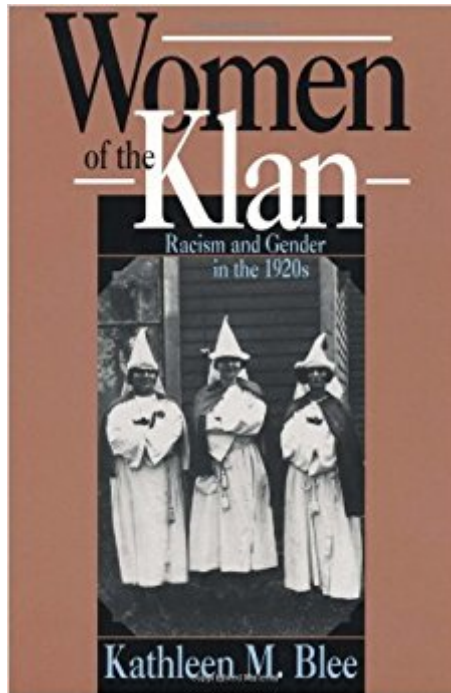




The book was found

Women Of The Klan: Racism And Gender In The 1920s



Synopsis

Ignorant. Brutal. Male. One of these stereotypes of the Ku Klux Klan offer a misleading picture. In *Women of the Klan*, sociologist Kathleen Blee unveils an accurate portrait of a racist movement that appealed to ordinary people throughout the country. In so doing, she dismantles the popular notion that politically involved women are always inspired by pacifism, equality, and justice. "All the better people," a former Klanswoman assures us, were in the Klan. During the 1920s, perhaps half a million white native-born Protestant women joined the Women's Ku Klux Klan (WKKK). Like their male counterparts, Klanswomen held reactionary views on race, nationality, and religion. But their perspectives on gender roles were often progressive. The Klan publicly asserted that a women's order could safeguard women's suffrage and expand their other legal rights. Privately the WKKK was working to preserve white Protestant supremacy. Blee draws from extensive archival research and interviews with former Klan members and victims to underscore the complexity of extremist right-wing political movements. Issues of women's rights, she argues, do not fit comfortably into the standard dichotomies of "progressive" and "reactionary." These need to be replaced by a more complete understanding of how gender politics are related to the politics of race, religion, and class.

Book Information

File Size: 2963 KB

Print Length: 256 pages

Publisher: University of California Press; Reprint edition (August 4, 1992)

Publication Date: July 16, 1992

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B003EV5PLQ

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Not Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Not Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #264,220 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #7

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Politics & Social Sciences > Women's Studies >

History #41 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Gender Studies >

Women in History #217 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > History > Historical Study > Social

Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book for filling in the gaps of the history of the "women's movement" in the U.S. In studying modern feminism, we hear much about feminism, by definition, being the movement that is behind gender equality. What is often omitted from modern commentary is that the "gender equality" is very often intended by feminism only to apply to Caucasian Women, and, more specifically, to middle and upper class women. In this Book, Professor Blee points out that the doctrines of modern feminism, as they have evolved from the 1960's, were nothing other than the same doctrines of the "Invisible Empire" of Women in the Ku Klux Klan. There is an excellent review of this book in the L.A. Times, by Barbara Ehrenreich:

http://articles.latimes.com/1991-09-01/books/bk-2279_1_klan-members This document actually shows the origins of modern feminism in the U.S. It fills an important gap between early 19th century feminism in Europe, and, how feminism was adopted and evolved here in the U.S. Many of the "ideals" expressed in this work were adopted by the feminists of the late 1950's and 1960's to form a privilege class for "white women" in the U.S. as long as they were Jewish or Protestant. This monograph should be read in conjunction with several scholarly works on the subject: *Women of the Klan: Racism and Gender in the 1920s* Aliens Found in Waiting: *Women of the Ku Klux Klan in Suburban Chicago, 1870-1930* Sarah Elizabeth Doherty Loyola University Chicago http://ecommons.luc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1344&context=luc_diss

