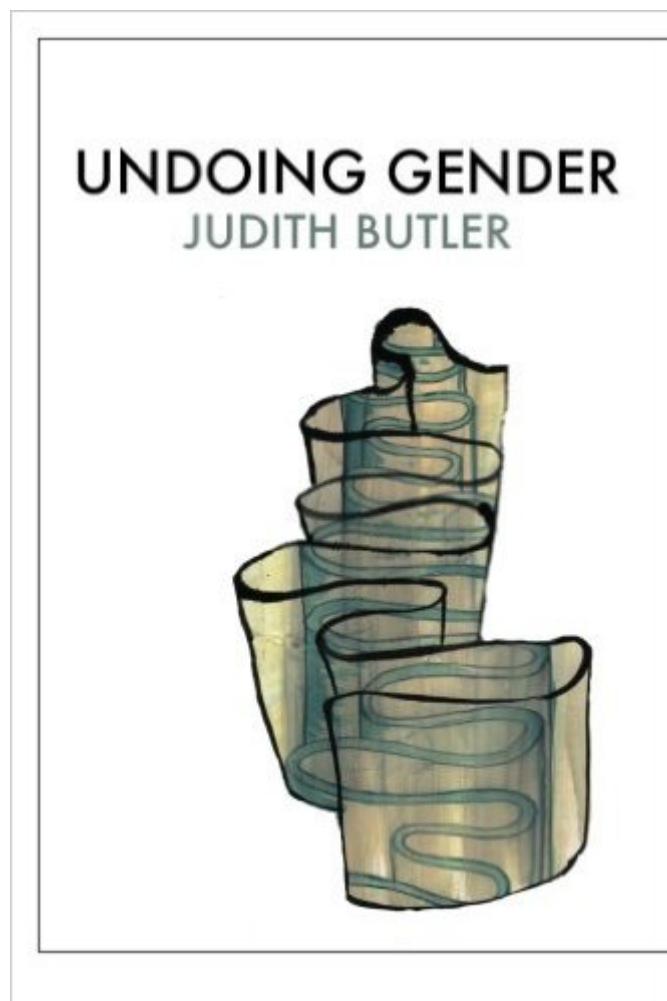


The book was found

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.

Book Information

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Routledge (August 19, 2004)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0415969239

ISBN-13: 978-0415969239

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (15 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #70,501 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #14 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Movements & Periods > Feminist #36 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Women's Studies > Women Writers #104 inÂ Books > Textbooks > Social Sciences > Gender Studies

Customer Reviews

"Undoing Gender" is a dense and scholarly tome which demands careful consideration and perhaps repeated readings to fully appreciate. I would give it five stars but for Chapter Three where I found Professor Butler's focus on the David Reimer case a somewhat superficial rehash of what has already been written, lacking in the critical analysis Butler uses to excellent effect elsewhere throughout her work. On the famous case of David Reimer, whose penis was burned completely off during a botched circumcision when he was eight months old, Professor Butler writes: "David was born with XY chromosomes and at the age of eight months, his penis was accidentally burned and

severed in the course of a surgical operation to rectify phimosis, a condition in which the foreskin thwarts urination. This is a relatively risk-free procedure but the doctor who performed it on David was using a new machine, apparently one that he hadn't used before, one that his colleagues declared was unnecessary for the job."Judith Butler reports elements of David's tragic story, complete with the errors and embellishments so often repeated.Phimosis is a condition of tightness of the foreskin preventing retraction over the glans, but it does not prevent or thwart urination. Phimosis is a natural condition of the developing infant penis, in many cases retraction of the foreskin is not possible until well into childhood or later. Jean-Marie Huot, the so-called doctor who destroyed David's penis, diagnosed both David and his twin brother Brian with phimosis, though after the accident with David, Brian was left genetically intact and his condition of phimosis cleared up naturally as it does with almost all intact males, showing the error of Hout's "diagnosis" and "treatment.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Undoing Gender Undoing Depression: What Therapy Doesn't Teach You and Medication Can't Give You Undoing Border Imperialism (Anarchist Interventions) The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher: A Shocking Murder and the Undoing of a Great Victorian Detective The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher: Murder and the Undoing of a Great Victorian Detective The Undoing: The uncertain nights of the Peterson children Take Me To Truth: Undoing The Ego Community Activism and Feminist Politics: Organizing Across Race, Class, and Gender (Perspectives on Gender) Gender Selection: The Complete Guide: Choose the Sex of Your Baby with Easy and Proven Natural Methods (Gender Selection Methods) Gilbert and Sullivan: Gender, Genre, Parody (Gender and Culture Series) Gender Swapped by the Game (Gender Swap, Virtual Reality, Erotica) (EroticRPG Book 1) Gender Rift (Gender Transformation Erotica) My New Gender Workbook: A Step-by-Step Guide to Achieving World Peace Through Gender Anarchy and Sex Positivity Re-Visioning Family Therapy, Second Edition: Race, Culture, and Gender in Clinical Practice (Revisioning Family Therapy: Race, Culture, & Gender in) The Gender Creative Child: Pathways for Nurturing and Supporting Children Who Live Outside Gender Boxes Beyond Barbie and Mortal Kombat: New Perspectives on Gender and Gaming (MIT Press) Interpreting Judean Pillar Figurines: Gender and Empire in Judean Apotropaic Ritual (Forschungen Zum Alten Testament 2.Reihe) Baby's First Year Gender Neutral Pocketful of Memories Caribbean Pleasure Industry: Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic (Worlds of Desire: The Chicago Series on Sexuality, Gender, and Culture) Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940

[Dmca](#)