

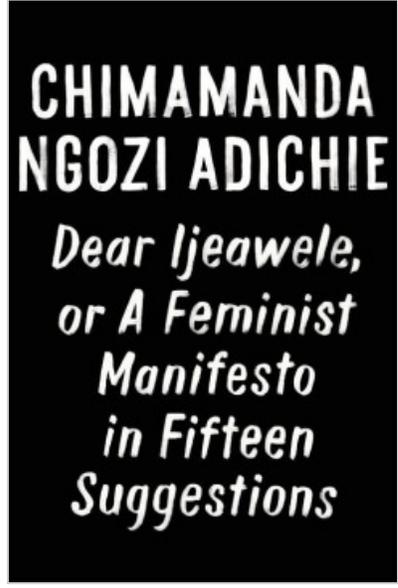


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by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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From the Publisher: From the best-selling author of Americanah and We Should All Be Feminists comes a powerful new statement about feminism today--written as a letter to a friend. A few years ago, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie received a letter from a dear friend from childhood, asking her how to raise her baby girl as a feminist. Dear Ijeawele is Adichie's letter of response. Here are fifteen invaluable suggestions--compelling, direct, wryly funny, and perceptive--for how to empower a daughter to become a strong, independent woman. From encouraging her to choose a helicopter, and not only a doll, as a toy if she so desires; having open conversations with her about clothes, makeup, and sexuality; debunking the myth that women are somehow biologically arranged to be in the kitchen making dinner, and that men can "allow" women to have full careers,...

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CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE's work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The New Yorker* and *Granta*. She is the author of the novels *Purple Hibiscus*; *Half of a Yellow Sun*, which won the Orange Prize; *Americanah*, which won the NBCC Award and was a *New...* and *Entertainment Weekly* Best Book of the Year; the story collection *The Thing Around Your Neck*; and the essay *We Should All Be Feminists*. A recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, she divides her time between the United States and Nigeria.

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Here's a brisk, no-nonsense book on ideas to keep in mind when raising little girls into women. It comes from the acclaimed writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. It began with a request from a friend asking for advice on how to nurture her new child as a feminist. That turned into a Facebook post which spread like wildfire. Now the tips have been gently expanded into a book that can easily be read in half an hour. She offers advice on everything from what colors are appropriate for what gender to whether a woman should take her husband's name...and whether a husband should take his wife's name (because why ask one question if you're not going to ask the other?). Sex and beauty and how easily we fall into stereotypes -- it's all

present here via amusing and gentle but firm suggestions. Perfect for new mothers, though you won't be surprised to know it's also perfect for new fathers, regardless of the child they have. -- Michael Giltz

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