Sheila Tobias made her mark during the Second Wave with her analysis (and onslaught) in arenas in which men hold sway: mathematics, defense, weapons, and military spending, and, most recently enlarging career options for graduates (of both sexes) in the sciences. Throughout, she links what she called the “outside” of the problem, namely direct and *de facto* sex discrimination, with the “inside” of the problem, how girls and women define and limit themselves. Her books have resonated not just with women and girls but with the gatekeepers. Among them, *Overcoming Math Anxiety; They’re not dumb, They’re Different; What Kinds of Guns are they Buying For your Butter?* (in which she famously quipped; “If you can memorize French irregular verbs, you can learn this stuff.”) Her last in the series of books on science, *Rethinking Science as a Career*, launched an entirely new professional master’s degree in the STEM fields; in 2013, crossing the 300 program mark. She is also an active historian of the Second Wave, having published *Faces of Feminism: An Activist’s Reflections on the Women’s Movement* in 1997 and vice president for retrospective events with Veteran Feminists of America (www.vfa.us).

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