

The Girl Scout Journey book "GIRLtopia" refers young girls to a controversial [radical feminist novel](#) written by [Sheri S. Tepper](#), who was the Director of Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood for 24 years?

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UTOPIA?

Island of Ideals

The word "utopia" comes from the Renaissance author Sir Thomas More. It was the name he gave to the imaginary island of his 1516 book, *Utopia*. More's *Utopia*, a place of order and harmony, had perfect legal, political, and social systems. Residents enjoyed six-hour workdays and education for all. Plus, no one owned land, bartering took the place of money, and gemstones were simply children's toys.

Blazing Forward

About 150 years after More, Mary Cavendish wrote *A New World: The Blazing World*, the tale of a world that honored "peace before war, wit before policy, honesty before beauty."

Long Live Utopias!

The 1988 novel *The Gate to Women's Country*, by Sheri S. Tepper, depicts a future world where women spend their lives learning and rediscovering lost knowledge, free from threats of violence.

Here are some things you might wonder about as you take in all this info:

How would the world be better for everyone if we had a GIRLtopia?

What is the future for a girl who can't read?