



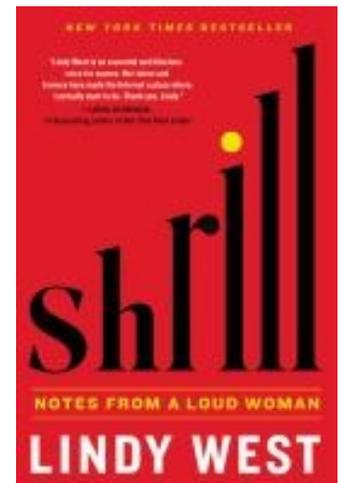
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Notes From a Loud Woman

Lindy West

Discussion Questions

1. Have you heard of Lindy West or read anything by her before this book? Posts on jezebel.com? Watched her debate regarding rape jokes? Listened to the podcast of her confronting an internet troll? Saw the trending #shoutyourabortion? What were your impressions of Lindy West and how have they changed or been reaffirmed with the reading of this book.
2. Feminism has come a long way since the 1960s when Betty Friedan wrote a book that addressed "the problem that has no name." Based on West's book, what would you say are some of the most important topics that feminists are speaking out about today?
3. In the book Lean In, Sheryl Sandberg says when a boy acts assertive he's proclaimed to be a leader but when a girl does she's proclaimed to be bossy. What similar connotations are there with the word shrill? Who typically gets labeled as shrill? Why would Lindy West use that as the title of her book?
4. Many comedians argue for their right to make jokes about any topic, such as South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone in Cartoon Wars Part 1 and 2. However, Lindy West argues that some topics, such as rape, should not be joked about and cites the notion of punching up/punching down. What are your thoughts on her argument? Are there certain topics that shouldn't be joked about?
5. There are many web-based crimes that specifically target women, from revenge porn and hackers leaking personal photos of celebrities to trolls using social media to send harassing and threatening messages. Who are the women who are typically the targets of these trolls? How does the law enforcement react when Lindy West reports these trolls to them?





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