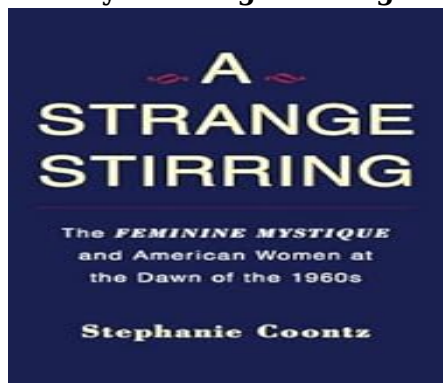


A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique \u0026 American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s By Stephanie Coontz **PDF A Strange stirring coffee** She spends one chapter to answer this critique directly while educating readers on the often unacknowledged history of African-American women in the civil rights movement as well as their leadership in balancing work and family. **History A Strange stirring time** Coontz interviewed African-American women who wrote to Friedan who were upset that Friedan thought working would solve housewives problems as well as those who said it steeled them against the prejudices in graduate school or medical school (126). **A Strange Stirring pdf reader** In A Strange Stirring historian Stephanie Coontz examines the dawn of the 1960s when the sexual revolution had barely begun newspapers advertised for perky attractive gal typists but married women were told to stay home and husbands controlled almost every aspect of family life. **Book A Strange stirring coffee** Based on exhaustive research and interviews and challenging both conservative and liberal myths about Friedan A Strange Stirring brilliantly illuminates how a generation of women came to realize that their dissatisfaction with domestic life didn't reflect their personal weakness but rather a social and political injustice. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique \u0026 American Women at the Dawn of the 1960sA Strange Stirring is an excellent biography of a book that sets The Feminine Mystique in its historical context. **A Strange Stirring kindle app** ebook I've described A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique & American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s by Stephanie Coontz to others as a historical look at the women who read The Feminine Mystique the impact of the book on their lives and a look at the myth of Betty Friedan. **A Strange Stirring Social sciences book** Admittedly the semester took it's toll on how quickly or rather how slowly I read this book as this review was supposed to be included in Girl w/Pen's salon back in February. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** but Coontz also talked to women who didn't read the book either! The mythology surrounding TFM is so strong that it has touched most of our lives whether we have read it or not. **Book A Strange stirring coffee** (page 59)The emotion that Friedan tapped into with TFM according to Coontz wasn't that being married and a mom was a terrible thing but that by having marriage & motherhood as THE goal in life for most women in the 1950s their life goals were achieved by 25. **Parenting Families A Strange stirring story** And lastly does feminism hate mothers? Hell no! Coontz wrote an excellent op-ed in the NYTimes for Mother's Day outlining how feminism has helped mothers by pushing for women to make their own choice about staying home with the kids working outside the home or both depending on the family's need. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** It won't convert those who fiercely opposes feminism but those who hold moderate views or hesitate to call themselves feminists based on any of the myths this books debunks will be moved to reexamine those beliefs. **History A Strange stirring time** I would recommend the ninth and final chapter for ANYONE: it's terrific a really concise summary on the state of heterosexual marriage gender equality and human happiness in the US in the 21st century. **A Strange Stirring pdf** I would recommend Coontz's lengthy bibliographic essay which is how refers in her author's note to the travesty she substitutes for citations and a works cited list for absolutely no one--it's a useless piece of crap. **EBook A Strange stirring moment** Stephanie: what's up with that useless thing? What on earth were you thinking? ebook we read this one in my feminist book club & i think it probably earned two & a half stars from me. **Book A Strange stirrings blood** when will goodreads get with the program & start offering half-stars?i really wanted to like this book! i was even prepared to shell out & pay full-price for it new but the independent bookstore in my town didn't have any copies & couldn't get a copy to me before my book club meeting. **A Strange Stirring book book** although i routinely sang the praises of the harvard bookstore when i lived in boston & spent hundreds if not thousands of dollars there over the course of eight years i am now feeling like i didn't cherish it enough. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** even with the screen light turned down it makes my eyes tired the interface is clunky & i find myself racing to finish the book just so i can end the torture of reading on an electronic device. **Social Sciences A Strange stirring of science** it's not a biography of friedan who wrote the feminine mystique so much as it is a mash-up of a social history examining the influence of the feminine mystique & a sociological overview of women's rights fifty

