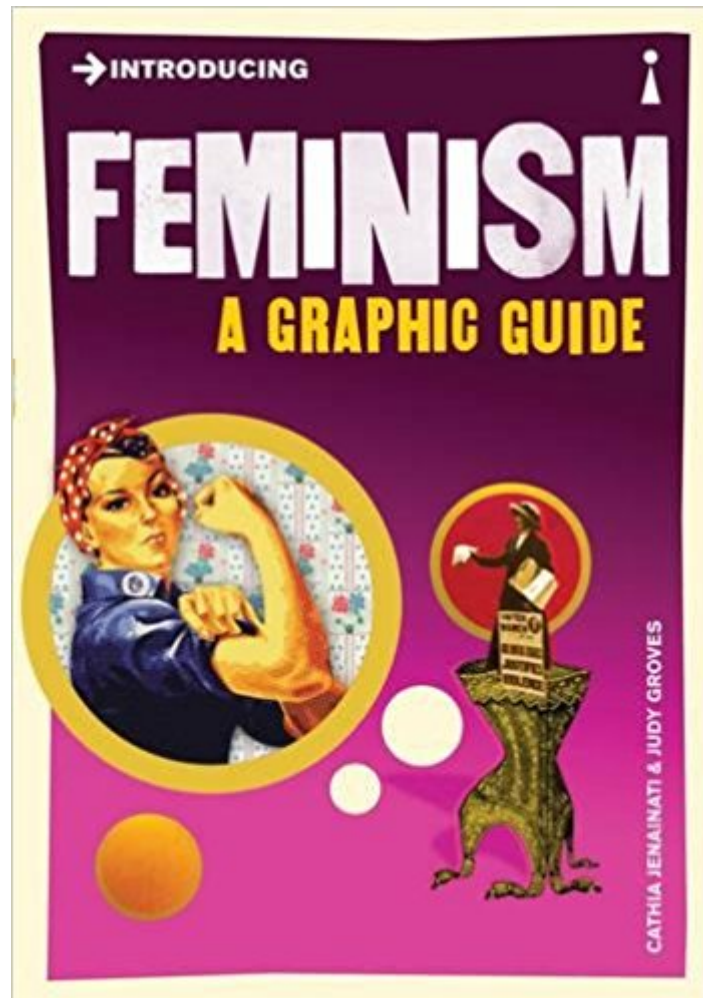




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It's important to understand that the Introducing series is in the business not of teaching you the entirety of any given subject, but merely introducing you to it. This, as with many other titles in the series, gives you a very quick summary of the movement and its history and touches on many of the significant branches. Believe me, you can always go deeper, and really one ought to if one desires anything close to an actual understanding of the subjects the people at Totem Books purport to introduce. What I find is that these books in general, and this title specifically, prepares you for deeper reading by giving you the gist of things, and thus allows you to engage other texts with greater sustain and keener acumen. There are other series of course, Cambridge has their wonderful, if frequently denser, Companion series, and Paul Strathern has made his career giving a similar gist in 90 minutes. I would say that the people at Totem have hit the so-called sweet spot with these though. Strathern is too often concerned with biographical detail for my tastes, and spends less time with the ideas themselves (though of course the life of a thinker is important to understanding them. Cambridge has wonderful guides, but even these may be a tad much for someone merely seeking to dip their toe in and take a look around. This is why I recommend this series. The graphic approach hopefully renders these concepts more accessible to a wider audience, and can indeed make what are often thought of as dull subjects, quite entertaining.

Used by my teen daughter for a high school class. She liked it. For your teen daughter. Empower her to think and be independent. This is a good start.

If you are looking for a quick and accessible read (the book is in comic book form), this is the book to teach you or others about feminism's history/key players. The book isn't overdone with theory or jargon--instead it allows the reader a basic understanding of the history of the movement and notable feminists. I would use this book for an Intro to Women's Studies Class in a heartbeat. Its style will also appeal to young adult readers since it is so unique and fun.

Good concept but not so good in execution. Tried to read in ebook format and graphics were impossible.

Its really a great book to get quick info on feminism, definitely recommend!

My friend gave me the e-copy of the book. I had a quick look as I am out dated and I do not like reading e copies. As I like reading hard copies raher than soft I decided to buy it. the book is so impressive as it winds up the history of feminism in a readiable, impressive way. I believe the book is an investment as I am highly interested in feminism. Note, the book is the gist of feminism not the detailed account. Helpful, for starters.

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