This is an excellent book for filling in the gaps of the history of the "women's movement" in the U.S. In studying modern feminism, we hear much about feminism, by definition, being the movement that is behind gender equality. What is often omitted from modern commentary is that the "gender equality" is very often intended by feminism only to apply to Caucasian Women, and, more specifically, to middle and upper class women. In this Book, Professor Blee points out that the doctrines of modern feminism, as they have evolved from the 1960's, were nothing other than the same doctrines of the "Invisible Empire" of Women in the Ku Klux Klan. There is an excellent review of this book in the L.A. Times, by Barbara Ehrenreich:

http://articles.latimes.com/1991-09-01/books/bk-2279_1_klan-members

This is a very disturbing and well researched book. Those who think that gender-feminism is progressive need to read this book.

Shocking. I didn't know there was a separate Klan of women. Gives names, places, and dates, which is unnerving since one town is a place I've lived. Even though I lived there I never heard this part of history, though in hindsight it helps explain some things. Adds a new dimension to the history of race relations, though the book focuses on white people rather than on black people. It's a book about white people, by a white person, and probably with a white reader in mind. Well-researched. Citations are helpful. Interviews and surveys are enlightening. The author conducts a fascinating investigation. She spends a lot of time examining her own motives and biases, which is less interesting, but may be instructive if this book is used in a course for students learning to do research. Would be a good read for a history, anthropology, sociology, or women's studies class or for a course on racism, maybe good for an English class. Could be paired with *Our Town: A Heartland Lynching*, *a Haunted Town*, and *the Hidden History of White America* which is about events in the same general vicinity and has a similar spirit.

Little known or understood history of how the KKK unified and taught women how to be politically motivated in America. Today's "intellectuals" would do well to understand history rather than just scream diatribes at those they disagree. An understanding of divergent influences is essential to understanding today's issues.

She is the best known historian for the WKKK. I did a 20 page paper for my history about the group, and this book was ESSENTIAL. Fascinating read as well.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Women of the Klan: Racism and Gender in the 1920s Not a Catholic Nation: The Ku Klux Klan Confronts New England in the 1920s Racism without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising Healthy Gender-Nonconforming Children The Gender Game 5: The Gender Fall: The Gender Game, Book 5 Vintage Fashion from the Mid-1920s: Vintage Women Adult Coloring Book #14 (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 14) Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Book #7: Vintage Fashion Layouts from the Early 1920s (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 7) Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Book #3: Vintage Fashion from the Early 1920s (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 3) Black Sexual Politics: African Americans, Gender, and the New Racism Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920 (Gender and American Culture) Iron Confederacies: Southern Railways, Klan Violence, and Reconstruction

Terror in the Night: The Klan's Campaign Against the Jews Superman versus the Ku Klux Klan: The True Story of How the Iconic Superhero Battled the Men of Hate (History (US)) Superman Versus the Ku Klux Klan: The True Story of How the Iconic Superhero Battled the Men of Hate The Weight of Their Votes: Southern Women and Political Leverage in the 1920s Attract Women: "Hey" to Lay: The 7 Steps to Approaching Women, Unlocking Her Attraction and Her Legs (Dating Advice for Men on How to Approach Women and Attract Women) Attract Women: Be Irresistible: How to Effortlessly Attract Women and Become the Alpha Male Women Can't Resist (Dating Advice for Men to Attract Women) Attract Women: Unlock Her Legs: How to Effortlessly Attract Women and Become the Man Women Unlock Their Legs For (Dating Advice for Men to Attract Women) La Chulla Vida: Gender, Migration, and the Family in Andean Ecuador and New York City (Gender and Globalization) Travesti: Sex, Gender, and Culture among Brazilian Transgendered Prostitutes (Worlds of Desire: The Chicago Series on Sexuality, Gender, and Culture)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)