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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

A personal essay adapted from the writer's TEDx talk of the same name. Adichie, celebrated author of the acclaimed *Americanah* (Knopf, 2013), offers a more inclusive definition of feminism, one that strives to highlight and embrace a wide range of people and experiences. Drawing on anecdotes from her adolescence and adult life, Adichie attempts to strike down stereotypes and unpack the baggage usually associated with the term. She argues that an emphasis on feminism is necessary because to focus only on the general "human rights" is "to deny the specific and particular problem of gender. It would be a way of pretending that it was not women who have, for centuries, been excluded." Her focus on women of color is also an aspect of the movement that hasn't always been given its due, and Adichie works in her own experience and life as a feminist within a more conservative Nigerian culture in an organic and eye-opening way. She also points to examples in Nigeria that are unfortunately universal: a young woman who is gang-raped at a university and is then vilified and blamed for the crime, which, unfortunately, happens often in the United States. Injustices such as these, she posits, are reasons enough to be angry and outspoken. The humorous and insightful tone will engage teens and give them an accessible entry point into gender studies. This title would also work well as a discussion starter in debate and speech classes. **VERDICT** An eloquent, stirring must-read for budding and reluctant feminists.—Shelley Diaz, School Library Journal

Review

"Nuanced and rousing." —*Vogue*

"Adichie is so smart about so many things." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

About the Author

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the author of award-winning and bestselling novels, including *Americanah* and *Half of a Yellow Sun*, and the short story collection *The Thing Around Your Neck*. A recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, she divides her time between the United States and Nigeria.

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