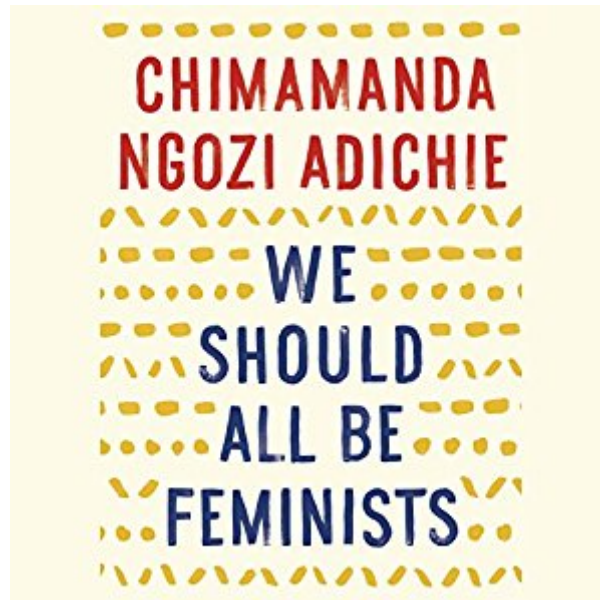




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# We Should All Be Feminists



## Synopsis

The highly acclaimed, provocative New York Times best seller - a personal, eloquently-argued essay, adapted from the much-admired TEDx talk of the same name - from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, award-winning author of *Americanah*. Here she offers listeners a unique definition of feminism for the 21st century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author's exploration of what it means to be a woman now - and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists.

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If you heard this speech, you found yourself just listening to stories, giggling a bit. Then you realized she taught you something or she said something you couldn't quite explain to others very well. She has made people deaf to anything but stereotypes about feminism sit up and pay attention and realize, "Wow this is mostly common sense" and "I see that all the time and I never thought about how that affects" us/them. She did all this while making people laugh at some of the more ridiculous indignities she and other women deal with day in and day out. Then she goes a little deeper. Then gets lighter again. She's simply an excellent teacher-speaker that happens to be a feminist.

Almost everything I know about Nigeria, I learned from wikipedia. Based on a Tedtalk, this essay expounds on feminism through anecdotes from Ms. Adichie's life in that country. She speaks of social slights experienced by most women at one time or another. I was very interested in the

author's perspective. In some countries, it's a feminist act for a woman to read a book, or to write one, or to want a college education, let alone actually go to university. Often, words like "feminism" and "feminist" are hurled at a woman in arguments or discussions, with a tone of condescension. This actually happened to the author as a teen. In the essay, she says, "It was not a compliment." Of course, in a diverse society not everyone wants to be a feminist. That's ok. And although I learned a little bit more about Nigeria from this essay, the author proposes how we can create gender equality. This essay will resonate with almost any woman, in almost any country.

This short book is most definitely worth the read. I related to many of the things the author wrote, in a more subtle tone than her own experiences and the experiences of the other women she mentioned. As is known by many people to be a feminist is not a bad thing. History shows us that the word "feminism" was demonized in order to suppress the strong ideals of women ahead of their time. If the title of this book turns you away from purchasing this book, I would like to say: give it a chance. It may surprise you to find out how feminism truly stands for "the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes", rather than the view that it stands for other negative misconceptions.

In this short book, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie makes the case for why we all should be feminists. As she provides examples of her own experiences as a woman, as well as those of other women, she challenges a reader to consider notions of gender and gender identity. The argument and rationale presented seem sound for the most part that I found myself agreeing with her. She does present some ideas that are questionable, however, but they are minor. For anyone questioning the validity of gender roles, I recommend this short read.

"We should all be Feminists" is inspiring. I was first introduced to this book by hearing the spoken word version in Beyonce's Song, "Flawless". Crucial Key points were made in this book. Women who live in a "Male Dominated World" have to work twice as hard to be considered "equal". We cannot continue to neglect Gender Inequality. Males and Females are different but why has society deemed females inadequate to Males? Why must certain limitations be set for females but not for males? After reading this book, I am more engaged and stronger with my femininity. I really enjoyed reading this book. I am unapologetically female and black and I thank Chimamanda for bringing "Feminism" to the forefront.

for daughter...she hates reading electronically. I had it in ebooks version. But this was cheap, came quickly and she's becoming a long activist. She wants me to read. Im drowning in textbooks so someday. She's fired up and passionate. I know this author to write beautifully.

This is a very brief essay and well worth reading. Nothing particularly new in here, but it is nicely stated and persuasive. It's interesting to see the Nigerian perspective on gender issues. One point that resonated with me: "Culture does not make people. People make culture. If it is true that the full humanity of women is not our culture, then we can and must make it our culture." Also: "Our society teaches a woman at a certain age who is unmarried to see it as a deep personal failure. While a man at a certain age who is unmarried has not quite come around to making his pick."

Absolutely fantastic book. I had seen a tedx talk presentation ("the Danger of a Single Story") and was immediately hooked; the way she presents her ideas is non judgmental with total clarity, light-hearted at times but with absolute importance. She's articulate and numerous, and the way that she presents the idea of feminism in this essay is something I believe everyone should read who harbors any sort of pre-conceived notion, or would just like an alternative explanation to the ideal. I was a little bummed when I realized how quick of a read it would be, but that just made it easier for me to pass along to others. I'm a huge fan!

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