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# Vagina: A New Biography



**Naomi Wolf**

Bestselling author of  
*The Beauty Myth*



## Synopsis

An astonishing work of cutting-edge science and cultural history that radically reframes how we understand the vagina - and consequently, how we understand women - from one of our most respected cultural critics and thinkers, Naomi Wolf, author of the modern classic *The Beauty Myth*. When an unexpected medical crisis sends Naomi Wolf on a deeply personal journey to tease out the intersections between sexuality and creativity, she discovers, much to her own astonishment, an increasing body of scientific evidence that suggests that the vagina is not merely flesh, but an intrinsic component of the female brain - and thus has a fundamental connection to female consciousness itself. Utterly enthralling and totally fascinating, *Vagina: A New Biography* draws on this set of insights about "the mind-vagina connection" to reveal new information about what women really need, and considers what a sexual relationship - and a relationship to the self - transformed by these insights could look like. Exhilarating and groundbreaking, *Vagina: A New Biography* combines rigorous science, explained for lay listeners, with cultural history and deeply personal considerations of the role of female desire in female identity, creativity, and confidence, from interviewees of all walks of life. Heralded by *Publishers Weekly* as one of the best science books of the year, it is a provocative and deeply engaging book that elucidates the ties between a woman's experience of her vagina and her sense of self; her impulses, dreams, and courage; and her role in love and in society in completely new and revelatory ways sure to provoke impassioned conversation. A brilliant and nuanced synthesis of physiology, history, and cultural criticism, *Vagina: A New Biography* explores the physical, political, and spiritual implications of this startling series of new scientific breakthroughs for women and for society as a whole, from a writer whose conviction and keen intelligence have propelled her works to the tops of bestseller lists, and firmly into the realms of modern classics.

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## Customer Reviews

Every woman and man should read this to understand the challenges we have faced in explaining why sex does or doesn't feel like we hoped it would. Women, get your feelings validated. Men, learn what your partner actually needs to feel physically fulfilled and reap the benefits. We ARE different, and there are great benefits to be gained from understanding this. Read it and reap.

I usually enjoy what Naomi Wolf writes--her writing seems effortlessly narrative and informed, and I like her modernist feminist viewpoint (compared to my viewpoint, which, given my age practically dates from the E.C. Stanton era). Despite this book's title, it's a lot more than a compendium of dry biological information on a physical organ. It's also a look at the sort of treatment vaginas, and thereby women, are subject to. She hits up history, psychology, the porn industry, women's views of themselves. You name it, she takes you there through a lens you've probably never used before. I'd recommend this book to pretty much any woman, seeing as every woman is equipped with a vagina, but even more to men, for whom the concept and the physical reality is alien.

If you want to learn everything about the vagina and its workings you only need this book! A must read for everyone especially men!

I liked the first few chapters, It had great information that a lot of doctors are missing. But the chapters about the biography about the vagina was interesting but I would have liked more medical knowledge. Possibly even where to get guidance for these issues.

Recommend this book to every woman I talk with who seems to be struggling with some aspect of her sexuality. This was a great recommendation from a younger man I was considering dating as he tried to verify for me that he understood women's sexual needs. Men who want a solid respectful and fulfilling relationship with women should also read it. Its all about RESPECT!

An absolute must read for women and the people who love them. Great, courageous book.

Read it. Share it. Give it as gifts. So informative. I own it in print, audible and Kindle.

This has been the most frank integrating discussion of the physical with the psychological aspects of feminism I've read in my life. I wish I could have discussed it with my mother four or five decades ago. I know now why so few of the women the pleasure of whose company I so much enjoyed were "Goddesses." I didn't know before.

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