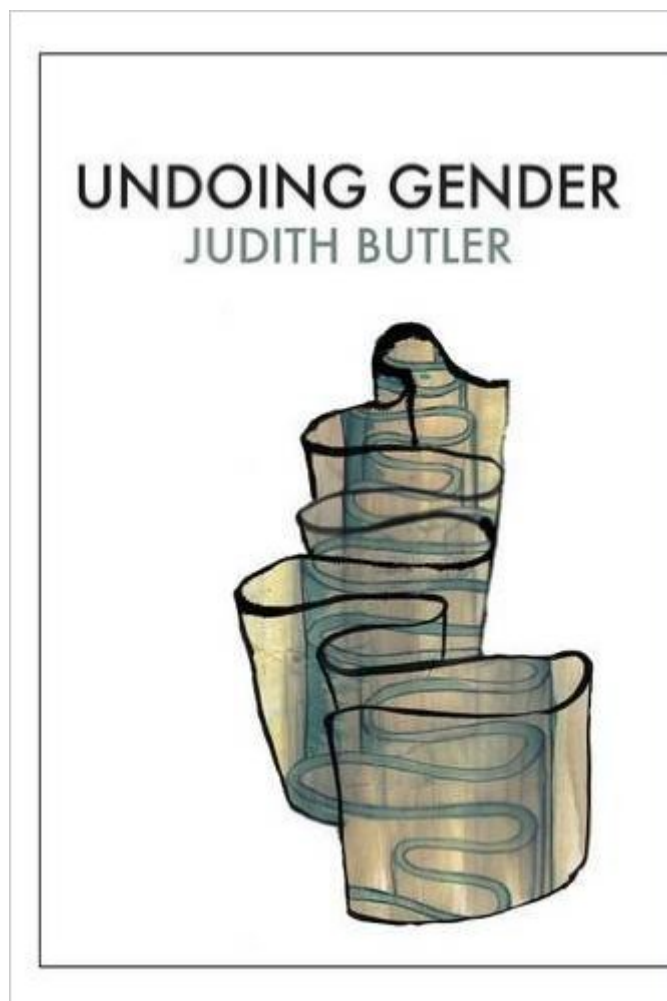


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# Undoing Gender



## Synopsis

Undoing Gender constitutes Judith Butler's recent reflections on gender and sexuality, focusing on new kinship, psychoanalysis and the incest taboo, transgender, intersex, diagnostic categories, social violence, and the tasks of social transformation. In terms that draw from feminist and queer theory, Butler considers the norms that govern--and fail to govern--gender and sexuality as they relate to the constraints on recognizable personhood. The book constitutes a reconsideration of her earlier view on gender performativity from Gender Trouble. In this work, the critique of gender norms is clearly situated within the framework of human persistence and survival. And to "do" one's gender in certain ways sometimes implies "undoing" dominant notions of personhood. She writes about the "New Gender Politics" that has emerged in recent years, a combination of movements concerned with transgender, transsexuality, intersex, and their complex relations to feminist and queer theory.

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## Customer Reviews

Judith Butler is Maxine Elliot Professor in the Departments of Rhetoric and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Berkeley. Among her books are Gender Trouble, Bodies That Matter, and Excitable Speech, all published by Routledge.

I used this book for a theory presentation. It was absolutely awesome! Judith Butler's argument is strong. Although, some of the arguments were a bit difficult to pick apart, Butler unwinds the gender stereotypes perfectly.

A really great book regarding moving past gender stereotyping (and so much more).

Difficult to read at first. Then, I read a lot of writings of transgender people and caught onto the world view and the vocabulary to go along with it, and it got easier to read. I personally found her analysis of gender to be shallow, but since she speaks for many people in the transgender movement, it is an important book to be aware of.

Revelatory work of philosophy. A must-read for any post-modernist.

This is a highly readable bunch of essays illustrating Butler's thought. It's a great introduction to her for laymen that do not necessarily read technical jargon (scholareze) easily.

Some of Butler's best writing

Very interesting book! Judith Butler's philosophical style her work are fascinating.

Wonderful book. Marvelous reflection. Even if you don't agree with everything it inspires you to push your critical reasoning behind the usual limits.

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