Who Am I ...

Now That I'm Not Who I Was?

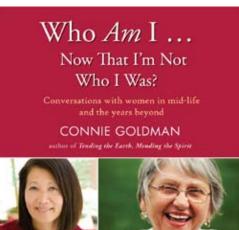
Conversations with women in mid-life and the years beyond

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Aging can be a time of discovery. Everyone has the potential for change, learning, and growth. But in today's world, however, a great deal of energy is expended to avoid, delay, or mask the changes that accompany the aging process. In her new book of interviews, Connie Goldman explores a different and far





more complex aspect of growing older: the many and varied choices women make in their middle years and beyond, as earlier objectives and personae fall away and new ones begin to take their place. In the course of eighteen interviews, we hear artists, administrators, housewives and physicians, teachers and social activists, describing how their sense of self has changed as they choose new paths, face the challenges of illness and divorce, care for elderly parents, pursue new career goals, or simply learn how to slow down and appreciate the passing days. The stories are full of wisdom and inspiration, and they give us insights not only into how women grow old, but how they grow *whole*. In brief asides, the author adds just the right amount of gentle probing and analysis to bring the depth and humanity of these stories fully to light.

There's an old saying: "Age has given me what I was looking for my entire life; it gave me, me!"

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