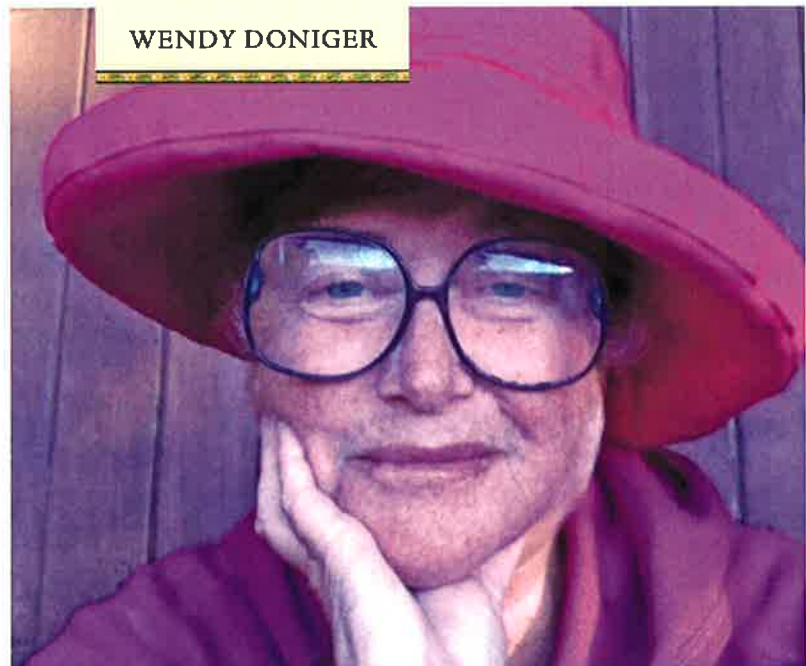
The Mythology of Women and their Jewelry



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Why are sex and jewelry so often connected? In ancient stories about rings, men accuse women of unchastity only to have the ring prove that it was the man, in fact, who was unchaste; the ring also validates the woman's child as the true heir. In modern stories about necklaces, real jewelry proves that the woman was false. These stories show us how widespread is the desire to project the responsibility for sexual betrayal onto an external force like a gold ring or a diamond necklace.

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