**The Life and Works of Hannah Arendt**

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Recommended reading.

The book I would have assigned in a typical university course:

*The Portable Hannah Arendt*, (Penguin Classicsedited by Peter Baehr

Books on Arendt's life:

Elisabeth Young-Bruehl, *Hannah Arendt* (Yale Univ. Press, 1982; revised 2004); still the most informative

Young-Bruehl also wrote an excellent commentary, *Why Arendt Matters* (Yale, 2006). It is in three parts, each

Anne Heller, *Hannah Arendt: A Life in Dark Times (*New Harvest, 2014). A short biography (114 pages) largely repeating Young-Bruehl

Samantha Rose Hill, *Hannah Arendt* (Reaktion Books, 2021). Also short, at 200 pages, but with more photos.

Ken Krimstein, *The Three Escapes of Hannah Arendt* (Bloomsbury, 2018) a cartoonist's adaptation of Heller's book. Not the best drawings, but an easy read.

Dagmar Barnouw, Visible Spaces: Hannah Arenmdt and the German-Jewish Experience

On Arendt's themes: For readers wishing to follow discussions of Arendt’s major themes:

David Arndt, *Arendt on the Political* (Cambridge, 2019)

Margaret Canovan, *The Political Thought of Hannah Arendt* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1974). This remains something of a classic in Arendt studies.

Peg Birmingham, *Hannah Arendt and Human Rights* (Indiana, 2006)

John Kiess, *Hannah Arendt and Theology* (T & T Clark, 2016)

Bonnie Honig, *Feminist Interpretations of Hannah Arendt* (Penn State, 1995)

Mordechai Gordon and Maxine Green, *Hannah Arendt and Education* (Routledge, 2001)

Cecilia Sjöholm, *Doing Aesthetics with Arendt* (Columbia Univ. Press, 1915)

Richard J. Bernstein, *Hannah Arendt and the Jewish Question* (MIT, 1996)

Kathryn T. Gines, *Hannah Arendt and the Negro Question* (Indiana, 2014)

A later highly esteemed woman philosopher on Arendt’s place in the Western philosophic tradition.

Julia Kristeva, *Hannah Arendt* (Columbia Univ. Press 2001)

The best book on Arendt and Heidegger:

Dana R. Villa, *Arendt and Heidegger: The Fate of the Political* (Princeton University Press, 1996)

Two anthologies that deal with Arendt’s many sides in sets of short essays:

Dana R. Villa, editor, *The Cambridge Companion to Hannah Arendt* (Camridge University Press, 2000)

Larry May and Jerome Kohn, editors, *Hannah Arendt: Twenty Years Later* (MIT Press, 1996)

But for Arendt herself, an array of possibilities:

Arendt, Hannah. *Between Past and Future: Six Exercises in Political Thought* (1961). 2nd edition, *Between Past and Future: Eight Exercises in Political Thought.* New York: Viking, 1968.

# -----. *Crises of the Republic. Lying in Politics; Civil Disobedience; On Violence; Thoughts on Politics and Revolution*. New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1972.

-----. *The Human Condition*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1958.

-----. *Eichmann in Jerusalem* New York: Viking, 1963.

-----. *Essays in Understanding, 1930-1954*. Edited by Jerome Kohn. New York: Harcourt Brace & Company, 1994.

-----. *The Jew as Pariah: Jewish Identity and Politics in the Modern Age*. Edited by Ron H. Feldman. New York: Grove Press, 1978. Subsumed in *The Jewish Writings* (below).

-----. *The Jewish Writings*. Edited by Jerome Kohn and Ron H. Feldman. New York: Schocken Books, 2007.

-----. *Karl Marx and the Tradition of Political Thought*. Christian Gauss Lectures, Princeton University, 1953. Included in *Thinking without a Banister*, pp. 3-68.

-----. *Lectures on Kant’s Political Philosophy*. Edited by Ronald Beiner. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982.

-----. *The Life of the Mind.* New York: Harcourt Brace & World, 1978. Based on Gifford Lectures in Aberdeen, 1973-1974.

-----. *Love and Saint Augustine*. Edited by Joanna Vecchiarelli Scott and Judith Chelius Stark. Translated by E. B. Ashton. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

-----. *Men in Dark Times*. New York: Harcourt, Brace, & World, 1968.

-----. *On Revolution*. New York: Viking, 1963.

-----. *On Violence*. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, 1970.

-----. *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. New York: Harcourt, Brace, 1951. 2nd edition, New York: Harcourt, Brace, & World, 1958. 3rd edition, New York: Harcourt Brace, 1966.

-----. *The Promise of Politics*. Edited by Jerome Kohn. New York: Schocken Books, 2005.

-----. *Rahel Varnhagen: The Life of a Jewess*. London: East-West Library, 1958. New edition, edited and annotated by Liliane Weissberg. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997.

-----. *Reflections on Literature and Culture*. Edited by Susannah Young-ah Gottlieb. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2007.

-----. *Responsibility and Judgment*. Edited by Jerome Kohn. New York: Schocken Books, 2003.

-----. *Thinking without a Bannister: Essays in Understanding 1953-1975*. Edited by Jerome Kohn. New York: Schocken, 2018.

**Letters**

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Arendt, Hannah, and Heinrich Blucher. *Hannah Arendt/Heinrich Blücher: Briefe 1936-1968*. Edited **by** Lotte Köhler. Munich: Piper, 1966. Translated as *Within Four Walls: The Correspondence of Hannah Arendt and Heinrich Blücher*. Translated by Peter Constantine. New York: Harcourt, 2000.

Arendt, Hannah, and Karl Jaspers. *Briefwechsel 1926-1969*. Edited by Lotte Köhler and Hans Saner. Munich: Piper, 1985. Translated as *Hannah Arendt / Karl Jaspers: Correspondence 1926-1969*. Translated by Robert and Rita Kimber. New York: Harcourt Brace & Company, 1992.

Arendt, Hannah, and Martin Heidegger. *Briefe 1925 bis 1975: und andere Zeugnisse*. Edited by Ursula Ludz. Frankfurt am Main: V. Klostermann, 1998. Translated as *Letters 1925-1975: Hannah Arendt and Martin Heidegger*. Translated by Andrew Shields. New York: Harcourt, Inc. 2004.

Arendt, Hannah, and Mary McCarthy. *Between Friends: The Correspondence of Hannah Arendt and Mary McCarthy 1949-1975*. Edited by Carol Brightman. New York: Harcourt Brace, & Company, 1995.

**Interviews**

Arendt, Hannah. *The Last Interview and Other Conversations*. Brooklyn: Melville House, 213.

Interview with Günter Gaus. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsoImQfVsO4>