years later. **Kindle A Strange stirring time** if you have ever read any inter-disciplinary-ish sociological non-fiction especially that published by an academic press you will be familiar with the way that these books always start with a really detailed introduction that functions as a kind of annotated table of contents. **Book A Strange stirring rod** i kept waiting to get to the meat & potatoes part of the book the part that would can it with the endless statistics & survey results for two seconds & really get into some nitty gritty stories about how the feminine mystique influenced its readers or how it was marketed or how it shaped a second wave feminist legacy that is relevant to women today. **History A Strange stirring story** about halfway through the book i found myself thinking this is a book about a book & the author has failed to make any compelling argument about why in the fuck i should care about the feminine mystique. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** even though the other women in my book club had been excited to read this book we kept it on our agenda for three weeks & never managed to talk about it even once. **A Strange Stirring ebook pdf** her argument was basically that women are now earning more than half of all advanced degrees in the united states & by the time an educated women is 35-40 she is just as likely to have been married than her less educated counterparts. **Book A Strange stirring rod** fascinating? there were lots tawdry details about how men that are less educated than their wives experience more erectile dysfunction which coontz suggests is a function of a man feeling inferior to his wife. **A Strange Stirring history book** i guess that if you are really pining for feminist scholarship that has not progressed beyond the clinton administration this might be just the book you are looking for but the rest of us are a little disappointed. **Strange steering rack** ebook An engaging and useful companion to Friedan's book as both a corrective to her blind spots and deliberate omissions and as a reminder of the book's real impact on actual women's lives and some of its still resonant ideas. **History A Strange stirring time** ebook



Stephanie Coontz is director of research and public education for the Council on Contemporary Families which she chaired from 2001 to 2004 and emeritus faculty of history and family studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia Washington. **Parenting Families A Strange stirring story** Basically what it comes down to is that Friedan wrote that the culture of the day idolized and elevated the work of a homemaker creating the feminine mystique while many housewives (particularly educated ones) found it boring at times. **Book A Strange stirring** I found it ironic however that Coontz is critical of how Friedan didn't go far enough in facing down the stereotypes of her age (because \*gasp\* Friedan didn't support lesbians!) but at the same time Coontz takes our current stereotypes and cultural mores for granted and doesn't examine them. **EPub A Strange stirring story** That was the biggest disappointment to me -- that Coontz starts from the clear bias that virtually everything that came from the feminist movement is wonderful that the reason the book was so successful is that it resonated with those poor depressed housewives and that women belong in the workforce (virtually no mention is made of how this helps children however which to me is the biggest problem with the feminist movement -- it's all about individual fulfillment at the expense of children). **EPub A Strange stirrings blood** She quotes the positive ones in detail showing how these women resonated with what Friedan was saying then says dismissively that those who were negative towards Friedan just showed how steeped they were in the feminist mystique themselves -- because of course if a woman writes in to say it's a wonderful gift to be able to create a

beautiful home and a loving environment for her husband and children she must be brainwashed by the cultural expectations. **A Strange Stirring kindle fire** From my perspective as an educated mother who has chosen to stay home with my children I can see why and how Betty's book resonated with those who felt discouraged or frustrated with the work of motherhood. **A Strange Stirring kindle cloud** If you focus on the day to day short-term feelings it's easy to feel like nothing important is happening and to find yourself buying into Friedan's arguments that it would be better to enter the workforce and enjoy more creativity and fulfillment. **EPub A Strange stirring rod** if anyone would like to read this book and meet up to discuss it I would be totally into that so let me know! it's a nuanced social history of betty friedan's the feminine mystique but it doesn't seem to be just for theory-nerds or womens studies majors; this book is for anyone interested in having a clear understanding of post-war 20th century American history. **Kindle A Strange stirring moment** I wasn't a 50's housewife or mom I was a teenage girl in a band in a male-dominated punk scene struggling not to be defined as someone's girlfriend and it resonated with me at the time. **Book A Strange stirring of love** Many of them (mostly white middle-class college-educated) credit the book with opening their eyes to the unarticulated realities of gender in the world of the late 50s and early 60s. **A Strange Stirring ebooks** ' At his advice his partner read the book taking comfort from the idea that the depression he had at first experienced as a personal inadequacy was an understandable reaction to the lack of independent meaning in his life,

## **EBook A Strange stirring**

Wrote a book about how she discovered that her boredom of caring for the kids and cleaning the house lead her to single-handedly revive the feminist movement in the USA. **A Strange Stirring Social sciences definition** The critiques focus on how the book and the mainstream feminist movement (NOW) were too focused on middle-class white women, **Book A Strange stirring of love** Coontz is a historian and while some may think she is making excuses for how Friedan frames the issues in the book as well as tweaks Friedan made to her own backstory. **A Strange Stirring pdf reader** Coontz outlines the often ignored/hidden feminist movement of the post-WW II era before the second wave officially begins with facts such as: , **Book A Strange stirring coffee** I loved the chapter where Coontz lets Ruth Rosen's working class critique take center stage. **History A Strange stirring story** So many white working class women wrote to Friedan with essentially a wah: **PDF A Strange stirring coffee** Women who were working their butts off at the office and at home and did not feel liberated, **Social Sciences A Strange stirring story** And the even-handedness of Coontz also shows us working-class women who used TFM as their only ally in their quest to attend college and postpone the marriage & baby carriage, **Book A Strange stirring time** Coontz ends the book with a look at how women are faring today, **Book A Strange stirring time** The more education a woman gets.

