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The Feminist Revolution offers an overview of women's struggle for equal rights in the late nineteenth century. Beginning with the auspicious founding of the National Organization for Women in 1966, at a time when women across the world were mobilizing individually and collectively in the fight to assert their independence and establish their rights in society, the book traces a path through history, presenting political campaigns, protests, the formation of women's publishing houses and groundbreaking magazines, and other events that shaped women's history. It examines women's determination to free themselves from definition by male culture, wanting not only to "take back the night" but also to reclaim their bodies, their minds, and their cultural identity. It demonstrates as well that the feminist revolution was enacted by women from all backgrounds, of every color, and of all ages and that it took place in the home, in workplaces, and on the streets of every major town and city. This sweeping overview of the key decades in the feminist revolution also brings together for the first time many of these women's own stories and unpublished images, which together offer tribute to the daring, humor, and creative spirit of its participants.

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Kristy says

Offers broad overview for those new to the topic, and want to understand the individual movements that made up a larger social change. Great design and visuals. I liked the way each chapter highlighted a different movement/issue, such as Chicana feminism, reproductive rights, etc. Firmly establishes an intersectional approach (thank you Roxanne Gay) and doesn't sugarcoat the shortcomings. Good for a friend who seeks a "101" explanation of the movement's origins in the 1960s-1980s.

Megan says

I thought the end section about where we go from here could've been longer; otherwise, very informative about the history and origins of the feminist revolution.

Melissa Smith says

This is a great historical account of Second Wave feminism . It doesn't just focus On US . It talks about Britain and Europe. It was a little long. It has a great intro by Roxane Gay .

Ryan Mishap says

In more than a few zines, social media posts, essays, and books written by younger folks, I've come across the idea that the Women's Liberation Movement of the sixties and seventies (commonly called the "second wave") was solely a white women's feminism that had nothing to do with the struggles of women of color or even queer and trans folks. Such an idea erases the real lives, actions, and movements of women of color who participated in the women's movement, took feminism as their own, and not only challenged white women, but worked with them also for liberation of everybody.

I think this massive volume can help clarify, inform, and illuminate the realities of the movement and show how the same conflicts existent today were argued back then--and maybe show how they were dealt with.

While mainly concerned with the U.S. and the U.K., there's a lot of material here to interest and send you off to find out more.

Highly recommended.
