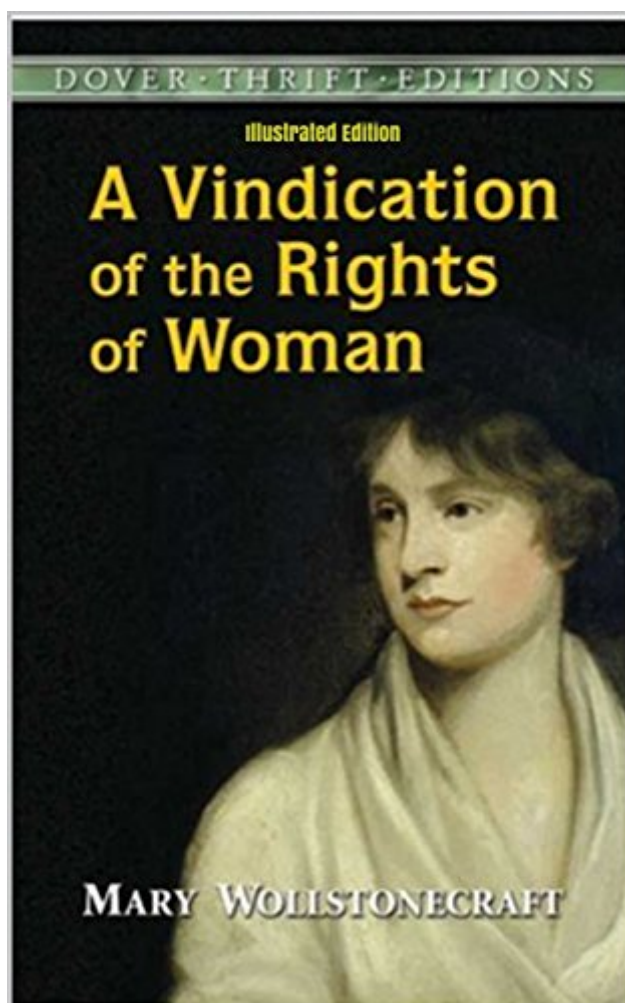


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The conduct and manners of women, in fact, evidently prove, that their minds are not in a healthy state; for, like the flowers that are planted in too rich a soil, strength and usefulness are sacrificed to beauty; and the flaunting leaves, after having pleased a fastidious eye, fade, disregarded on the stalk, long before the season when they ought to have arrived at maturity. One cause of this barren blooming I attribute to a false system of education, gathered from the books written on this subject by men, who, considering females rather as women than human creatures, have been more anxious to make them alluring mistresses than rational wives; and the understanding of the sex has been so bubbled by this specious homage, that the civilized women of the present century, with a few exceptions, are only anxious to inspire love, when they ought to cherish a nobler ambition, and by their abilities and virtues exact respect.

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This book was mentioned in *Founding Mothers*, by Cokie Roberts, as an essential piece of writing

from the mid 1700s. So I tried to read it. It is a long and rambling diatribe against the fact that women of the time, or at least the upper class ones, were valued not for themselves, their ideas or their common sense, but as decorative and submissive male appendages, forever prevented from attaining their true potential (and values more for youth and beauty than more lasting assets). Oddly, the impression from reading "Founding Mothers" mothers, about the women behind the men who broke from England to form the United States, was of an intrepid and capable bunch of women, quite unlike the most of the 'ladies/women' portrayed in this famous early-feminist lecture.

Great purchase.

Don't buy this product. The pages are all out of order.

I was happy to add Wollstonecraft's comprehensive book on the status of women in 18th century England to my new Kindle Library. The forceful articulation on the treatment of women and the need for change is one of the most in-depth expressions of the role of women in society and in the home that exist in the English language. Some of her analyses are surprisingly adaptable to current affairs in the United States, particularly as the trend to push women back into the home and preventing them from control over their own bodies takes hold. It is the type of book that you pick up again and again and I thank Kindle for making it available.

Dang! The style of writing in this book just about puts me into a daze! It is difficult to follow because of its circuitous logic and explanations of so-called vindication. While Mary Wollstonecraft had some very good points, she could have stated each one much more succinctly without bowing down to the logic given for the opposite viewpoints. While it was interesting, it would not be something to which I would willingly refer a reader.

The 18th century English and unconventional sentence construction and writing style can be a bit heavy. However, the fact that Wollstonecraft penned down these ideas at a time when they were still burning women alive for witchcraft in some parts, puts her eons ahead of her time. An inspiring read. I can see why this book has been hailed as the keystone of modern feminism.

This was a good read about the educational rights of women. I will keep this in my library for further reference

A must for every feminist she puts Edmond Burke in his place by speaking to the need for a educated and free populace

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