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View the Author's website! Seely, the youngest elected president of California's chapter of the National Organization for Women, combines her own story of third-wave feminism with an overview of the feminist movement and words to guide others. Third-wave feminists are aware of both the victories won by earlier feminists and the problems of class, race, sexual orientation, and internationalism that must still be overcome. This book weaves a deep respect for the foremothers with commonsense discussion of current obstacles and suggestions for direct action, resulting in a work that reminds us of what too many activists forget-every progressive movement has a long history, few organizing tricks are new, and problems must be understood before they can be solved. Seely includes booklists, time lines, web sites, and how-to tips that will help readers over the bridge from her insights to real world activism. For midsize to larger public libraries, academic libraries, and all feminist collections.

--*Library Journal*

"Want to know what it means to be a feminist of the third wave? Megan Seely's **Fight Like a Girl** is the answer; there's enough information here to make you angry and enough resources to make you an effective activist.

--Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards, co-authors of *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future*

"Always engaging, interesting, and insightful. Fascinating and sure to engage many young women!"

--Sherrie A. Inness, editor of *Action Chicks*

"The resources, helpful hints about organizing and working with the press, the short bios of companies and fabulous feminists are great!"

--Caryn Aviv, co-editor of *American Queer, Then and Now*

Fight Like a Girl is packed with both information and inspiration for young women by a young woman who knows her stuff. It's a terrific practical feminist resource book with an optimistic attitude that says in clear language, "You're in charge of your life and here's how to stay that way."

--Gloria Feldt, former president, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and author of *The War on Choice: The Right-Wing Attack on Women's Rights and How to Fight Back*

Fight Like a Girl offers a fearless vision for the future of feminism. By boldly detailing what is at stake for women and girls today, Megan Seely outlines the necessary steps to achieve true political, social and economic equity for all. Reclaiming feminism for a new generation, **Fight Like a Girl** speaks to young women who embrace feminism in substance but not necessarily in name.

With an eye toward what it takes to create actual change, Seely offers a practical guide for how to get involved, take action and wage successful events and campaigns.

The book is full of valuable resources for novice and committed activists alike, including such features as "How to Write a Press Release," "Guidelines to a Good Media Interview," "A Feminist Shopping Guide," and a list of over 100 Fabulous Feminist Resources, including organizations, websites, and events to attend. Each chapter is full of ideas, both big and small, for ways to get involved, get active, and make a difference.

Exploring such issues as body image and self-acceptance, education and empowerment, health and sexuality,

political representation, economic justice, and violence against women, **Fight Like a Girl** looks at the challenges that women and girls face while emphasizing the strength that they independently, and collectively, embody. Seely delves into the politics of the feminist movement, exploring both women's history and current-day realities with easy-to-follow lists and timelines like those on "Women Who Made a Difference," "Chronology of the U.S. Women's Movement," and "Do's and Don'ts for Young Feminists."

A Third Wave manifesto as well as an introduction to feminism for a new generation, **Fight Like A Girl** is a powerful blueprint for young women today.

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Kathy says

Full of resources, background information, and actions you can take right now. The appendix is extremely helpful for anyone wanting to go head first into activism.

Laura says

A good primer in Feminism that does not run from critiques of the 2nd wave, queer or class issues.

Hanh Vo says

Awesome!

Mary says

Although a lot of this book reads as Feminism 101 ("really? there were WAVES?"), it's an incredibly thorough, incredibly current guide to feminism, and more importantly -- for me, anyway -- to activism on any front. It is absolutely packed with resources: organizations, projects, and companies every active feminist should know. as well as guides on everything from writing a press release, to giving a decent interview, to hosting a successful event (and more!). The idea that a book so packed with information is such a quick read thoroughly astounds me. Now, I just have to go back and follow up on the million bits of information I noted for further investigation. Well done, Megan Seely.

Cherie says

B- Most of the stuff I knew; she aimed it like she was teaching people how to be feminists but a lot of the stuff was WAY over their heads.

