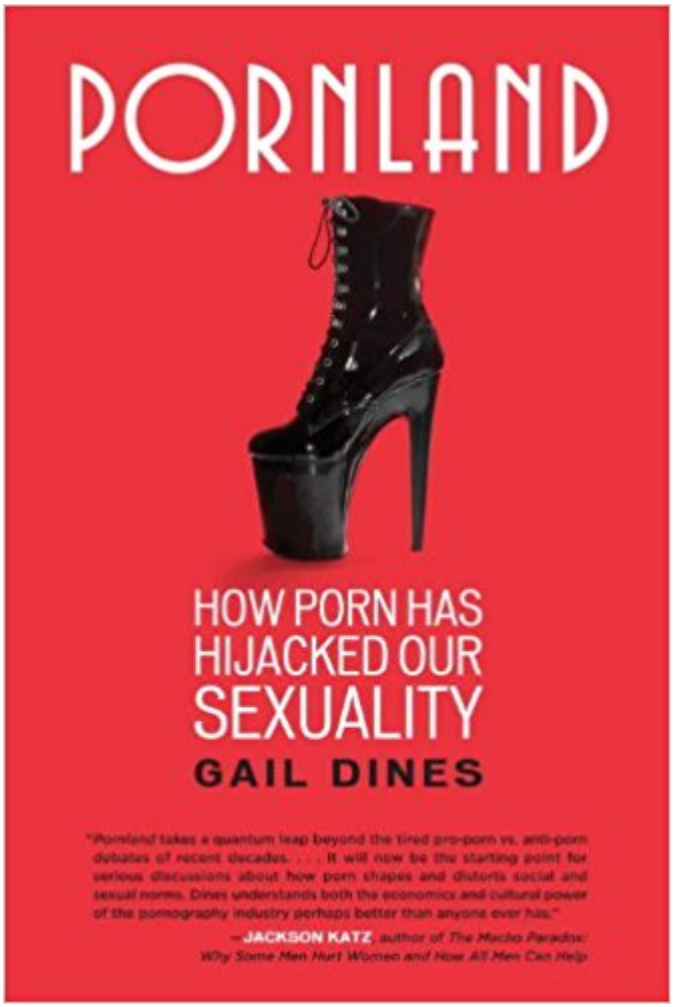
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Pornland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality



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Synopsis

Astonishingly, the average age of first viewing porn is now 11.5 years for boys, and with the advent of the Internet, itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s no surprise that young people are consuming more porn than ever. And, as Gail Dines shows, todayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s porn is strikingly different from yesterdayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Playboy. As porn culture has become absorbed into pop culture, a new wave of entrepreneurs are creating porn that is even more hard-core, violent, sexist, and racist. Proving that porn desensitizes and actually limits our sexual freedom, Dines argues its omnipresence is a public health concern we can no longer ignore.

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As pornography has become both more extreme and more commercial, antiporn activist Dines argues, it has dehumanized our sexual relationships. The radical objectification and often brutal denigration of women in porn, she holds, leaks into other aspects of our lives. Dines's argument rests on a compelling, close reading of the imagery and narrative content of magazines, videos, and marketing materials; what is missing, however, is a similarly compelling body of research on how these images are used by viewers, aside from Dines's own anecdotal evidence. The author's appropriation of addiction terminologyÃ¢â ¬â •viewers are called users, habitual viewing is an addiction, and pornography featuring teenagers is called Pseudo-Child Pornography or PCPÃ¢â ¬â •is distracting and suggests that rhetorical tricks are needed because solid argumentation is lacking. Likewise, Dines's opponents are unlikely to be swayed by her speculation tying porn viewing to rape and child molestation, nor by the selective sources she draws on to

support her point (convicted sex offenders). The book does raise important questions about the commoditization of sexual desires and the extent to which pornography has become part of our economy (with hotel chains and cable and satellite companies among the largest distributors). (July) Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Dines takes on the scourge of pornography and its permeation of all facets of culture in this history and call to action: Ã¢â ¬Å“We are in the midst of a massive social experiment, and nobody really knows how living in Pornland will shape our culture. What we do know is that we are surrounded by images that degrade and debase women and that for this the entire culture pays a price.Ã¢â ¬Â• Generously referenced, Dines' screed carefully builds her case that pornography's pernicious influence is a factor in the rise in brutishness and sexual violence, focusing specifically on how heterosexual pornography negatively impacts women. She has no time for arguments that so-called softer genres might be acceptable, and she goes into detail in explaining her reasoning. Perhaps she imputes too much significance to current flavors in the never-ending commodification of porn, but her purpose is to offer a compelling explanation of an issue that often makes Americans uneasy. A good, provocative title, but it should be remembered that to adequately discuss porn, one must adequately describe it. --Mike Tribby --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Excellent analysis of the field.One line still resonates "Do you want capitalist to determine your sexuality?"

This is a very interesting book that looks at the effects of pornography on the human psyche and the consequential social collective. Taking into consideration the appallingly graphic violence of the modern version of pornography, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s no surprise that the population and more specifically the younger generations are suffering mental and emotional trauma. The toxic memes from these videos are encouraged into our social space, the moral fibre of our culture is now eroded away quite blatantly.The purpose of this attack on human consciousness is considered by the writer to be profit-based. However, I think the question of why is up to the reader to ask and come to his/her own conclusions.I think anyone who either opposes or supports the production and commercialisation of pornography should read this book.

great

Great book. This used copy was fine. Thanks.

Only weakness is that there is some boring rambling about the history of how pornography first took hold in the country with Playboy Magazine... I felt that could've been a lot shorter. The rest of the book was excellent describing how porn's many forms have become commonplace in society today and how much harm that it has done to women and men without most of us even realizing it....

Disturbing. Kudos to Gail Dines for taking on this despicable industry.

Parts of this were difficult to read, but it's important to know what is going on in porn. Gail Dines does a marvelous job of informing and showing exactly why it is so important to oppose pornography.

excellent book for study of the porn industry. excellent for gathering information to fight this industry

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