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## Abstract

Project Brave Woman is a pilot website and creative thesis project created by Carlina Scalf. It shows that examining the personal stories of women, whether shared through interviews or literature, fosters community and promotes female bravery and authenticity. The pilot website shows this through four “As-Told To” stories and two essay reflections on memoirs written by women. The interviewees included two of Carlina’s family members (Monica Scalf, her mother, and Char Schuster, her grandmother) and two of Carlina’s peers (Madeleine Robling and Maren Orchard). The memoirs chosen were *Slow Motion* by Dani Shapiro and *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. All the choices were made intentionally to relate the content of the project specifically to Carlina’s personal search for bravery and authenticity and her upcoming transition into adulthood. A reflection essay and a list of ideas for expansion examines the value of this project and the ways it could be expanded in the future into a community-building website for women that is focused on developing female bravery through the sharing of personal stories.

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