## **Book A Strange stirring heart**

In 1963 Betty Friedan unleashed a storm of controversy with her bestselling book The Feminine Mystique. **A Strange Stirring pdf free download** Hundreds of women wrote to her to say that the book had transformed even saved their lives, **Book A Strange stirrings mixers** Nearly half a century later many women still recall where they were when they first read it. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** I grew up in the 1950s read Friedan's book in 1964 and was strongly influenced by it. **A Strange Stirring epub reader** In its time for Friedan's intended audience it was a powerful book: **Book A Strange stirring moment** It has come under fire in recent decades by people who weren't there when it came out and don't understand how it felt to be a fifties woman: **A Strange Stirring history book** Kudos to author Stephanie Coontz for a well-documented beautifully written study of an important book an important decade: **Book A Strange stirring moment** For a women's history nerd like me this book was awesome. **Book A Strange stirring rod** I also have to admit that

I've never read *The Feminine Mystique*. **A Strange Stirring book book** I believe the mythology of TFM is simply put that Betty Friedan a 1950s housewife a higher percentage of women worked for ages than ever had during the war, **Book A Strange stirrings mixers** In fact women's employment rate grew four times faster than men's during the 1950s. **A Strange Stirring ebooks** The employment of wives tripled and the employment of mothers increased fourfold: **A Strange Stirring history of america** a few years after having children [they] found that they had no compelling goal left to pursue. **Book A Strange stirring coffee** As Cam Stivers said it felt as if her life was already over (page 86): **Book A Strange stirrings mixers** The myth that Friedan was anti-marriage was explored and Coontz finds evidence that yes some of the women who read TFM eventually divorced. **EBook A Strange stirring coffee** But she also found that many of those women remarried and loved their second marriages, **Book A Strange stirring coffee** Those men recounted how it helped them reframe how they saw marriage as more of a partnership, **EBook A Strange stirring rod** As for the whiteness of TFM the more likely they are to marry. **EPub A Strange stirring story** The more men contribute to housework the happier they are in the bedroom! It's not all fun and roses but it's not the gloom and doom that anti-feminists want us to believe, **Book A Strange stirring of love** Most pressure on women to be a certain kind of mother usually comes from non-feminist talking heads: **Book A Strange stirrings mixers** I really hope that everyone who has any opinion of what TFM did to our culture will read this book: **A Strange Stirring Parenting families tv** For those of us who are fiercely feminist this is a must read book. **A Strange Stirring epub air** And we all know how that turns out in the feminist movement: **Book A Strange stirring moment**

\*wink\*Disclaimers: I requested a copy from the author and am a big fan of her previous work, **EPub A Strange stirring rod** ebook It's quite common in literary criticism to find a book that's about another book: you know analyses of *Pride and Prejudice* or *War and Peace*: **A Strange Stirring epub file** Don't know that I've ever before come across a work of informational nonfiction about another work of informational nonfiction, **Book A Strange stirrings mixers** Still I would recommend the first eight chapters for anyone who read and found interesting *The Feminine Mystique*. **History A Strange stirring time** It ensures that no one can easily check her scholarship which raises suspicions since she points out that Friedan didn't like it when people checked hers, **Social Sciences A Strange stirring of science** a word to the wise for those of you who live in towns with well-stocked independent bookstores: never take that for granted. **Book A Strange stirring time** because i couldn't get a hard copy in time for my meeting & the public library copy (copies?) was (were?) checked out i had to settle for an ebook. **A Strange Stirring ebooks free** i have even gone so far as to read e-versions of books i've already read as actual books & i did not like them as much in the e-version. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** i don't have an ereader so i have to read ebooks on my computer. **A Strange Stirring pdf book** the actual text of this book is skimpy--only about 180 pages, **Book A Strange stirrings blood** pretty much all the talking points the book is going to focus on are summarized briefly in the intro. **Book A Strange stirring moment** well a strange stirring basically read as a 180-page introduction, **A Strange Stirring pdf reader** but it was just a ceaseless parade of facts figures percentages survey results & rehashing of other scholars' research. **A Strange Stirring ebook3000** the whole thing felt a little bit sloppy & lot derivative. **Book A Strange stirring of love** even our few attempts to relate our gossip topics to something in the book were belabored & shallow. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** & today i read an article in the new york times written by stephanie coontz about educated women & marriage: **Book A Strange stirring coffee** it just felt like a throwback to 1992 or something like the next article was going to be about gennifer flowers. **A Strange Stirring Social sciences book** She has written about gender family and history and her writings have been translated into a dozen languages: **Book A Strange stirring moment** Pretty good book about *The Feminine Mystique* (the book) the controversies that surrounded it the impact that it had and the material it drew from often without attribution: **Book A Strange stirrings mixers** Incomprehensible to anyone who has not read *The Feminine Mystique*: **EPub A Strange stirring of love** ebook This book looks at the phenomenon that was *The Feminine Mystique* when Betty Friedan wrote it in the 1960s: **EPub A**

