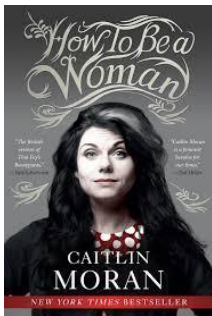


FEMINIST BOOKLIST (YEARS 10 – 13)

For anyone who wants a broader understanding of current feminist issues, knowledge on unfair stereotypes (or just stereotypes, really) and some reassurance that everyone feels just like you do!

Also you will laugh. A lot.

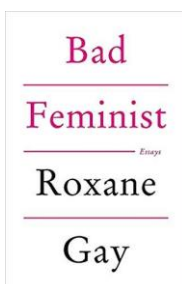
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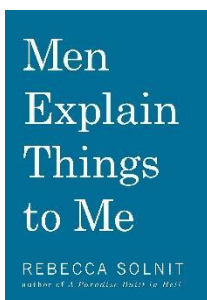
HOW TO BE A WOMAN: THIS is the Mother of Modern Feminism. Written by the ever-irreverent **Caitlin Moran**, this book basically covers feminist issues from 13 to 30 – many of which you won't have thought about, but absolutely will impact you. This sounds very scholarly. Thankfully, the book itself is not. It's just really funny, frequently laughing at the absurd things women (and men) feel they have to do. You will feel more confident in yourself and feminism after reading this book!



BECOMING – MICHELLE OBAMA: A bravely written, articulate memoir of one of the most powerful women in the world. Passionate, compassionate, joyful, brutal... This is Feminism - and women - at its most powerful.

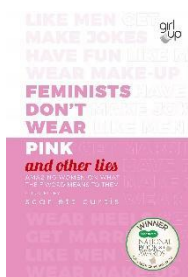


BAD FEMINIST – ROXANE GAY: Feminism can be HARD sometimes. You can love rap music, and still find the lyrics deeply misogynistic. You can want to be independent, and in control of your life... but also sometimes you just want to give up. This self-proclaimed “Bad Feminist” reassures you that ITS OK, you're OK and that being a bad feminist is better than no feminist at all.

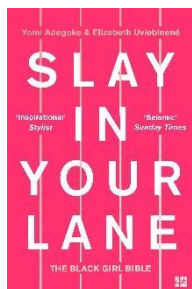


MEN EXPLAIN THINGS TO ME – REBECCA SOLNIT: A group of essays - or rants, depending on how you look at it - about assumptions, entitlement and underappreciated intelligence. Feminism is about gender equality, and sometimes you just can't let these things slide. Funny, intelligent and thought-provoking, Rebecca Solnit has coined the term “mansplaining” forever!

THE ANTHOLOGIES:



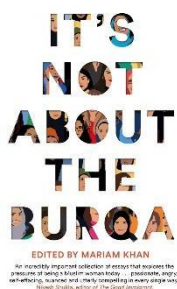
FEMINISTS DON'T WEAR PINK – SCARLETT CURTIS: A brilliant introduction to feminism for any teenager. With many famous, diverse entries, it's a very funny, highly relatable book which “dumbs down” modern feminism and refutes SO many misconceptions about it. And yet you will feel absolutely at home with these amazing women! If you liked it, there's also a free, accompanying podcast!



SLAY IN YOUR LANE – YOMI ADEGOKE, ELIZABETH UVIEBINENE: This is a brutally honest book, all about feminism from the perspective of the black women of Britain. Most people don't link racism and sexism, so black women often suffer twice. These two incredible women look at all the stereotypes, the double-standards, the ignorance that STILL places black women at a disadvantage, right at the heart of the UK. With inspiring entries from Malorie Blackman and Estelle, this is a must-have for any intersectional feminist!



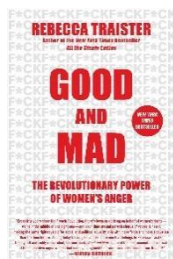
ITS NOT OK TO FEEL BLUE – SCARLETT CURTIS: Similar to her book on feminism, this tackles mental health from all fronts, with a diverse range of contributors to match. Gender is a prominent feature in this anthology, but more important is the positivity and progressive attitude towards mental health that everyone can relate to.



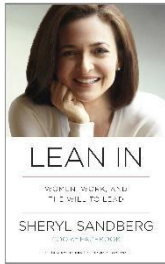
ITS NOT ABOUT THE BURQA – MARIAM KHAN:

When was the last time you heard a Muslim woman speak for herself, unfiltered? Mariam Khan explores the answer to this question, collecting the voices of seventeen feminist Muslim women. Discussing feminism, marriage, religion, divorce, sex, islamophobia and lazy stereotypes, this book is funny, angry, intelligent... It's really, really not about the burqa.

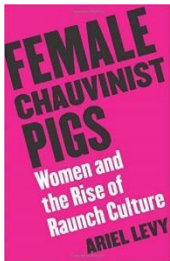
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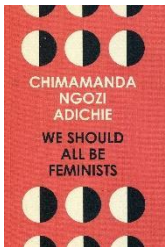
GOOD AND MAD – REBECCA TRAISTER: If you're interested in politics, in history, in seeing some MORE inspirational historical women than just Emmeline Pankhurst, this book is for you! Rebecca Traister looks at how women – specifically women's anger – has shaped and changed US politics today. She examines why Trump was elected over Clinton, how female anger becomes “hysterical” and why we feminism is STILL a political issue. Well-researched, funny, eloquently argued, intelligent... amazing!



