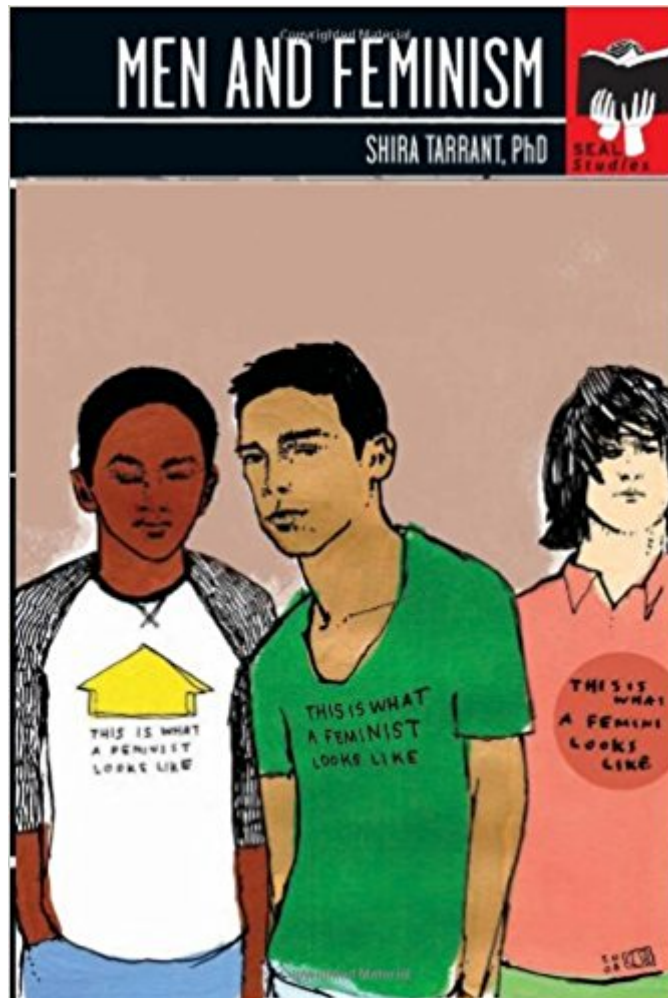




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There's no denying that men's involvement and interest in feminism is key to its continuing relevance and importance. Addressing the question of why men should care about feminism in the first place, *Men and Feminism* lays the foundation for a larger discussion about feminism as a human issue, not simply a women's issue. Men are crucial to the movement; as fathers, brothers, husbands, boyfriends, and friends. From "why" to "how" to "what can men do", *Men and Feminism* answers all the questions men have about how and why they should get behind feminism.

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Shira Tarrant aims to show once and for all that men can be feminists too... Kudos to the author for this blame-free book that encourages readers to embrace equality--and provides precise, simple steps to get [there]. --Bust Magazine[*Men and Feminism*] is brief, it's engaging, and it doesn't mince words in explaining exactly what feminism has to offer men, and why they should get behind it. --Bitch Magazine[*Men and Feminism*] is refreshingly...attentive to economic and political relations of injustice and structures of gender power... *Men and Feminism* raises the bar for well-intentioned men. --Michael Flood, *Men and Masculinities*Drawing from significant intersectional, antisexist, and antiracist theory, [*Men and Feminism*] is an informative introduction to feminism in general and to how men stand to gain from it in particular. --For Your Bookshelf, Association of American Colleges

and UniversitiesShira Tarrant isn't afraid to go into unexpected territory ... [This book] discusses the history of men in feminism, but also analyzes conversations about gender and masculinity while providing resources for men interested in feminist actions. --Allison McCarthy, *Womanist Musings*

Shira Tarrant, PhD is Associate Professor with the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department at California State University, Long Beach. Her books include *Men Speak Out: Views on Gender, Sex and Power* (Routledge), *When Sex Became Gender* (Routledge), *Men and Feminism* (Seal Press), and *Fashion Talks: Undressing the Power of Style* (SUNY Press).

As a male and professional firefighter working in a hyper masculine and sexist environment I found this book to be incredibly enlightening and encouraging as I work to embrace a healthier definition of masculinity and to fight the negative influences associated with my workplace and in broader culture as I build a better me. This book sparked immense interest in gender/social.cultural issues to which I was completely blind before. It led me to purchase and read *Men Speak Out* by Tarrant, *Macho Paradox* by Jackson Katz, *A Call To Action* by Jimmy Carter, and so much more material as I aimed to educate myself and realign my perspectives and behaviors. I gained valuable insight and perspective into the world of the women in my life. I have now embarked on a mission to do my part through self evaluation and peer education to fight sexism and be sure I am no longer part of the problems of our culture. I can say that for me this book served as a perfect introduction many important topics. I think especially for guys who align themselves with stereotypical definitions of masculinity, who are interested in being real men and creating a stronger and healthier self, and who want to work to build a better world for the women (mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, etc.) and men (fathers, brothers, sons, husbands) they love, this book is a must read. I purchased the book on kindle, liked it so much and felt it was so important to my own transformation and endeavors I bought a hard copy so that I can loan it to the important men in my life.

I read the entire book on an airplane. Draws on a lot of good examples, literature and exerts from history, culture and society. One of my favorite quotes in it is "...research on university campuses reveals that a lot of men privately disagree with sexism and misogyny, but far fewer are willing to come forward in public with their feminist, egalitarian opinions."I have often seen this in groups of men. This is a great book and easy to read.

Tarrant presents the complicated relationship between men and feminism in an excellent study. She

fights the stigma of feminism. Rather, She asks men to engage in healthier expressions of masculinity. She also calls for gender equality. She triggers masculine privilege, explains what it is, how it works, and what men can do to address it. She definitely aims at pro-feminist masculinity. Tarrant also gives due credit to men who are challenging the confines of traditional masculinity. this is so inspiring. the book is readable and engaging, as well as inspiring to both men and women. It is also thoroughly researched and informative. it is worth reding it.

Very informative about what feminism really is and how both men and women play a part in it.

Tarrant offers a critical look at the constructions of gender roles and the often-complicated relationship between men and feminism. To be clear, there is no vilifying of men, which some people (\*cough\* MRAs \*cough\*) tend to expect as soon as they even see the word "feminism". Rather, Tarrant examines alternatives for men to engage in healthier expressions of masculinity in ways that encourage gender equality. The problem that Tarrant focuses on is masculine privilege: what it is, how it works, and what men can do to address it. Her ambitious imagining of pro-feminist masculinity builds on the work of some of the prominent scholars and activists in the field, like Jackson Katz and Michael Kimmel. Considering historical and cultural context, Tarrant gives due credit to men who are challenging the confines of traditional masculinity. What I like best about Men and Feminism is that it is incredibly readable and engaging, thoroughly researched and informative without being overly didactic. Anecdotes and opinions from regular men and feminist allies are included throughout the book, a reminder that the voices of men are fundamental to this critical dialogue, as ultimately all the facts and theories are actually about men and women's real lives and experiences. This is an essential introduction to an important ongoing discussion within feminism. Interesting, insightful, and, most importantly, accessible, Men and Feminism is a must-read for academics, activists, feminists, and just about everyone else.

The book came in the condition I ordered it in, was purchased at a great price and shipped to my home before expected. I couldn't have asked for more. This book is a requirement for one of my courses in college, but I found after skimming that I can't peel my eyes away from the book. I'm glad it was a requirement and I doubt I'll be selling it back!

good price, fast response

I do not really like this book, though I am a feminist. It is kind of boring.

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