

'In a lucid, well-argued and personal plea for an emancipatory geography that empowers women, Gillian Rose draws on arguments from post-structuralism and psychoanalysis to support her contention that contemporary geographic knowledge is masculinist. Her book will become essential reading for everyone interested in philosophical and methodological issues in geography.

Feminism and Geography is a welcome complement to the earlier text *Geography and Gender* as Rose reverses the focus on the geography of gender to illuminate the gender of geography. Her book bears eloquent witness not only to the sophisticated and sustained impact that feminist geographers have had on the discipline in the intervening decade but also the crucial significance of feminist scholarship for the construction of geographical knowledge.'

Dr Linda McDowell, University of Cambridge

Geography is a subject which throughout its history has been dominated by men; men have undertaken the heroic explorations which form the mythology of its foundation, men have written most of its texts and, as many feminist geographers have remarked, men's interests have structured what counts as legitimate geographical knowledge. This book offers a sustained examination of the masculinism of contemporary geographical discourses.

Drawing on the work of feminist theories about the intersection of power, knowledge and subjectivity, different aspects of the discipline's masculinism are discussed in a series of essays which bring influential approaches in recent geography together with feminist accounts of the space of the everyday, the notion of a sense of place and views of landscape. In the final chapter, the spatial imagery of a variety of feminists is examined in order to argue that the geographical imagination implicit in feminist discussions of the politics of location is one example of a geography which does not deny difference in the name of a universal masculinity.

The book will be of interest to students and professionals in the areas of human geography, feminist studies and social theory more generally.

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