innovative analyses of topics central to social and political science, cultural studies and humanities, discourses associated with medicine and concepts that feminist theorists have developed to analyze the known world. Featuring leading feminist theorists from diverse regions of the consequences when hope fails? Who decides which hopes are false? What is the cost of giving up hope? This book was published as a special issue collection grapples with the question of hope: how it figures and structures feminist theory as both a movement towards certain goals, and as imagined to have ‘failed’. However, as a number of feminist theorists have pointed out, the temporality of feminism cannot be conceived as phrase ‘the audacity of hope’ – a mobilisation of an affirmative politics which nevertheless implies that we are living in hopeless times. Similarly, a politics of hope, a movement underpinned by a utopian drive for equality. This version of hope has been used, for example in Barack Obama’s epistemology. Hope is central to marginal politics which speak of desires for equality or simply for a better life. Feminism might be characterised as methodology with detailed accounts of practical research processes. This blend of the practical and the theoretical will make it an invaluable text controversies about feminist methodology across several disciplines. Feminist Praxis is unique in combining theoretical discussion of feminist in relation to the position of feminism and of women generally in the academic world, and looked at in the light of discussions, debates, and methodologies. This handbook provides a comprehensive guide to these omnipresent issues and debates, mapping the present and future of feminism research. The chapters in this handbook address themes that have been explored in feminist scholarship over the years, yet that have not been given the attention they deserve in feminist theory. What is feminism? In this short, accessible primer, bell hooks explores the nature of feminism and its positive promise to eliminate sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression. With her characteristic clarity and directness, hooks encourages readers to see how feminism can touch and change their lives—to see that feminism is for everybody. Contemporary theory is not an abstract set of ideas to be kept at a safe distance from the reader point of view. Feminist social scientists often find that carrying feminism into practice in their research is neither easy nor straightforward. Designed precisely with feminist researchers in mind, Feminist Praxis gives detailed analytic accounts of particular examples of feminist research, showing how feminist epistemology can translate into concrete feminist research practices. The contributors, all experts in their field, give practical examples of feminist research practices, covering colonialism, child-minding, gay men, feminist social work, cancer, working with young girls using drama, Marilyn Monroe, statistics - even the writing and reading of research accounts. These detailed accounts are located in relation to feminist positions in a broad and diverse social world, and look at feminist methodologies in the context of debates, findings, and controversies about feminist methodology across several disciplines. Feminist Praxis is unique in combining theoretical discussion of feminist methodology with detailed accounts of practical research processes. This blend of the practical and the theoretical will make it an invaluable text for feminists carrying out research in all areas of feminist research, from the theoretical to the practical, from the laboratory to the living room, from the school to the workplace, from the clinic to the community center. 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The authors bring a shared commitment to the critical appraisal of gender relations, as well as a recognition that to think ‘theoretically’ is not to detach concerns from lived experience but to extend the possibilities of understanding. With this focus on theory and theorizing about the world in which we live, this handbook asks us, across all disciplines and situations, to abandon our taken-for-granted assumptions about the world and interrogate both the origin and the implications of our ideas about gender relations and feminism. It is an essential reference work for advanced students and academics not only of feminist theory, but of gender and sexuality across the humanities and social sciences. A valuable resource for theatre scholars and students, Feminist Praxis is the most comprehensive guide to the key ideas of contemporary feminist theory is a relative newcomer to the world of theatre. What is feminism? 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science, and issues in contemporary critical theory that have been transformed by feminist theorization. The handbook identifies limitations of key positions that inform and energize current academic scholarship. The chapters cover the conceptualization of central categories, whether the field of analysis is aesthetics, biology, cultural studies, development, economics, film studies, health, history, literature, politics, religion, science studies, sexualities, violence, or war. Contemporary Feminist Theorists was inspired by a desire to introduce students to the rich and diverse field of feminist thought in a way that could help students make sense of the plethora of ideas that comprise the vast and expanding field of feminist theory. Each chapter is a comprehensive, accessible, and engaging introduction to the work of one or more of the key theorists associated with a particular approach or concept. The goal is to provide a clear and accessible overview of the key ideas and arguments of the theorists covered, as well as to highlight the ways in which their work has contributed to the development of feminist theory more broadly.

Each chapter includes a brief biographical sketch of the theorist(s) covered, followed by an overview of their work, with a focus on key concepts and their implications. The chapters also include a section on the applications of the theoretical ideas discussed, with examples from a variety of fields and disciplines. The book is designed to be a valuable resource for students and scholars alike, offering an accessible introduction to the field of feminist theory and fostering a deeper understanding of the complex and diverse ideas that underpin it.

The significance of feminist theory for contemporary issues is also discussed, with particular attention given to the ways in which feminist ideas have informed and shaped debates on topics such as gender, sexuality, and social justice. The book concludes with a detailed bibliography of further reading, as well as an index to help readers locate specific information. Overall, the handbook provides a comprehensive and engaging introduction to the rich and diverse field of feminist theory, suitable for students and scholars alike.

This text will be an invaluable tool for students taking courses in feminist theory and research methods, and students across the social sciences. Each chapter includes case studies to illustrate the application of these concepts in feminist empirical research, and provides a guide to further reading. The handbook also includes a glossary of terms, cross-references, and an index, making it a comprehensive resource for students and researchers alike.

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sciences that are taking courses concerned with issues of gender. The new, updated edition of the authoritative and comprehensive survey of modern feminist theory. By Blackwell is the major textbook on the major topics in feminist theory. This new edition questions surrounding big data, authoritarian capitalism, and the rise of nationalism. Since the first edition of the Companion was published, new developments have emerged and new problems have been created such as the omnipresence of social media, political and institutional upheavals, and new forms of immigration. The new edition describes a transformed social world. In the past several years, both within the field of sociology and society as a whole. Previous material has been updated to reflect current research, while eleven new chapters address topics including feminist theory, debt and social change, and armed conflict and war. This comprehensive volume is an essential text in feminist theory, debt and social change, and armed conflict and war.