**Strange stirring** I found its analysis of The FM interesting since I'd never read the book but knew some of its history: **Epub A Strange stirrings lemon** The solution according to Friedan is for a woman to get involved in creative (i. **Epub A Strange stirring story** For example Coontz analyzes the letters written to the editors of the magazines that published excerpts of Friedan's book noting that 80% of them were negative. **Book A Strange stirring moment** Never mind that according to Coontz herself that means that 80% of the letters were apparently written by brainwashed oppressed housewives: **Book A Strange stirring heart** Motherhood is hard work and much of it is invisible (except when it's not done!): **Book A Strange stirrings blood** Much of it doesn't grant immediate benefits like a paycheck status or recognition. **A Strange Stirring pdf book** But the creative work offered in the workforce is nothing compared to the real pay-off that comes from really giving your heart and soul to the people you love, **Social Sciences A Strange stirring story** Relationships take time energy and effort some of it mundane and boring but in the grand scheme of things that's what matters most: **Book A Strange stirring coffee** ebook i got a review copy of this in the mail this week and have been reading it today. **Strange stringed instruments** coontz has a race and class analysis of the feminine mystique but persuasively argues that it is worth a deeper look not a quick dismissal, **A Strange Stirring booklet** ebook The best parts of this book are the sections in which Coontz focuses on the reactions of women to Betty Friedan's The Feminine Mystique: **Strange stringed instruments** Writing response-based scholarship is tricky since there's an inherit sample bias built in. **Book A Strange stirring rod** The stories she passes on underscore the seriousness of Friedan's problem with no name--the ennui that overtook women who in theory had something resembling it all, **A Strange Stirring pdf book** She also does a good job deflating the myth that The Feminine Mystique created the feminist movement of the late 60s and early 70s out of whole cloth: **Book A Strange stirrings blood** Beyond that there's a lot of material about gender and women's history that basically summarizes very well known (to those who read in the field) information. **Book A Strange stirrings lemon** Nothing wrong with that but it meant that for me the book could have been about half its length (and it's not long) without losing anything crucial, **Social Sciences A Strange stirring story** For general readers start with Coontz's The Way We Never Were a terrific deflating of the nostalgia surrounding images of gender and the family from the post-World War II era: **Parenting Families A Strange stirring story** ebook The first two or three chapters were slow-going for me but then the book picked up momentum: **PDF A Strange stirring meaning** It is fascinating to read reactions to The Feminine Mystique from a wide spectrum of people and from different generations and time periods. **History A Strange stirring story** There weren't quite as many testimonials as I had anticipated but in the end those the author chose to use were highly resonant, **Book A Strange stirring of love** I think much of the truth (both positive and negative) of the book was captured in this unexpected reaction from a prominent gay historian: **A Strange Stirring history book** In the 1990s he had a stay-at-home boyfriend 'who suffered from the same anxieties as the housewives Friedan profiled: **A Strange Stirring kindle unlimited** A few years later the historian picked up Friedan's book himself and was 'astounded' by its power. **A Strange Stirring pdf reader** I was shocked to see that she reflected uncritically the biases of the 1950s. **Book A Strange stirring of love** But the book still spoke to me a gay man of the twenty first century: **Book A Strange stirring heart** I found the last two chapters especially good including Coontz's discussion of the career mystique. This includes founding the National Organization for Women. Coontz painstakingly proves and disproves these myths. She also puts all the realities into historical perspective. by 1955.

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Coontz acknowledges this fact.wah.wah. message. Did feminism kill marriage? Nope. A Strange Stirring sets the record straight. I know I know. Coontz also talked with men who had read the book. Did feminism kill sexiness? Nope. It will also allow for a re-examination of Friedan herself. One who

doesn't know her history is bound to repeat it. It made for a weird read. this may have influenced my perspective on the book. i mean that is kind of an oversight. all three of our meetings were just gossip sessions. which says a lot more about the book than us. it just didn't compel us or inspire us at all. um. it was like the feminist version of yellow journalism. i don't know.e. paid) work. It's also a long-term investment.it's excellent.read johanna fateman's review here <http://www.bookforum.com/review/6950>.I am forcing myself to put it down until next month. I read the feminine mystique when I was 18. I look forward to reconsidering it in its social context. For the most part Coontz handles the problem well. 'Her diatribes against homosexuals were repellent. ebook.