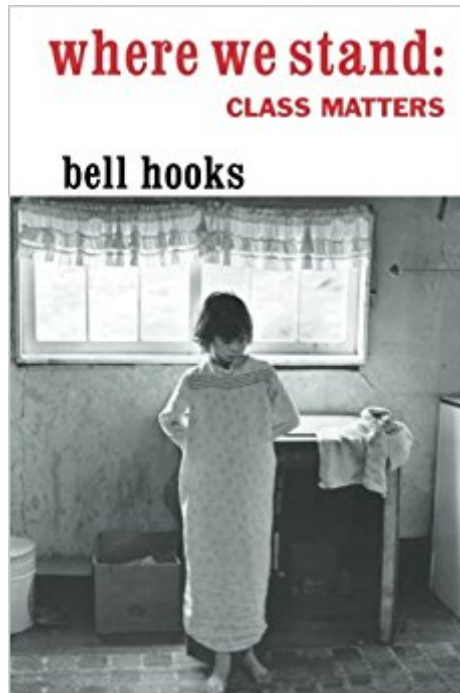




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# Where We Stand: Class Matters



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Drawing on both her roots in Kentucky and her adventures with Manhattan Coop boards, *Where We Stand* is a successful black woman's reflection--personal, straight forward, and rigorously honest--on how our dilemmas of class and race are intertwined, and how we can find ways to think beyond them.

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OMG, how many times have I recommended this book to readers across ages- which is saying a lot for a university lecturer. I find bell hooks' writing to be refreshingly frank, but also instructive- she'll make you want to write AND her writing an improve YOURS. This was also the last book that I read with my grandmother- a woman a generation older, and from even deeper south than hooks. Granny said THIS book was spot on- validating even.

a short, simple read for those not into heavy feminist theory. but bell hooks always delivers!

I cannot even begin to relay how much I learned from this text. It contains a deep explanation of class, marginal societies and the reasons why class matters in our society. I purchased this for school, but it is interesting enough and has enough valid research, that it can be read and enjoyed otherwise. A sure thing no matter what your class.

A++

Important reframing of racism as also being very much about classism. Still a great book

Very good book, I read it in a college course. I have since purchased more because I enjoy her writing so much

I finally decided to come to terms with how class affects the decisions I make and that people make on my behalf. bell hooks is a rigorous thinker who questions assumptions, especially her own. I liked the blend of experience and academic evidence she uses in the essays. Thinking about class raises a lot of emotion, especially shame, and having an intellectual basis for processing it helps. An excellent place to start.

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