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Jan was born in Melbourne and educated at Catholic primary schools, then Avila College, Siena Convent and Melbourne Uni. She worked in the public system as a teacher in science, health, biology and Equal Opportunity where she was also the Curriculum and Professional Development Consultant for Health Education and Equal Opportunity.

Jan worked as a Community Development Coordinator for the YWCA Victoria and the Melbourne YWCA, as the Coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, as the Editor and Publisher of Lesbiana (lesbian feminist magazine of Victoria) freelance Editor and Writer, TAFE teacher, Project Coordinator of the Victorian Certificate Alternative Learning Pilot project and as the sole operator of Wandering Women, a short break tours for women.

Jan's involvement in the Women's Liberation Movement included both paid and unpaid work including: member of the Women's Health Resource Collective (1980s) Coordinator and volunteer of the Gay and lesbian Switchboard, the Victorian Women's Liberation and lesbian Feminist Archives, co-founder of Co-Care, a Young Peoples health and Sexuality Drop-in Centre, Wandering Women, Convener of the Education Department (state and private schools) Equal Opportunity Networks in northern Education Department Regions, Coordinator Multicultural, Multilingual Health Education programs for students, parents and community members (Participation and Equity program of National Significance), Lesbiana, various social and fundraising groups and she co-authored 'Sexual Harassment Out in the Open, a kit for schools to use to combat sexual harassment.

Jan was the second Editor of Lesbiana, from issue no 39, September 1995, till issue no 89, April 2000, building this monthly lesbian magazine from a small paper-covered publication to a glossy mag full of articles, ads and information. She took over from Sheril Berkovitch (issue no 1, March 1992 – issue no 38, August 1995), and handed over to Jude Dennis (issue no 90, May 2000, till Lesbiana stopped production with issue no 130, March 2004).