



TRIGGER WARNING

My Lesbian Feminist Life

Sheila Jeffreys

I am in the very fortunate position of having been able to contribute to two waves of feminism: The Women's Liberation Movement and the new wave that is taking place now.

Trigger Warning: My Lesbian Feminist Life is both an engaging autobiography and a fascinating account of feminist history. From the heady days of the Women's Liberation Movement through to the backlash against radical feminism as neoliberal laissez-faire attitudes took hold. Fast forward to the current re-examination of feminism in light of the #MeToo movement and an emerging new wave of radical feminism.

Sheila Jeffreys' bold account makes it clear that the feminism and lesbianism she has championed for decades is needed more than ever. With honesty and frankness, she tells of victories and setbacks in her unrelenting commitment to women's freedom from men's violence, especially the violence inherent in pornography and prostitution. We also learn what her steadfastness has cost her in terms of personal and professional rewards.

Trigger Warning places radical feminism within a cultural, social and intellectual context while also taking us on a personal journey. Sheila Jeffreys has tirelessly crossed the globe to advance radical feminist theory and practice and we are invited to share in the intellectual and political crossroads she has encountered during her life.

Accessible yet detailed and rigorous, this landmark volume is essential reading for everyone who has ever wondered what radical feminism really is.

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About the author

Sheila Jeffreys is a radical feminist activist who has worked mainly against male violence and for lesbian feminism. She joined her first Women's Liberation Movement group in the UK in 1973 and became a lesbian in 1977. In 1991, she moved to Australia to teach at the University of Melbourne, and retired back to the UK in 2015. She is the author of ten books on issues such as the history of sexuality, lesbian feminism, prostitution, gay men's politics, beauty practices, the threat of patriarchal religion to women's rights, and the politics of transgenderism. Her most recent book is *The Lesbian Revolution: Lesbian Feminism in the UK 1970–1990* (2018).

“Written in clear and trenchant prose with a decent dose of the author's great sense of irony, Sheila Jeffreys' Trigger Warning is an autobiography of intellectual honesty and political courage. Reading this book provides a whole education in lesbian feminism through the eyes and life of one of our leading scholar-activists.”

—Janice G. Raymond, author of *A Passion for Friends, Women as Wombs and Not a Choice, Not a Job*