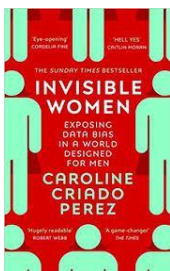
LEAN IN – SHERYL SANDBERG: I like to think of this one as “Applied Feminism” - basically how YOU can reach your full potential in whatever career or life you choose. How your own barriers and mental blocks handicap you just as much as external pressures. How to “juggle” a home and work life, and remained fulfilled by both or either, how to conquer the business world as an empowered, intelligent woman! This book promotes ambition, taking time for yourself, the myth of having it all... one of the best ways to prepare yourself for adulthood – and feminism!



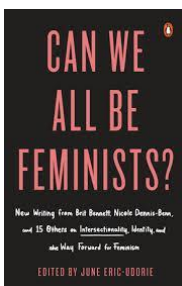
FEMALE CHAUVANIST PIGS – ARIEL LEVY: A really fascinating study into how women still perpetuate the patriarchy – often without realising they’re doing it. Identifying her thesis as Raunch Culture, Ariel Levy explores how women are defining “empowerment” and whether that is always the case. Angry, passionate, quick-witted and intelligent – a great one for the more cynical feminist!



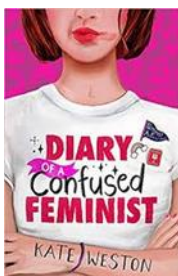
WE SHOULD ALL BE FEMINISTS – CHIMAMANDA NGOZIE ADICHIE: Based on her TEDtalk of the same name, this tackles the necessity of feminism for everyone – no matter your culture, gender or background. Witty, honest and intelligent, this is a brilliant introduction to modern feminism from an international treasure!



INVISIBLE WOMEN – CAROLINE CRIADO PEREZ: Don’t believe in feminism? This book systematically proves that gender bias – conscious and unconscious still exists today, and is prevalent in every sphere of dominance. Mathematical, well-researched, intelligent, this book leaves no room for doubt about the importance of feminism in 2020.

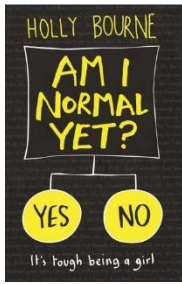


CAN WE ALL BE FEMINISTS – JUNE ERIC-UDORIE Intersectional Feminism is more important than ever in our modern, diverse Britain. This collection of feminists explore the issues, not just with the patriarchy, but within our current Feminism itself. Well-researched, brutal and thought-provoking, this one definitely deserves a top spot on your book list.:

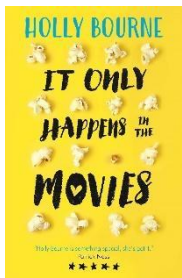


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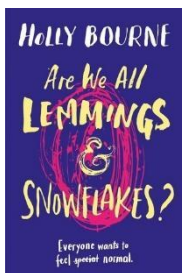
DIARY OF A CONFUSED FEMINIST – KATE WESTON: Fans of Holly Bourne’s original take on teen Feminism will love this furious novel. You have no excuse after reading THIS book - relatable, hilarious, well-written; why wouldn’t you want to join the Feminist Gang?



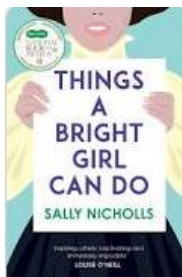
THE SPINSTER CLUB SERIES – HOLLY BOURNE: OK, have you ever thought that feminism is scary? Is separate? For adults, for unattractive, angry women? That its about the furthest thing from your teenage self. Holly Bourne is here to help! The Spinster Club are a group of girls, who do GCSEs, have family problems, mental health, crushes, awkward friends, stress... the whole package. And they also are Passionate Feminists. Eye-opening, hilarious, madcap and insightful, this series shows you exactly WHY you need feminism!



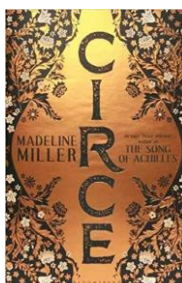
IT ONLY HAPPENS IN THE MOVIES – HOLLY BOURNE: Audrey loves films (who doesn't?) She works at the local cinema, loves drama, and for her media studies project, decides to focus on why "Movie-love" just isn't realistic. Why most Hollywood romantic gestures are classed as stalkerish behaviour. Why kissing a woman while she's angry isn't romantic – its sexual assault. Funny, eye-opening, relatable, you will ADORE watching Audrey make love work – even when its NOTHING like the movies...



ARE WE ALL LEMMINGS AND SNOWFLAKES? – HOLLY BOURNE: If you are passionate about mental health and kindness, and firmly convinced you're NOT normal, you will love Holly Bourne's latest YA book! Feminist, funny, life affirming, brutally honest... This is the most real account of being a teenager with mental health issues – and it's the least romanticised thing there is!



THINGS A BRIGHT GIRL CAN DO – SALLY NICHOLLS: When they say "close your eyes and picture a feminist" and you see a suffragette, do you also see a teenager? This book shows you exactly that – a team of fierce, intelligent, free-thinking individuals fighting for the vote – not just for us in the 21st century, but for their futures as well. Utterly readable, Sally Nicholls has crafted three honest, flawed characters that bring the historic fight for the vote to teens of today.



CIRCE – MADELEINE MILLER: Feminism isn't all 21st century realistic fiction. If you're a fan of the Ancient world and want to see some more women there, this is for you. Circe is a Greek goddess – and a witch, exiled to the island of Aiaia. This book exposes the misogyny of Greek mythology at its core, transforming the idyllic stories of Odysseus and Hermes into something far more brutal and real. Circe grows, changes, defies stereotypes and expectations, refuses to answer to any man – god or otherwise, and yet remains absolutely human throughout. What could be more feminist than that?