Amari says

Seely does an amazing job in telling the state of feminism today and where it has been. She does a terrific job of integrating second wave as well as third wave feminism and feminists into one writing that very much is a call to arms. Further, Seely is inclusive of transfolk and queerfolk as well. Yay for a well-written feminist writing that is inclusive- that understands the need for having EVERYONE sitting at the table.

Jessica Noonan shriver says

Great resource

Required reading for my women's studies course- fantastic overview of historic and current feminist issues and movements. I love the resources at the end of each chapter. I rented this book on my kindle but, as a mother of v two young women, I plan on purchasing a copy for OUR bookshelf.

Avory says

This is a great book for those who complain that third wave, "blog generation" feminists too often write books that don't really tell us how to *do* anything. Though feminists interested in taking a leadership role in activism might consult more in-depth, specific books on how to manage finances, grant-writing, working with the media, etc. etc., Seely provides a great overview of current feminist issues with some helpful action ideas to get young women started. Unlike some of the similar young feminist manuals out there, Seely manages to do several things at once, all pretty well. One, she highlights some of the issues of great concern to feminists today, such as sexual violence, education, human rights of women worldwide, and body image, while also focusing on an inclusive feminism that keeps the focus on intersectionalities. The little boxes with thoughts from young feminists of various ages, ethnic origins, races, and sexualities are particularly cool. Two, she provides interesting facts to go with her issue overviews, and cites well. Three, each chapter includes a bibliography (some books go with multiple chapters), web resources, and some action ideas, along with a spotlight on a particular feminist of note in that area. Some chapters also include suggested films. Four, in several places she provides a list of questions for thought, which I think are particularly helpful - geared, for example, at white women who are interested in combating racism or men who want to support the feminist cause. On some topics she also provides a list of quoted opinions from different young feminists. Five, there's a pretty decent resource section. I really like the guides to doing an interview or writing a press release, though as I said you might consult a more specific resource as well, and I like that she includes some cool products and organizations that take physical donations (like Dress for Success and Locks for Love). It's not as extensive as the list in the back of Cunt, but it'll get you started.

Monique says

This book blew me away. It really opened my eyes concerning topics like racism, society and independence. Even though the book focuses on the situation of feminism in the USA, the statistics and examples that were named, shocked and fascinated me. This was the first book I read about feminism and I can tell that I'll definitely read a lot more. Thanks to all of the book recommendations at the end of every chapter I'll have more than enough to choose from.

One reason why I like the book so much is, because it talks about so many different topics that are still connected somehow. The way Seely writes, in such a personal but scientific way, made it so easy to read it, even though I took forever to do so (thanks to school).

I also liked how it gives advice, such as taking action or where to inform about feminism. I already checked some of the websites out and I can tell, this advice on how/where to inform is a great advantage because most people read books like that and after finishing think: "So now I read it, but how can I take action?" Seely answers the question. She shows different opportunities to the reader. For example, she says that it already helps to talk about the topic of feminism to friends and family or colleagues to make people notice there is an issue that needs to be taken care of.

She also points out that feminism isn't something that was created out of boredom but out of the strength and bravery of ordinary women. She talks about the different waves of the feminist movement and characterizes every single one in a well written manner.

All in all, I can say that *Fight Like a Girl* by Megan Seely is a fascinating, well-informing guide for young girls that want to educate themselves more in the topic of feminism. It helps as a foundation concerning the topic of feminism and because of the numerous book recommendations makes sure that knowledge grows and one gets involved more and more because after all, every woman should want to be equal to men and treated that way, shouldn't be afraid to walk alone anywhere anytime and certainly should want to fight for it and therefore should be a feminist, even though not everybody declares herself as one. And every man should try to help women achieve this and not work against it to end the predominance of men and make women equal as well.

Holli Driver says

Great, empowering book with history and life lessons from the female point of view!
