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THE PIERCING BIBLE
The Definitive Guide to Safe Body Piercing
By Elayne Angel

**A one-of-a-kind resource that covers everything
piercers and piercees need to know about the subject,
from the woman who brought tongue-piercing into the mainstream.**

While body piercing has exploded onto the forefront of modern culture as a form of personal expression, the controversy over body modification remains. On one hand, 1 in 7 Americans between the ages of 18 and 50 have piercings in places other than their earlobes. On the other hand, minors and employees continue to face piercing restrictions enforced by schools and businesses across the country. A great deal of hype and hysteria about body piercing is perpetuated by the media and by conservative religious, medical, and educational communities who describe piercing as a highly dangerous behavior related to everything from juvenile delinquency to cancer and death. Many of these myths have persisted because there are no standardized piercing regulations or competency requirements in the country. As a result, many people get the bulk of their “facts” about piercing from the Internet, and unfortunately, the Web can be unreliable, offering contradictory information from questionable sources.

Now, anyone who seeks a comprehensive reference book on modern body piercing can turn to *The Piercing Bible: The Definitive Guide to Safe Body Piercing*. Piercing pioneer Elayne Angel shares her exhaustive knowledge of piercing terminology, tools, techniques, jewelry, and placements. She debunks myths about piercing guns, metal detectors, and tongue infections; explains how to find a skilled piercer; and outlines proper aftercare. Packed with details that really matter—including advice for people with piercing complications, stretch marks, obesity, plastic surgery, and unique anatomy—this guide is the single most authoritative, go-to source on the subject for anyone who wants to learn about safe, responsible piercing.

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