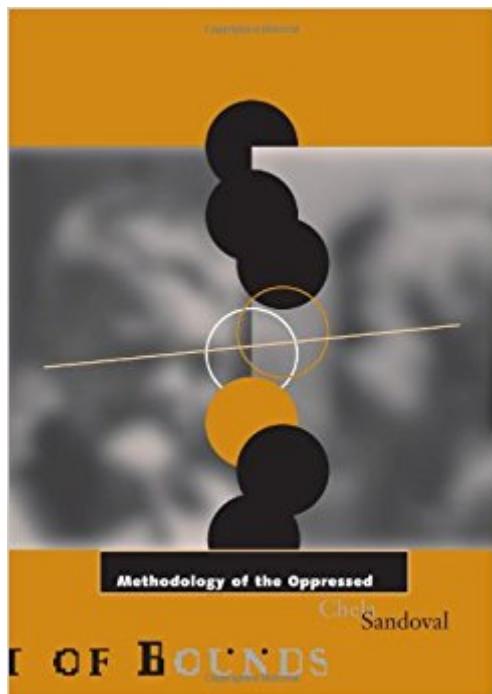


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Methodology Of The Oppressed



Synopsis

In a work with far-reaching implications, Chela Sandoval does no less than revise the genealogy of theory over the past thirty years, inserting what she terms "U.S. Third World feminism" into the narrative in a way that thoroughly alters our perspective on contemporary culture and subjectivity. What Sandoval has identified is a language, a rhetoric of resistance to postmodern cultural conditions. U.S. liberation movements of the post-World War II era generated specific modes of oppositional consciousness. Out of these emerged a new activity of consciousness and language Sandoval calls the "methodology of the oppressed". This methodology -- born of the strains of the cultural and identity struggles that currently mark global exchange -- holds out the possibility of a new historical moment, a new citizen-subject, and a new form of alliance consciousness and politics. Utilizing semiotics and U.S. Third World feminist criticism, Sandoval demonstrates how this methodology mobilizes love as a category of critical analysis. Rendering this approach in all its specifics, *Methodology of the Oppressed* gives rise to an alternative mode of criticism opening new perspectives on a theoretical, literary, aesthetic, social movement, or psychic expression.

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The book has a lot of potential, needs a lot of updating and editing. Clarity of thought was muddled behind specialized words that obstructed intent? The first essay had great potential but was hammered by a prose-style that eviscerated the reader's desire to finish reading the essay! Ultimately--Sandoval--fell into the scholarly trap of being a scholar who needed to justify her scholarly position by sounding like one, without considering the reader. The book read like a plywood saddle on a bucking horse with hemorrhoids. •different but painful-

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This book influenced my life tremendously. For me it was an argument for engaging academic knowledge in its most convoluted and critical forms with daily, socio-political and socio-economic existence. The issues Ms. Sandoval addresses move easily beyond identity theories and into linguistic and intellectual resistance in their most functional capacities. Beautiful, dense and worthwhile.

Thanks

This book should be required reading for all students. It is such a comprehensive book that touches on a variety of important and compelling subjects.

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