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### Review

"Finally, an anthology that places the power and range of feminist theory in the context not just of the Western tradition but also the concerns of the Two thirds World. The essays in this collection, many of which stress the performative and normalizing function of language, invite us to mark what has gone before in the hope of moving forward into a new era of Feminist theorizing. Broad in scope and rich in information, it is the best guide available to the range and depth of Feminist theory." *Donn Welton, State University of New York at Stony Brook*

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From the Back Cover

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The advent and development of feminist philosophy is traced and contextualized by the editors' introduction, followed by essays that reflect both conventional philosophical divisions as well as a number of topics absent from mainstream philosophy, and including sections on Feminist Perspectives on the Western Canon, Theories of Subjectivity and Embodiment, Moral Theory, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Knowledge, Philosophy of Language, Aesthetics and Practical Concerns. A unique feature is the inclusion of a series of essays tracing the emergence of feminist philosophy in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. The single comprehensive bibliography provides a valuable guide to the burgeoning literature in the field.

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