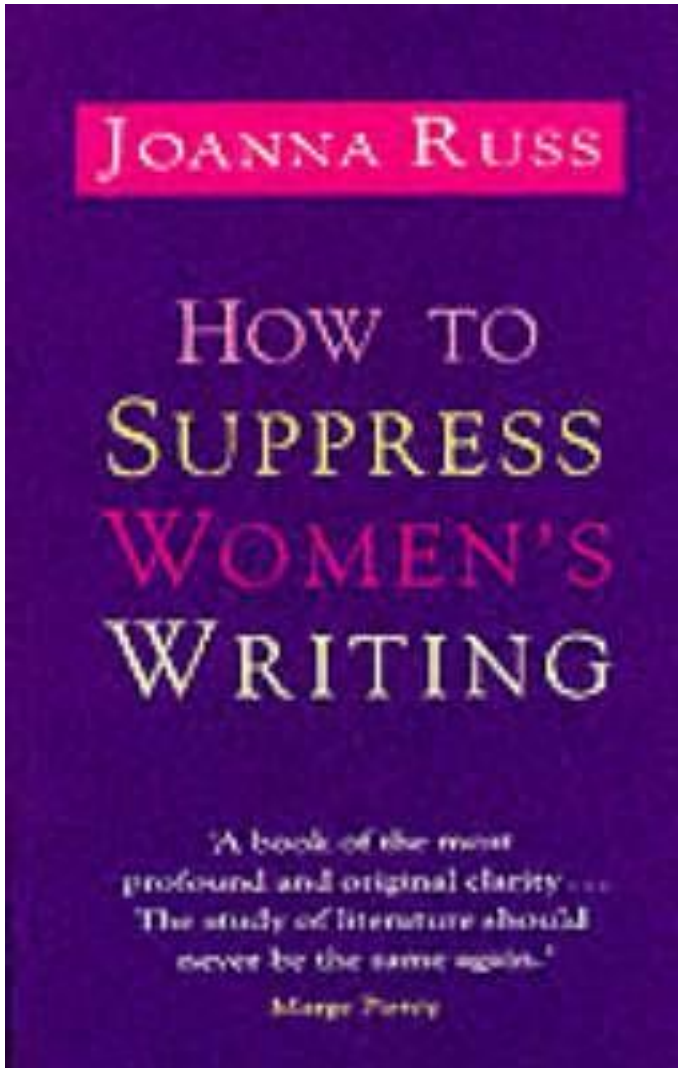


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## Description

By the author of *The Female Man*, a provocative survey of the forces that work against women who dare to write.

"Joanna Russ is a brilliant writer, a writer of real moral passion and high wit."--Adrienne Rich

"A quirky, irreverent, iconoclastic, idiosyncratic piece of work. It catalogues all the various attitudinal problems and misconceptions ...that allow us to disregard or even discard the artistic productions of women. By defining these patterns so clearly and succinctly, Russ holds a mirror before us--a mirror in which we can see ourselves anew."--Annette Kolodny

"A book of the most profound and original clarity. Like all clear-sighted people who look and see what has been much mystified and much lied about, Russ is quite excitingly subversive. The study of literature should never be the same again . . ."--Marge Piercy

"Extraordinary and original ...feminist literary criticism rarely explores the social context in which literature is selected for posterity. This, Russ does persuasively, movingly, and in the finest of critical traditions."--Phyllis Chesler

## Insightful reviews

Janet: What an education! This book had a huge influence on me as a young writer, an introduction to a conversation that continues to this day, the ways in which the world has tripped up the creative woman, diminished her, sidetracked and sidelined her. In the process, the book rescues many of these neglected artists from oblivion. (I'm reminded very much of the similar project in women's visual arts that resulted in the founding of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, the rescue of so many women artists who have been diminished, suppressed, erased.) Learned a great deal about the world I was entering and the many pitfalls, the outrageous ways in which women are silenced. It made me angry and it also made me cannier about the ways to withstand some of the slings and arrows, prepare to defend my own work, and that of my sisters. A literary RiotGirrrrl treasure. Went in an interesting way with "Women of Iron and Velvet," about French women writers, by Margaret Crosland. So glad I read this early on in my writing life.

Kristin-Leigh: I really need to stop reading books that then in turn expand my to-read list! This was really eye-opening, particularly the collected quotes regarding women's writing/female authorship from different time periods (aside from the outdated colloquialisms/phrasing, I could have assumed many of them had been made last week, especially the negative comments).

The one thing that I would note before recommending this book is that it is academic writing, complete with in-line citations and full blocks of examples. Joanna Russ is building a case, not necessarily trying to be constantly entertaining, so some chapters are slow going due to the sheer volume of examples (which are necessary in order to prove the existence of the trend she's observing).

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Alexandra: If you believe that women (and other minorities) have been oppressed over the years in terms of their production of art, you should read this book to gain a deeper understanding of how it has been done as, well as why.

If you are unconvinced about women (and other minorities) being oppressed in terms of their art, you should read this book. You will be confronted with some interesting evidence via reviews, in particular, that might challenge your point of view.

If you're in a minority and interested in producing art, it might be worth reading this book so that you can watch out for ways in which your art can be suppressed.

This is a superb book. I read it in one sitting. Russ goes through the variety of ways in which women's (and other minorities') art has been suppressed over the last century and a half or so, using reviews, anthologies and university curricula, and other similar evidence to produce a damning critique of the insidious, sly, and sometimes unwitting ways in which such art has been made to seem not-art, not-worthy, and not-existent.

Catherine: learn and re-read and nonetheless so very on-target, that is completely painful to see. a lot of what Russ says this is acceptable to different teams of writers as well, although there are diversified forces at play which impression the visibility of writers of colour and queer writers (for example). In any case, song it down, learn it, examine from it and let's do better.

Amanda: while you're a girl and a writer, do your self a desire and browse this book. in case you are a lady and majored in literature in college, do your self a want and skim this book. a girl and a librarian? learn it. a lady and a voracious reader? Yep, you want to learn this as well. it really is well-written and eye-opening. i have hit a spot the place i am suffering to create or to compete issues I start. This publication makes me are looking to press on during the block. After studying this book, i don't believe that the patriarchy according to se is chargeable for my block; rather, the booklet makes me think like I owe it to myself to proceed chipping away on the block and never enable myself silence myself, if that makes any sense. there are such a lot of methods ladies were silenced historically... I may still do all i will be able to to make my voice heard. And so may still you. learn this book, probably think again a few things, then exit and create what you price and free up that production to the world. :-)

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