

Accelerate Action

Celebrating International Women's Day

March 8th is International Women's Day. This year, our goal is to **Accelerate Action** for gender equality around the globe. We have selected a range of books that investigate feminism in all different perspectives, time periods, and formats, to show how the fight for gender equality has sustained throughout all forms of political government.

If you don't know where to start with reading feminist literature, we have short but powerful foundational texts on display, like **Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*** and **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *We Should All Be Feminists***.

Alternatively, we have a range novels that deal with themes of gender inequality, like the proto-feminist ***Herland* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman**, written in 1915 to **Dahlia de la Cerda's *Reservoir Bitches***, published in 2024 and recently shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2025.

Finally, feminism is nothing if not intersectional, and it is vital to consider it alongside struggles against racism and transphobia. **Sojourner Truth's *Ain't I a Woman?*** is a collection of speeches from African-American women throughout the twentieth century who fought against oppression and misogyny. We also have **Lola Olufemi's *Feminism, Interrupted: Disrupting Power***, which considers the fight for feminism alongside reproductive rights, transmisogyny, and Islamophobia, and other marginalised gendered communities.

