

Hot topics

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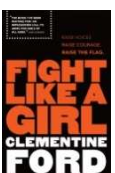
Damned whores and God's police: the colonisation of women in Australia by Anne Summers. New edition. Sydney: NewSouth Publishing, 2016. 305.42 SUM

"Sexual harassment, domestic violence and date rape had not been named although they certainly existed when *Damned whores and God's police* was first published in 1975 ... [They] are still with us and seem to be increasing. The fight is far from over." – Publisher website.



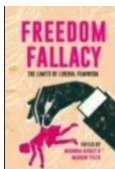
Destroying the joint: why women have to change the world edited by Jane Caro. St Lucia, Qld: University of Queensland Press, 2013. A820.8 DES

In September 2012, Alan Jones said: "'she [Gillard] said that we know societies only reach their full potential if women are politically participating. Women are destroying the joint – Christine Nixon in Melbourne, Clover Moore here. Honestly.' The twitterverse exploded with passionate, disbelieving and hilarious responses, and now here ... women reply." – Publisher website.



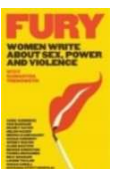
Fight like a girl by Clementine Ford. Crows Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin, 2016. 305.42 FOR

"Online sensation, fearless feminist heroine and scourge of trolls and misogynists everywhere, Clementine Ford is a beacon of hope and inspiration to thousands of Australian women and girls. Her incendiary debut *Fight like a girl* ... exposes just how unequal the world continues to be for women. Crucially, it is a call to arms for all women to rediscover the fury that has been suppressed by a society that still considers feminism a threat." – Back cover.



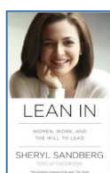
Freedom fallacy: the limits of liberal feminism edited by Miranda Kiraly & Meagan Tyler. Ballarat, Vic: Connor Court, 2015. 305.42 FRE

Contemporary feminism takes "on topics from pornography and prostitution to female genital mutilation, from women's magazines and marriage to sexual violence. Contributors in this collection argue that the kind of liberal feminism currently rising to prominence does little to challenge the status quo." – Publisher website.



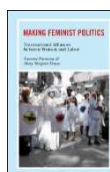
Fury: women write about sex, power and violence edited by Samantha Trenoweth. Richmond, Vic: Hardie Grant Books, 2015. 362.82 FUR

"In Australia violence against women is a silent epidemic ... [S]ome of Australia's best women writers stare straight into the face of the monster and plot its defeat." – Back cover.



Lean in: women work, and the will to lead by Sheryl Sandberg with Nell Scovell. London: WH Allen, 2013. 658.4 SAN

Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook, "examines why – despite the progress women have made – men still hold the vast majority of leadership positions in government and industry. She combines personal anecdotes, hard data, and compelling research to cut through the layers of ambiguity and bias surrounding the lives and choices of working women. She describes specific, practical steps women can take to combine professional achievement with personal fulfilment and demonstrates how men can benefit by supporting women in the workplace and at home. Written with both humour and wisdom, Sandberg's book is an inspiring call to action and a blueprint for individual growth." – Back cover.



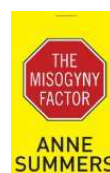
Making feminist politics: transnational alliances between women and labor by Suzanne Franzway and Mary Margaret Fonow. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2011. 331.478 FRA

"Situating specific case studies within broad feminist topics, Franzway and Fonow concentrate on union feminists mobilizing at multiple sites, issues of wage and equity, child care campaigns, work-life balance, and queer organizing, demonstrating how unions around the world are broadening their focuses from contractual details to empowerment and family and feminist issues." – Back cover.



Meanjin, Vol. 75 No. 3, Spring 2016. A828 MEA

This issue "looks at one of the great social changes of our time: the irresistible rise of the single woman. Not the marrying kind? You're not alone. As Lauren Rosewarne reports, more the 40 percent of Australian women between 25 and 64 are single. By choice? By design? By circumstance? For better? For worse? Lauren takes a deeply personal look at a phenomenon that is quietly reshaping our world." – Publisher website.



The misogyny factor by Anne Summers. Sydney: NewSouth Publishing, 2013. 305.4 SUM

"Summers makes the case that Australia, the land of the fair go, still hasn't figured out how to make equality between men and women work. She shows how uncomfortable we are with the idea of women with political and financial power, let alone the reality. Summers dismisses the idea that we should celebrate progress for women as opposed to outright success. She shows what success will look like." – Publisher website.



On gender, labor, and inequality by Ruth Milkman. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2016. 305.42 MIL

"Early chapters focus on her pioneering work on women's labor during the Great Depression and the World War II years. In the book's second half, Milkman turns to the past fifty years, a period that saw a dramatic decline in gender inequality even as growing class imbalances created greater-than-ever class disparity among women." – Publisher website.

