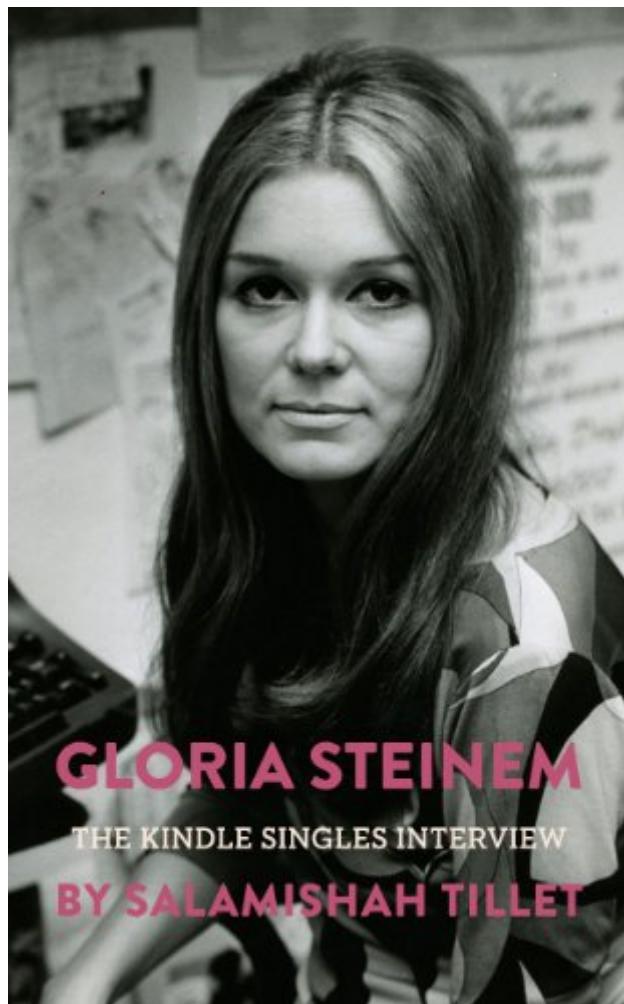


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Synopsis

In this conversation, Gloria Steinem – the 79-year-old activist, author and 2013 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom – reflects on her personal life growing up in Toledo, Ohio, and her political awakening during the most radical decade of the 20th century, while discussing the obstacles and opportunities that continue to shape the lives of American families today. Steinem has spent her life working for racial justice and women’s rights. In this interview, she speaks humorously and insightfully on everything from politics to pop culture. She reveals that the backlash she received for supporting Hillary Clinton’s 2008 presidential bid was “one of the worst experiences of my life,” and criticizes a history of feminism that forgets the deep alliances between early civil rights and women’s rights activists. Whether she’s defending Kim Kardashian from public vitriol or calling out the antiquated sexual assault policies of the U.S. military, Gloria Steinem is always engaged, always fighting for what she believes in. The interview was conducted by Salamishah Tillet, an Associate Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania. Tillet blogs for *The Nation*, and is the author of *Sites of Slavery: Citizenship and Racial Democracy in the Post-Civil Rights Imagination*. She is also the co-founder of *A Long Walk Home*, a non-profit organization that uses art therapy and the visual and performing arts to end violence against girls and women. Cover design by Adil Dara Kim.

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I gave this five stars because it provided so much background on the leading feminist of our time and the feminist movement. It was interesting reading about her unique upbringing. I recommend this interview to everyone. Men need to read it as much as women. It is due to the leadership of such women as Steinem that women have made such progress and been able to step into the boardroom. I think young women today need to realise how far we have come in 50 years and the debt of gratitude we owe Steinem. Young women should pay the debt forward by helping other women. I loved her opinion of the Harvard Business School and her description of its graduates. She described men whose idea of success is to make a lot of money to make more money and buy more things as being boring. Her idea of success is to make a lot of money and use it to make the world a better place. This sounds like a Christian principle to me. She also had some relevant comments on the Treyvon Martin case. George Zimmerman was violent toward his wife and perhaps also toward another relative. This information was not allowed to be presented in court. Her point was that violence toward women is a marker that a man then could be violent toward anyone including an unarmed black youth. Gloria Steinem is still a much-needed person and her work is very relevant to what is happening in the world today. Hearing what she says is worthwhile.

I enjoyed reading about Gloria's growing up, anecdotes from her childhood. Her life has been a remarkable journey and one with lessons for young people about what you can learn in different contexts and how daring to be different can yield a very rich life.

Purchased in error; and I am so glad I did. Steinman's views closely echo our raising of three girls and one boy, who raised six grand children, who raised two great grandchildren following a code of respect for women of all ages.

This interview came to me through one of the free deals of the day and it was a great read. Actually read it twice because some of the points were so thought provoking. (A quick read) Steinem may have aged but her views are current, and she speaks out in the same dry, forthright manner that has distinguished her for decades. "We never said that women could have it all if they had to do it all." She seems to call to women to unite, not compete, and even supports some public figures who are very much under siege in the media. Well done and the format (Q/A), although surprising at first, worked fine.

Never paid much attention to Gloria Steinem while I lived my life. Sorry I didn't. Glad I read this book and got to know a little about her and her life.

An intriguing new way to receive wisdom, witticisms and new ideas from the one-and-only Gloria Steinem, without reading a long book.

Great little interview of a very interesting and thoughtful person. Made me want to learn more. That's my take on it.

Being a woman of that era, it is good to hear Gloria's thoughtful words, again. She is always worth hearing.

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