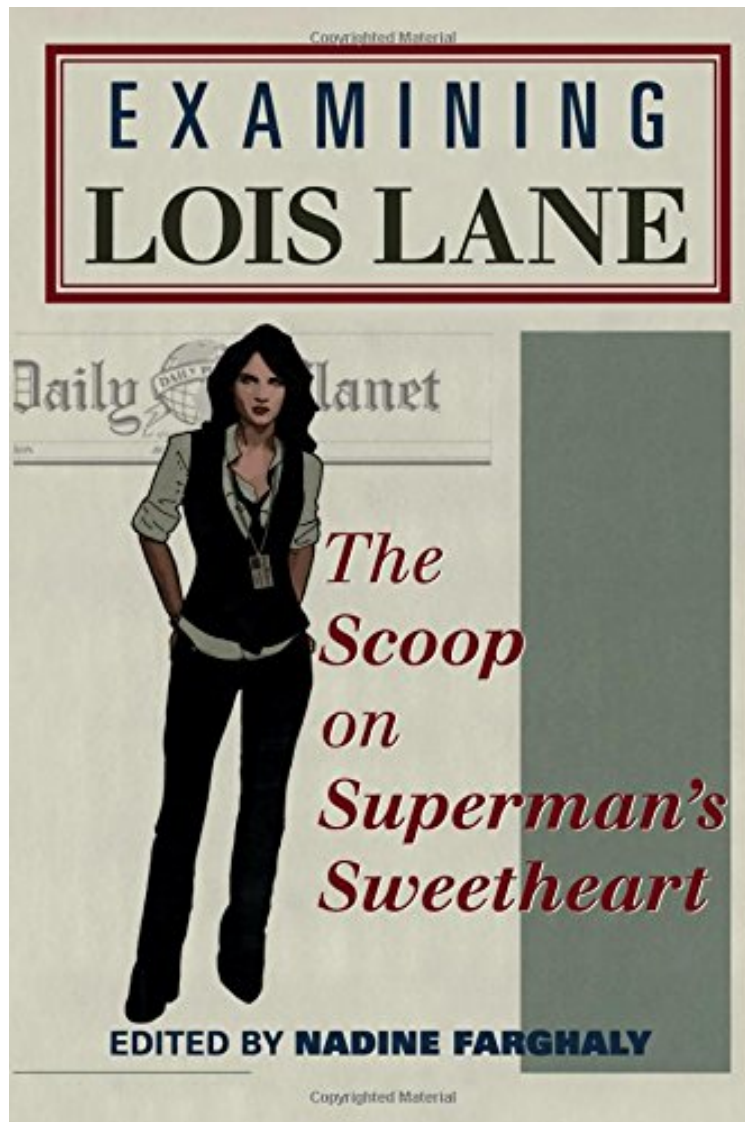


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Pricey, sometimes hard to read, with some buried gemsBy kaysaDespite the price, I decided to take a chance on this book due to my own personal love of Lois Lane. I knew the book was academic but figured, hey, I'm an academic, so this should be a natural fit. I was wrong.Part of my disappointment likely stems from having just read 'The Secret History of Wonder Woman', by Jill Lepore. Indeed, it

was that book, a random purchase in an airport, that made me seek out something similar on Superman or Lois Lane. Where 'Secret History' tells a compelling origin story, 'Examining Lois Lane' is a collection of academic narratives, each which examines Lois in context of either comics, movies, or TV series, along with various iterations of feminist theory. And of course the book jacket blurb says that, too. Some of the narratives are fantastic - well written, thought provoking, and written in easily readable English. Most, unfortunately, are so densely written that I ended up skimming instead of actually savoring the text. I am an academic. I write like an academic. I read academic work all the time. Yet what I did NOT want in this book was long-winded academic prose that stripped the excitement from Lois' character and turned her into a master's level thesis project. There are so many ways to engage in academic writing for a general audience without putting them to sleep - many of the authors in this collection apparently missed that class in university. I usually judge a book by my desire to keep it around. Do I want to waste limited shelf space on a book? Will I read it again? Do I love it enough to buy the digital as well so I always have a copy available? In regards to 'Examining Lois Lane', I am still waffling. The chapters I liked I REALLY liked, and the chapters I didn't like I couldn't even bring myself to finish. The book itself was so ridiculously expensive that I can't even bring myself to leave it in one of our community library book boxes. Overall, it is worth a read. It is not, however, worth the price being charged. I understand how small, independent presses work, and I understand limited run prints. However, a collection of essays, many not language-accessible to the general public, does not warrant fifty plus dollars. I'm not even certain it warrants twenty dollars. If there were reprints of comic panels (which required licensing fees) or other artwork, I would be much more forgiving on the price front. I sincerely hope the editor and/or authors worked out a fantastic deal with their publisher wherein they actually receive a sizable percentage of sales, as that might make the cost a bit easier to swallow. TLDR: Some parts are great, some are boring, some are too dense. Left with a general 'meh' feeling and a substantially lighter wallet. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I'm top banana that's the way I like it! By Annie A great book about a character everyone either overlooks or mocks, it's both acknowledged Lois's downfalls and admired her strengths. I realize now more than before, it's all in how she is written depicted that will shape her character. This book was endlessly fascinating for me. And I hope in future we'll see a more positive version of Lois. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book! By Sam Really loved this scholarly article on how Lois Lane and her portrayal is linked to how we perceive women. :D Book came without a scratch too!

In June 1938, Superman made his debut in Action Comics #1, which also featured his romantic interest Clark Kent's journalistic rival Lois Lane. In the decades since, the intrepid reporter has become an iconic figure almost as recognizable as the Man of Steel himself. Lois has appeared in multiple adaptations, from her own comic book to various films and television shows, and millions of women have seen and continue to see her as a role model. Examining Lois Lane: The Scoop on Superman's Sweetheart is the first anthology to explore the many incarnations of this empowering American icon. Chapters analyze the character of Lois Lane in various media through the perspectives of feminism, gender studies, cultural studies, and more. In some discussions she is compared to mythological heroines, while others explain her importance in popular culture. This wide-ranging collection looks at previously neglected aspects of Lois and offers new insights into the evolution of her character. Seventy-five years after Lois Lane's first appearance, this book creates a fascinating picture of the obstacles and decisions faced by her character, whose challenges and accomplishments often reflected those of women over the course of the past century. Examining Lois Lane will be of interest to students and scholars as well as those who grew up reading and watching the many manifestations of Superman's girlfriend.

Collections strong in popular culture and comic history will appreciate the first anthology to limit its exploring on Lois Lane in Examining Lois Lane: The Scoop on Superman's Sweetheart. Chapters consider her character, culture, and how she compares to mythological heroines. This is no light read, but a semi-scholarly treatment recommended for any collection serious about comic book history and analysis. (Midwest Book) About the Author Nadine Farghaly received her M.A. in English Literature from Bowling Green State University and her Mag. Phil., in English and American Studies from the University of Salzburg.