# Don't Let Them Eat the Baby Book Club Guide

#### The Book

- What parts of this book resonated with you?
- Which parts did you resist or have difficulty with and why?

#### Gender

- What would you wanted to see done differently?
- It took the author years to gain the confidence to try playing the sport of roller derby. What are some ways women might feel sports are intimidating if they've never tried them? Why?
- How can women make other women feel more supported in communities where they are asked to take risks?
- Women are often asked to take on additional roles in their homes and workplaces, such as caregiver, planner, or organizer. How can these roles add to the challenge of taking on new hobbies and interests? What can we do differently to make space for them?

### **Sports**

- What are some ways sports can uplift communities? Are there ways you feel sports can exclude? Name a few.
- Take a moment and write down as many professional men's sports as you can. Are there women's versions of these sports? Why or why not?
- What are a few negative stereotypes you've heard about women's sports?
  Where do you think those come from?
- What sports would you like to see women grow and cultivate?
- What sounds different about the sport of roller derby?

## **Identity**

 Take a few moments and write down as many words as you can to describe your own identity. These can be words like "accountant," or "sister," or "fun-loving." Now ask the person next to you to write a few words down about you. How are these lists different or the same?

• What are some pieces of your identity or identities that you think other people have a hard time navigating? How does this make you feel?

Now, think of some of your proudest moments.
 Who have they been with and why?

