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This anthology brings together voices of more than forty writers celebrating female embodiment while exploring deeper issues of misogyny, violence and sexism in gender identity politics today, demonstrating the intentional silencing and erasure of living female realities.

These perspectives come at a time when gender politics and profits from an emerging medical transgenderism industry for children, teens, and adults inhibits our ability to have meaningful discussions about sex, gender, changing laws that have provided sex-based protections for women and girls, and the re-framing of language referring to females as a distinct biological class.

Through researched articles, essays, first-hand experience, story telling, and verse, these voices are needed to ignite the national conversation about the politics of gender-identity as a backlash to feminist goals of liberation from gender stereotypes, oppression and sexual violence.

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Maria Eduarda says

We need more contemporary radical feminist writing.

Skylark says

I learned a lot about witchcraft, chi, "bodyknowing", tantric energies, "Mysteries", magic spells, pagan rituals, "embodying higher frequencies", and other stuff that isn't real unfortunately. I wish there wasn't so much of that in the book.

Tina says

Wonderful anthology on the war against women and against radical feminism Must-read for every woman who challenges the patriarchy.

Jax Gullible says

Lots of new material, and very well substantiated. A must-read

Monica says

I feel funny about even putting this book on my "to read" list, because I don't necessarily want to promote it. I'm definitely not a fan of Cathy Brennan or Lierre Keith, for instance. However, I've seen Luisah Teish criticized as a "TERF," or "trans-exclusionary radical feminist," and I'm wondering what she's had to say that she's been labeled as such. A quick google search led me to the fact that she contributed to this book. I do find it odd that there's an essay from Monica Sjoo in here, given that she passed away in 2005. Anyway, I'm glad the library has a copy.

Don Crites says

An insightful collection which provides compelling arguments to combat the insanity of transgenderism, especially among children. The ire of these female authors is understandable given the removal of safe spaces for women and children alike. It was a little like listening in on an uncensored conversation among women who are being told they should be seen but not heard. The simple fact that no one can actually experience a sex change is irrefutable, and gender nonconformity does not provide a case for hormone

blockers and forced sterilization of children. Their brave stance against the tide of social pressure and powerful institutions with financial incentives is commendable especially in the face of character assassination and threatened careers. The stories shared within this book should be honored for what they are, the lived experiences of women from diverse backgrounds.

Trejon Dunkley says

Didn't realize this was a terf guidebook. No thank you.

Angela Scott says

If you are a woman read this.

Gripping stuff. Enlightening about a wide variety of cultural scenes in our societies. Gives a - deep enough in the detail - and wide historical overview, and insight into what is happening right now in our world to women and girls.

The anthology style works very well with chapters of different lengths, styles (academic, personal narrative, poetry, blogs, spirituality). Hearing these women's voices in their myriad richness and diversity has been a tonic for the soul and an eye-opening experience. I learnt what i needed to about the thinking of the women's movement to engage with feminist writings, language and meanings. A very good primer and superbly written. The quality of the authors' writing is very high.

There are many references, and in Kindle format the links to online sources all work. Following these was a great adventure leading into further discoveries of women writing and doing amazing work to support women and girls in resisting and recovering from the ways male supremacy hurts us.

Cynthia says

I really tried, I really hoped that the book would have thoughtful dialogue on very complex topics. And I have to admit I haven't read the majority of this book, I really tried but everything I've read in this book, which was by the editor, just showed **that wasn't the goal here. Every argument is distorted, generalized, cherry-picked.**

Yes, there are problems in the ways we as a society and as individuals, whether trans or cis, approach the topic, but this book is not about that. This book is about telling a narrative that vilifies trans women as an entire category based on the actions of a few always presented as a generality, distorted and cherry-picked scientific arguments, and plain lies. (For example, in only the introduction, I counted very conservatively 7 lies and 2 fallacies.)

I do intend to get back to reading what the other contributors wrote, in the hope of a more nuanced conversation, and to fully review the book, but this will take me a lot of time and effort so...

Rachel Reed says

THANK YOU. A much needed book at a time when women's voices are being silenced. I appreciated the engaging mix of science, research, politics, personal experiences, history, spirituality, etc - the issues were covered in depth from every direction. My deep intuitive unease about the loss of 'woman' has been validated. The book is a bit US centric, but this shit is rapidly spreading worldwide. I now feel educated and prepared to fight it from my own corner of the world (Australia).

Stephen says

Excellent survey of radical feminist thinking on the subject of sex and gender. It was extremely eye-opening. I was a bit dismayed at the "woo" that permeated parts of the book, but I appreciated the range of voices included.

Karen says

Fair disclosure I am part of this project. I participated in the technical aspect of production and not with the content. (I do have a quote used that I had posted on Facebook.) I did also read most references listed in the footnotes. I learned a lot. It was not a fun project. It was quite depressing and emotionally challenging as I woke up to the depth and breadth of this topic. I understand if some are reticent to read it because it's difficult to look patriarchy in the eye. This book does that.

I love this book. It's brave and challenging of the status quo of trans ideology and progressive politics. It's the first book for me that describes what it feels like to be treated differently merely because you are a born female in this patriarchy. The loss of female only spaces has been devastating to me. And equally devastating is how young lesbians are being pressured into transitioning to fit heteronormality. And how the de-transitioning folks are kicked out of the "Queer" community. Watching as children are being sterilized and groomed into sexual stereotypes in the name of individual freedom and progressive politics is not what I call progressive at all. I call it big business and the corporate machine of drugs and surgery creating illusions of what it means to be a person. Hence, my involvement and interest in this subject are personal. It's called a radical act if you defend women's spaces or question children's transitioning at 5 years of age. And how the medical and mental health community are no longer practicing "Do no harm first."

The 48 stories in this book help to give language to complex ideas about self, sex, gender as a social construct. Gender identity rhetoric is complicated. I believe all human beings need to be safe and protected from prejudice and violence. No one knows that better than anyone born female. In this debate of gender identity, actual sex-based violence is being minimized or completely ignored.

I hope this book gets read widely and that conversations are opened to everyone. I guarantee you will learn something.

For our children. May patriarchy fall for the good of all!

Elsie says

There are definitely some important topics in this book. Did I feel like some of it was angry TERF propoganda? Yeah. Did I develop a new understanding of TERFs? I did. The dialogue behind the anger is legit and this book helps articulate the voices of those who are shut down because they're shunned as transphobic. It also surfaces medical concerns that, in my experience, does not get enough dialogue regarding medically altering one's body.
