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European History Quarterly

"A condensed yet comprehensive overview of how gender historians can open up history to re-interpretation. Rose demonstrates how gender can provide a lens through which to deconstruct and re-interpret historical knowledge, challenging the historical roles and realities of women and men and offering space to investigate previously unexplored aspects of the historical world; making visible what once was invisible."

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English Historical Review

"This book is recommended for two reasons. The first is that it gives a coherent and comprehensive account of recent work on the subject of gender and history. As such, it sets out clearly debates and the context of debates. But the second reason is, in pedagogic terms, just as important: Rose's book brings alive important questions about our past, and not least demonstrates how a better understanding of history (and in this case we have to assume one that is gendered) is crucial to our view of the present."

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"Sonya Rose has written a wide-ranging survey of an important and rapidly changing field of historical study. Notable for its clarity, its sophistication, and its generous appreciation of diverse approaches, this book provides a splendid introduction to the study of gender dynamics in history."

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"In this very useful book Sonya O. Rose clarifies but does not simplify the complicated epistemological debates that have enriched gender history, and she provides succinct summaries of the abundant and far-ranging work of gender scholars that will profit readers from all fields and levels of preparation."

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"This excellent survey of gender history is concise, informative and lucid. Herself a pioneer of the field, Sonya Rose explains concepts and terminology, debate and theoretical evolution, all with admirable balance and clarity. It will be a valuable guide to the history of gender for students and teachers alike."

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