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Review

Millett's classic woke me up, changed my perception of women and myself, as it did for tens of thousands of American women when it first appeared.

(Leslie Crawford, "Kate Millett, the Ambivalent Feminist," *Salon*)

Sexual Politics dissected the beliefs, the cultural language, that supported sexual hierarchy. Millett's arguments cut through contemporary culture almost as surely as they did when written. In fact, it seems looking back to this old radicalism would help today's feminists to move forward.

(Katie Ryder, "Why Kate Millett Still Matters," *Bookforum*)

A passionate book by an acute literary analyst.

(*New Yorker*)

Supremely entertaining to read, brilliantly conceived, overwhelming in its arguments, breathtaking in its command of history and literature.

(*New York Times*)

A richly informative book.

(*Washington Post Book World*)

A well documented intellectual masterpiece.

(*Pittsburgh Press*)

[Millett] translates the war of the sexes from the language of nineteenth century bedroom farce into the raw images of guerilla warfare.... Even more than a political system, our sexual order is a 'habit of mind and a way of life.' Millett's book may go far toward subverting it.

(*Time*)

About the Author

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