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Men Speak Out is a collection of essays written by and about pro-feminist men. In the essays, which feature original, lively and accessible prose, anti-sexist men make sense of their gendered experiences in today's culture.

The authors tackle the issues of feminism, growing up male, recognizing masculine privilege, taking action to change the imbalance of power and privilege and the constraints that men experience in confronting sexism. They describe their successes and challenges in bucking patriarchal systems in a culture that can be unsupportive of - or downright hostile to - a pro-feminist perspective.

In these chapters, a diverse group of men reflect on growing up, share moments in their day-to-day lives, and pose serious questions about being a pro-feminist male living, working, thinking, and learning in a sexist society.

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ryo narasaki says

ewuare osayande is featured... should be an interesting read but won't be out until november 07.

AJ says

I read a lot of feminist books written by women, so it was interesting to get a male take on gender issues.

Jeff says

There is so much ground to cover regarding men and masculinity from a feminist perspective, and this book does a good job of covering much of that territory, with sincere insight from men about what it is like to live as a man while recognizing and learning about the complexities of gender and feminism.

Somer says

This book includes 39 essays written by men who identify themselves as feminists. They represent a wide range of masculine identities. The essays forced me to rethink the whole 'can-men-be-feminists?' debate.

Rants and Bants says

"...recognizing masculine privilege..."

So in other words, hating yourself.

Jarrahd says

Every once in a while I'm asked to recommend books or other resources for men who are new to feminism and want to learn more. I usually start with bell hooks' Feminism is for Everybody and follow up with Michael Kaufman and Michael Kimmel's more recent and more specific book, The Guy's Guide to Feminism. Now I have a new one to add to the list – one that really explores the diversity of issues and identities of male feminists and pro-feminists: Men Speak Out: Views on Gender, Sex, and Power.

The 2nd edition of Shira Tarrant's edited anthology contains 41 essays (11 new since the first edition) around six themes: Masculinity and Identity, The Politics of Sex and Love, Dealing with Violence and Abuse,

Masculinity at Work and Home, Men and Feminism, and Taking Action, Making Change. The insightful, personal pieces cover a range of topics within these themes, including masculinity in hip hop culture, teaching men about violence against women, sexual harassment in the U.S. Military, the problems with the “fathers’ rights” movement, and explorations of sexuality and gender identity.

It's hard to narrow it down, but if I had to pick my top three highlights of the book, they would be Amit Taneja's “From Oppressor to Activist: Reflections of a Feminist Journey”, which uses a series of narrative “snapshots” to explore the author's path to becoming a feminist as a gay, immigrant, person of colour; Jacob Anderson-Minshall on grappling with newfound privilege after transitioning from lesbian to straight white man; and C. Winter Han on fighting racism in the queer community and homophobia in anti-racist groups.

[Click here](#) for my full review as posted at my blog, gender-focus.com.

Sarah says

Overall, a very engaging collection of stories by and about men and feminism. Topics are vast, but include sex, pornography, male privilege, gay/bi, racism/POC, and masculinity.

Ebony says

hooray shira. this is an accessible, engaging, honest collection of men speaking about gender, sex, and power. they don't have all the answers but it was heart-warming to read about their commitment to ending violence again women. we need our allies.

Julia Lyon says

Very thought-provoking and it thoroughly explored many perspectives.
