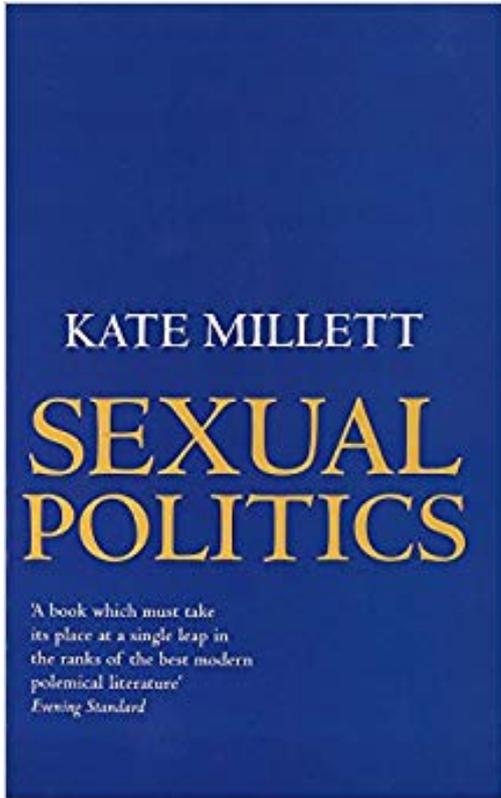


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Reviews of the *Sexual Politics* by Kate Millett

MisterMax

In the early 70s I'd read many feminist writers, Simone de Beauvoir, Germaine Greer, Gloria Steinem, Betty Friedan, and others, so when I came across Kate Millett's name and her book, "Sexual Politics," mentioned in a book of literary criticism, I was surprised this book hadn't crossed my path before, especially since she deals at length with D.H. Lawrence, Henry Miller, and Norman Mailer, three writers I've always considered problematic. She performs a thorough examination of the works of these guys plus an interesting look at the writings of Jean Genet for a bit of contrast and comparison. Fascinating and enlightening.

Zainian

When Kate Millet died recently I realized I had missed reading her 1970 classic which pinpoints the beginning of patriarchy with the discovery of paternity and demonstrates how the sexualization of power is the basis of oppression of all kinds. Her work is scholarly but quite readable and is

wonderful in its capacity to change your perceptions about yourself and all of society. She notes that men and women are not inherently nearly as biologically different as we suppose because of behaviors and breeding. I'm still reading this book.

X-MEN

A must read for anyone interested in 20th century history, especially feminist herstory. Millett's brilliantly analytical mind deftly summarizes sexist milestones in literature all too often glossed over by the critics. Millett's successive prefaces from one decade to the next to introduce each new edition - are especially illuminating.

Galubel

This gift is for my lovely feminist sister. It was one of the tope feminist books to have, so, bought for her birthday. She's an avid reader so I'm hoping she enjoys the book.

Deodorant for your language

I read it when it came out long ago, haven't started it yet, but it's well worth the read.

Burirus

Hard to believe that the feminism Millett was writing about here has devolved into the feminism of today. The only place you can even say the word anymore without being met with derision is in academia where women are still doing great work and learning about this tremendous movement. Has Millett's Patriarchy won out? It certainly would appear so and we are all the worse for it, living in a pornofied world and embracing it as freedom.

If young women don't start radicalizing themselves, and Millett's Politics is a great place to start, we will continue to be objectified, used and abused. I love the way Millett dissected the "great" (read; male) literature of the time that was being touted as cutting edge and brilliant. I don't think Mailer and Miller knew what hit them!!!!

Mozel

Excellent but depressing book

phenomenal. long and thorough. medium on theory, but still understandable for those new to feminism.

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