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In the introduction to *The Second Sex*, Simone de Beauvoir notes that "a man never begins by establishing himself as an individual of a certain sex: his being a man poses no problem." Nancy Bauer begins her book by asking: "Then what kind of a problem does being a woman pose?" Bauer's aim is to show that in answering this question *The Second Sex* dramatizes the extent to which being a woman poses a philosophical problem. This book is a call for philosophers as well as feminists to turn, or return to, *The Second Sex*. Bauer shows that Beauvoir's magnum opus, written a quarter-century before the development of contemporary feminist philosophy, constitutes a meditation on the relationship between women and philosophy that remains profoundly undervalued. She argues that the extraordinary effect *The Second Sex* has had on women's lives, then and now, can be traced to Beauvoir's discovery of a new way to philosophize a way grounded in her identity as a woman. In offering a new interpretation of *The Second Sex*, Bauer shows how philosophy can be politically productive for women while remaining genuinely philosophical. Author: Bauer, Nancy Publisher: Columbia University Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Simone de Beauvoir, Philosophy, and Feminism Pages: 00288 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-07-24 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780231116657 Age: 22-UP Reading Level: 17-UP Category: Philosophy : Movements - Deconstruction Category: Social Science : Feminism & Feminist Theory Category: Social Science : Women's Studies - General

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