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Review

"As a third-wave Generation Y feminist, Rosewarne (Centre for Public Policy, U. of Melbourne) explores the disconnect between many women's feminist values and their handling of infidelity in intimate relationships. Drawing on the gender equality agenda, pop culture representations, and her own experience as the other woman, she argues that infidelity is a political as well as personal matter, not just a heterosexual problem as the 'feminist academy' views it, in presenting an analysis of the participation of the male betrayer, the female betrayed, and the female affair partner. The volume includes media references as well as a print bibliography." - **Reference & Research Book News**

". . . a deeply personal, deeply political look at the issue of feminism in heteronormative relationships, sprinkled with pop culture and media references . . . a celebration of intelligent reflection on 'ouchie' relationships. . . The Third Wave of feminism sometimes wanders away from the simple idea that the Personal is Political, but that fact is highlighted in this book as a personal story is explored through the idea of cultural and feminist politics. It's a writing that took some courage: the courage to expose not only her complicit role in infidelity against another woman, but also her deep feelings of betrayal and pain over this lover and to also turn a mirror on the sides of herself she may not be as proud of. This is the kind of honest struggle and self reflection that we all must do in order to collectively birth the next wave of feminism, the wave that will go beyond the external politics and change the way women deal with one another and what they are willing to accept from men, society, and themselves." - **MP: An Online Feminist Journal**

"*Cheating on the Sisterhood* is an enjoyable read, a feat for an academic text. . . . Rosewarne's dry humor and well-constructed arguments--and, of course, the juicy details of her own affair--keep the book flowing seamlessly between the academic and the personal." - **Bitch**

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"Lauren Rosewarne brings together impeccable intellectual skills, astute attention to popular culture and nervy self-revelation as she attempts to understand her experiences with infidelity and sexual love. *Cheating on the Sisterhood* is an important and engaging work and one that will inspire a good deal of reflection, and, undoubtedly, varying reactions of empathy, scorn, identification and outrage as it continues the ongoing feminist conversation about the fraught and meaningful connections between the personal and the political." (Jane Caputi
Prof., Florida Atlantic University)

"Rosewarne's *Cheating on the Sisterhood: Infidelity and Feminism* is a lucid, complex and nuanced analysis, from a feminist perspective, of a certain kind of infidelity, that of a single woman with a man whose permanent commitment is to another woman. The autobiographical moments in the text serve to lend it depth, richness and immediacy." (Sandra Bartky
Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago)

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