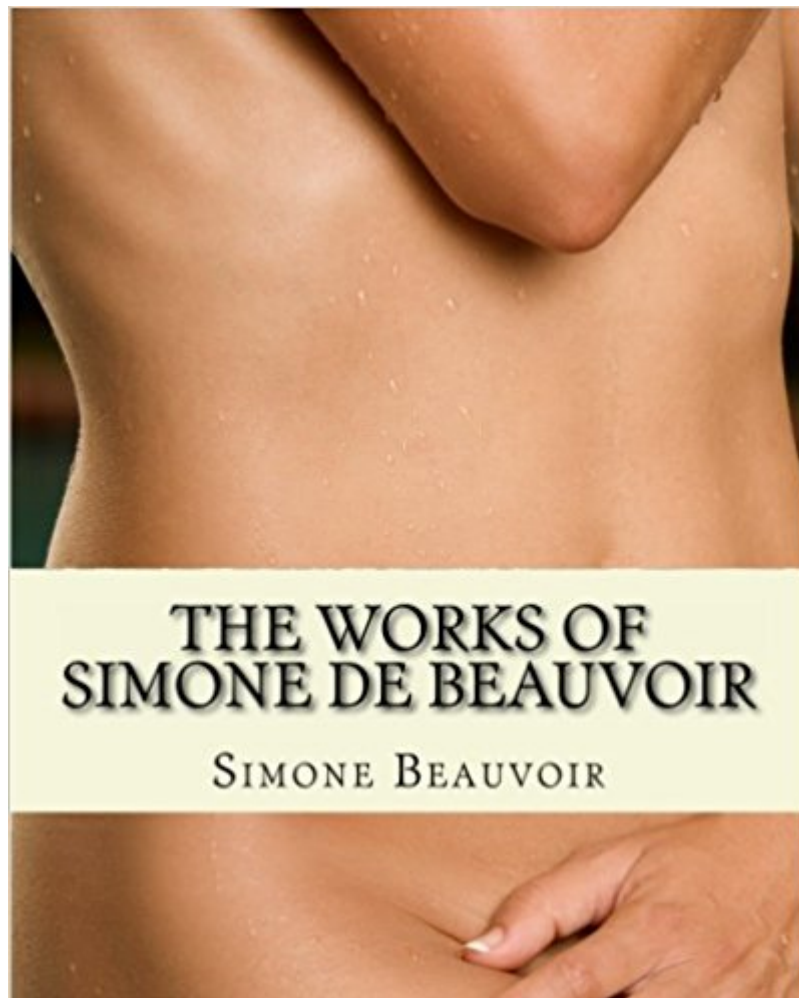




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The Works Of Simone De Beauvoir: The Second Sex And The Ethics Of Ambiguity



Synopsis

This collection of classic titles by Beauvoir her most well know writings, The Second Sex and The Ethics Of Ambiguity as well as a biography of her life and a rare interview on her book The Second Sex. French writer and feminist, and Existentialist. She is known primarily for her treatise The Second Sex (1949), a scholarly and passionate plea for the abolition of what she called the myth of the "eternal feminine." It became a classic of feminist literature during the 1960s. Her novels expounded the major Existential themes, demonstrating her conception of the writer's commitment to the times. She Came To Stay (1943) treats the difficult problem of the relationship of a conscience to "the other." Of her other works of fiction, perhaps the best known is The Mandarins (1954), a chronicle of the attempts of post-World War II intellectuals to leave their "mandarin" (educated elite) status and engage in political activism. She also wrote four books of philosophy, including The Ethics of Ambiguity (1947). Several volumes of her work are devoted to autobiography which constitute a telling portrait of French intellectual life from the 1930s to the 1970s. In addition to treating feminist issues, de Beauvoir was concerned with the issue of aging, which she addressed in A Very Easy Death (1964), on her mother's death in a hospital. In 1981 she wrote A Farewell to Sartre, a painful account of Sartre's last years. Simone de Beauvoir revealed herself as a woman of formidable courage and integrity, whose life supported her thesis: the basic options of an individual must be made on the premises of an equal vocation for man and woman founded on a common structure of their being, independent of their sexuality. Table of Contents: The Second Sex, On the publication of The Second Sex, interview The Ethics of Ambiguity, Biography

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There is nothing wrong with the book except that there is so little of it. In particular it is not all of The second sex.

I was looking for the full text of both works (the Second Sex and the Ethics of Ambiguity). This volume contains only portions of each, which is not obvious from the product description. I will be returning it.

English isn't even my first language, but the grammar errors are, at times, very irritating. Otherwise, for this price, absolutely worth it.

It's better to have several works together, so you can stay in the line of the author's redaction style. The second sex should be read by everyone who wants to state something about or regarding feminism.

The Second Sex book comprises: book one which it have three parts each part have several chapters. Then there is a second book that have four parts with its chapters. (If you buy a hard copy it will all come in one book that includes around seven hundred pages)"The works of Simone de Beauvoir" only have one of the parts of the first book and the conclusion.NO where in the description this was clarify. I bought this version intending to get the entire The Second Sex book. Three chapters and the conclusion does not mean is the entire book which in reality have 25 chapters!!!What a scam!!! It made waste time because I knew it was longer and I had to go and look in a hard copy to see why this one was so short.

This is a silly piece of junk, a truncated version of a 700+ page masterwork, not even an abridged version of the works, but a careless selection of a few pages here and there. The come-on cover is the additional insult and has little to do with Beauvoir's text . I returned my version for a refund and don't recall the particulars but I believe there are no attributions, no index, just some "stuff" thoughtlessly culled.

Someone has taken Simone de Beauvoir's work and self-published it as an "original" translation. It's a mess. Sloppily and unprofessionally put together (no page numbers on the table of contents). There's no way this thin volume contains the entire text of *The Second Sex*, though I couldn't wade through it enough to figure out what was missing. Even the blurbs on the back look like they might be fake. Why would someone do this?

These are not her complete works AT ALL. Her last name isn't even spelt right on the cover. What is this thing?

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