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Speaking out: a 21st-century handbook for women & girls by Tara Moss. Sydney: HarperCollins, 2016. 808.51 MOS

"Tara Moss has spent 20 years in the public sphere and has had to face down nerves, critics and backlash, to emerge as a leader in speaking out. In this handbook she offers advice on preparation, speaking out and negotiating public spaces. With a special focus on public speaking, writing, social media and online safety, she offers tips on how to research, form arguments, find support and handle criticism. This is a guide for women young and old that not only helps them find their voice, but argues passionately for why it matters." – Back cover.



The stalking of Julia Gillard: how the media and Team Rudd contrived to bring down the prime minister by Kerry-Anne Walsh. Sydney: Allen & Unwin, 2013. 324.2 WAL

This book "focuses on Team Rudd and the media's treatment of its slow-death campaign of destabilisation, with its disastrous effect on Gillard and the government's functioning." – Back cover.



Stop fixing women: why building fairer workplaces is everyone's business by Catherine Fox. Coogee, NSW: NewSouth Publishing, 2017. 331.4 FOX

"This searing book argues that insisting that women fix themselves won't fix the system, the system built by men. Catherine Fox does more than identify and analyse the nature of the problem. Her book is an important tool for male leaders who say they want to make a difference." – Publisher website.



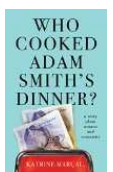
Unfinished business: sex, freedom and misogyny by Anna Goldsworthy. Quarterly essay 50, 2013.

"[A]n original look at role models and available options in the age of social media and sexual frankness. Goldsworthy finds that progress for women has provoked a backlash from some men, who wield misogyny as a weapon, whether in parliament, on talkback radio or as internet trolls." – Publisher website.



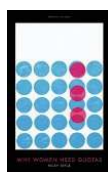
What works: gender equality by design by Iris Bohnet. Cambridge, Mass: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2016. 331.4 BOH

"[P]oints out dozens of evidence-based interventions that could be adopted right now and demonstrates how research is addressing gender bias, improving lives and performance." – Publisher website.



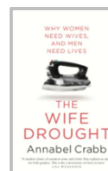
Who cooked Adam Smith's dinner?: a story about women and economics by Katrine Marçal. London: Portobello Books, 2015. 306.3 MAR

"Economics has told us a story about how the world works ... Now it's time to change the story. In this courageous look at the mess we're in, Katrine Marçal tackles the biggest myth of our time and invites us to kick out economic man once and for all." – Publisher website.



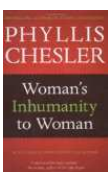
Why women need quotas by Vicky Pryce. London: Biteback Publishing, 2015. 331.1 PRY

"The USA has quotas for women in top jobs, so too do the Scandinavian nations. Britons hate the idea of positive discrimination – though that is what men have enjoyed for centuries. It's time to get tough, argues top economist Vicky Pryce." – Publisher website.



The wife drought by Annabel Crabb. North Sydney, NSW: Random House Australia, 2014. 306.8 CRA

"*The wife drought* is about women, men, family and work. Written in Annabel Crabb's inimitable style, it's full of candid and funny stories from the author's work in and around politics and the media, historical nuggets about the role of 'The Wife' in Australia." – Back cover.



Woman's inhumanity to woman by Phyllis Chesler. Chicago: Lawrence Hill Books, 2009. 305.42 CHE

"Women's aggression may not take the same form as men's, but girls and women are indeed aggressive, often indirectly and mainly toward one another. They judge harshly, hold grudges, gossip, exclude, and disconnect from other women ... Chesler urges us to look within, to treat other women realistically, ethically, and kindly, and to forge bold and compassionate alliances. This is a necessary next step for women, without which they will never be liberated." – Author website.



Women and power edited by Julianne Schultz. Griffith Review 40 (Winter 2013) 305.42 SCH

"In one generation, women have taken control of their economic fate, risen to the most powerful political positions in the land and climbed to the top of the corporate ladder. Yet a misogynist undercurrent persists." – Publisher website.



Women of steel: gender, jobs & justice at BHP by Carla Gorton & Pat Brewer. Ultimo, NSW: Resistance Books, 2015. 331.4 GOR

"*Women of steel* is the inspiring story of a landmark struggle in Australia's industrial and political history. In the 1980s, 34 mostly migrant, unemployed women took on Australia's biggest corporation, Broken Hill Propriety (BHP) in a David and Goliath struggle known as the 'Jobs for Women' campaign, and won." – Back cover.



Women workers and the trade unions by Sarah Boston. Revised Edition. London: Lawrence & Wishart, 2015. 331.478 BOS

"Sarah Boston recounts the story of women workers from the early nineteenth century to the present day: the struggles and strikes, successes and failures in their strenuous efforts to organise and win recognition from employers and male trade unionists." – Publisher website.

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