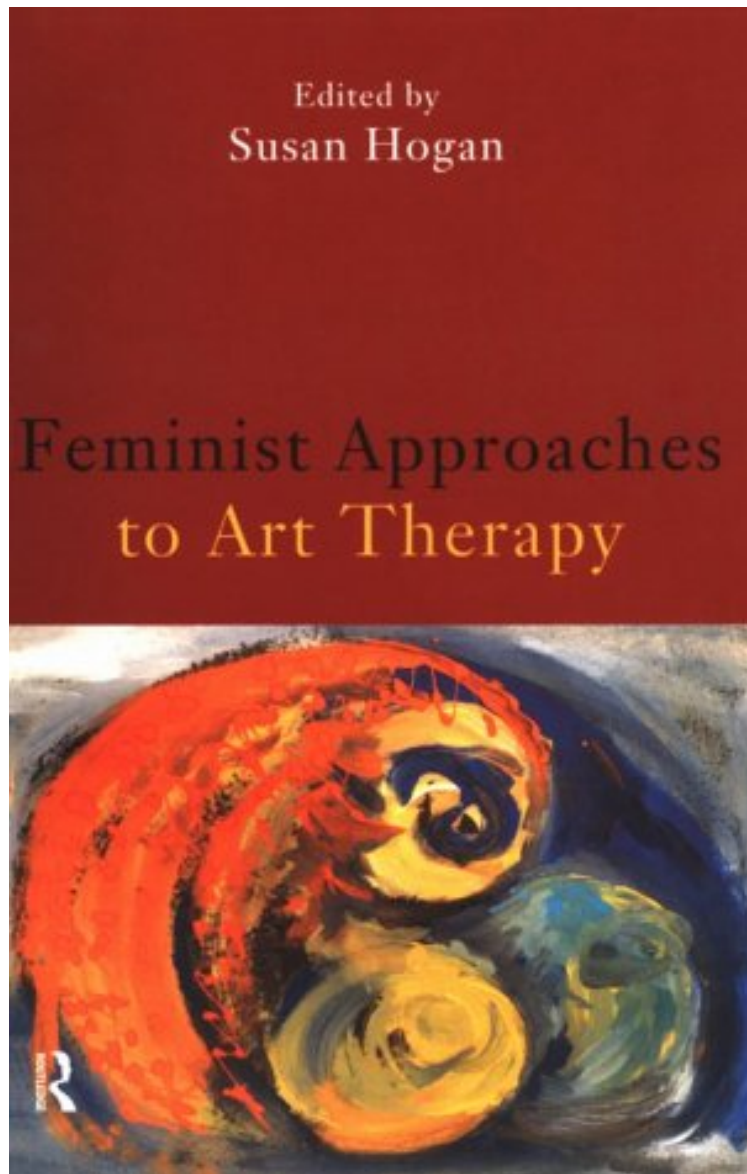


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Feminist appropriations in Art Therapy? By Deborah Shaw This is a worthy book unfortunately edited by an unethical art therapist. I am one of the women written about in this book. As a Master student of Arts Therapy in Sydney last year I discovered my drawing on the front cover of the book and an

entire chapter (A Tasty Drop of Dragon's Blood) of my course of therapeutic art which I took soon after one of my twins died in 1991. This book has much to offer but so shocked and distressed by the inclusion of my material without my written permission, I have been unable to read it coherently. I had only showed my drawings to family and friends (3 people) but here was my lived experience in at least two books, several articles, presentations at conferences, university courses, symposiums, and 24/7 on line. The editor (my art therapist) and the author of this book has capitalised on my grief and broken therapeutic and academic integrity. I feel violated, betrayed and assaulted. Read it because it is good. The feminist's point of views add a rich diversity to our understanding but write to the editor, Susan Hogan and remind her of her obligations to right the wrong. I have lost 22 months of my life to PTSD and anxiety. I have stopped working as a nurse with ongoing financial consequences. I am angry that I am near homeless. My savings have paid for therapy which I essentially I don't trust. How do we address individual women's pain and trauma by declaring their mistreatment as valid because of its feminist intent? How do we call them to account?

This book provides a comprehensive survey of women's issues within art therapy. The contributors explore: * women's mental health* the interaction between popular culture and the representation of women in psychiatric discourse* the socio-political dimensions of women's lives Case studies cover a selection of topics including assertiveness, empowerment, sexuality and childbirth, as well as issues around class, race and age. Feminist Approaches to Art Therapy helps art therapists develop gender-aware practice, and illustrates to women in general what art therapy has to offer them.