



Interviews with Betty Friedan Conversations With Public Intellectuals

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University Press of Mississippi. Paperback. Condition: New. 216 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.5in. x 0.7in. Writer, teacher, and public intellectual, Betty Friedan has been in the spotlight almost continuously since the publication of *The Feminine Mystique*, her landmark book, in 1963. Transforming Friedan into the mother of modern feminism, that book challenged the prevailing gender ideology in the country and ultimately led to one of the most profound movements for social change in American history. Friedan has been a passionate advocate of social and economic justice in America for nearly four decades. *Interviews with Betty Friedan* is the first collection of her public discussions. Combative, witty, sly, and unrestrained, Friedan was often her own worst enemy in interviews. Early in her public career she avoided them, distrusting the way media portrayed her. Journalists, she complained, wrote as often about her appearance--droopy-eyed, messy, frumpy, drunk--as they did about what she said. It is ironic, notes editor Janann Sherman, that the genre she resented for misrepresenting her serves so well in this volume in letting her speak for herself. In *Interviews with Betty Friedan*, Sherman has gathered interviews spanning the thirty-six years at the heart of Friedan's career as a public intellectual. While...



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