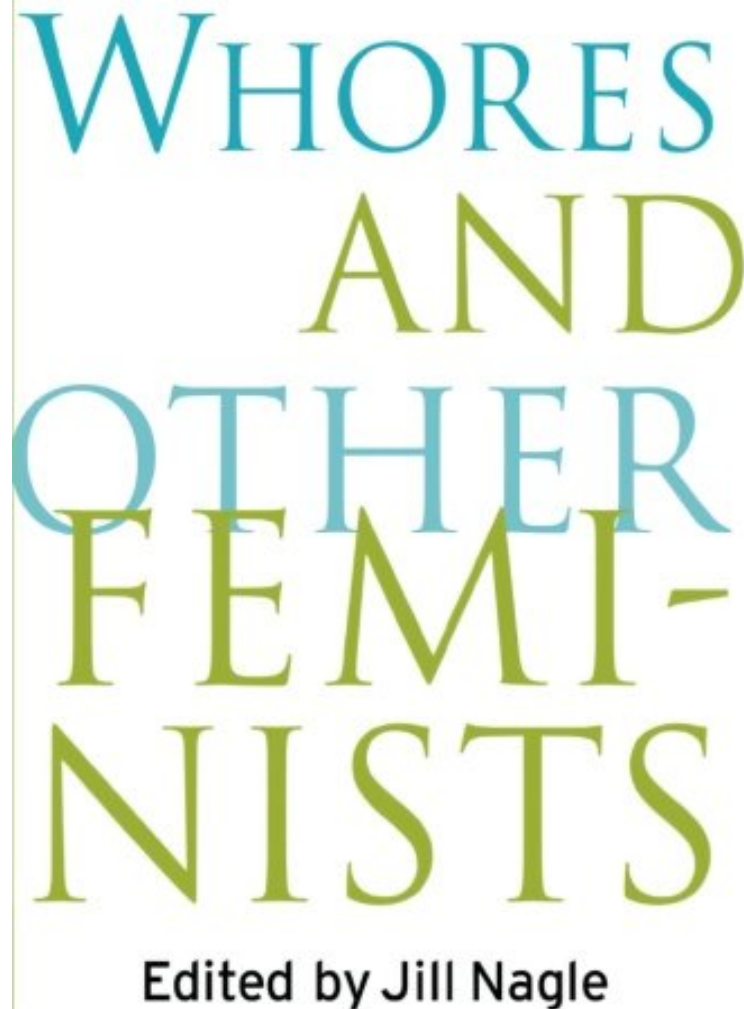


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28 of 32 people found the following review helpful. All Kinds of FeministsBy Christine BeattyAs a journalist from the San Francisco area who knows nearly half of this book's authors, as a lifelong feminist, and as a sexworker for over 20 years, my perspective is widely encompassing. This book expands the boundaries of feminism beyond the conservative boundaries of the women's movement of the Seventies. After decades of the bipolar assault on womens' sexuality, from Andrea Dworkin to Phyllis Schaffly -- two sides of the same conservative coin -- it is refreshing to see

a new generation of women not only claiming their own bodies but also taking charge of them. This book helps give them a voice. Certainly, there are sad cases in the adult industry, and perhaps some of them do end up in sexwork because of a difficult past, yet to suggest there would be few sexworkers if every woman in America were happy and well-adjusted is a fallacy in logic. I have personally known many brilliant, self-actualized women who have done and continue to do sexwork. You'll find some of them in the pages of this book. I can easily understand the negative reviews, however. Many Americans are so rooted in the Puritanical yet hedonist nature of our culture, there is a prevalent sexual ambivalence in our society: we're fascinated and titillated by sex, yet also afraid of it. We're simultaneously obsessed and fascinated with bodies (ours and others') yet also ashamed of them. Then there are the reviews clearly sent by female Rush Limbaugh "dittoheads" -- people who use the word "feminazi" with a straight face and secretly believe a woman is a second class citizen. Forgive them, Mother, they know not what they say. This is an excellent book on sexwork as the new radical, leading edge of feminism, and I highly recommend it to any woman (or man) with an open mind who isn't afraid to think for herself. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant. By La Milanese The first chapter will knock your socks off. Extremely well documented. A view of women that is eye opening. I was never into feminism or women's studies although both occurred in my youth. This changed how I view women, myself as a woman and our identities and bodies. I can't put make up on anymore without thinking why. Game changer 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. New Veiwpoint on Feminism By Audra This book brings an interesting new thought for feminism to the table. You may have thought completely different before reading this book and now you have an enlightened viewpoint of sex workers who enjoy their work. Definitely a well written book.

Whores and Other Feminists fleshes out feminist politics from the perspective of sex workers--strippers, prostitutes, porn writers, producers and performers, dominatrices--and their allies. Comprising a range of voices from both within and outside the academy, this collection draws from traditional feminisms, postmodern feminism, queer theory, and sex radicalism. It stretches the boundaries of contemporary feminism, holding accountable both traditional feminism for stigmatizing sex workers, and also the sex industry for its sexist practices.

.com Strippers, peepshow dancers, and porn stars trade spiked heels for footnotes while demonstrating their often overlooked ability to engage in scholarly discourse in this collection of essays focusing on the subject of feminism as practiced by those who call themselves "sex workers." Along with the first-person accounts by such underground luminaries as Nina Hartley, Tracy Quan, and Annie Sprinkle, are forays into the sex dens by a number of academics. The writing is frank, though hardly pornographic, and many of the points raised and discussed are treated with more seriousness and considerably more insight than they usually are in the mainstream press. "This book is provocative. The title shocks; the content stimulates. Feminism sorely needs exactly what is provided in this book." - "Journal of American and Comparative Cultures" "Nagle has definitely broken new ground and established one of many stances of 'third wave' feminism. "Whores and Other Feminists is fascinating and liberating." - "The Lesbian of Books, Spring 1999" "This book provides a welcome change from the more familiar puritanical version of feminism." - "In These Times