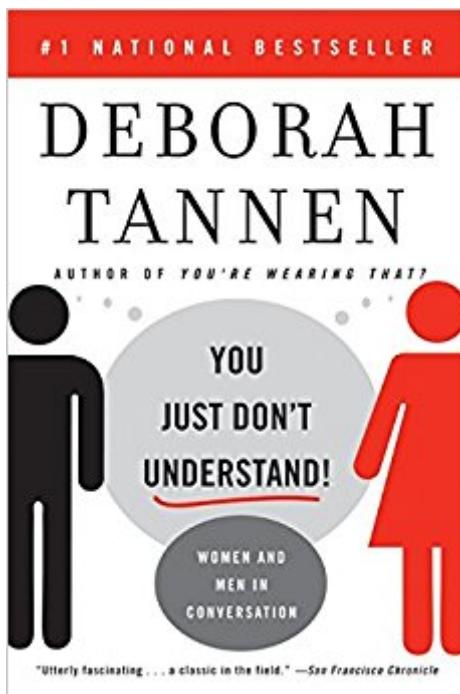


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# You Just Don't Understand: Women And Men In Conversation



## **Synopsis**

From the author of *A New York Times* bestseller *You're Wearing That?* this bestselling classic work draws upon groundbreaking research by an acclaimed sociolinguist to show that women and men live in different worlds, made of different words. Women and men live in different worlds...made of different words. Spending nearly four years on the *New York Times* bestseller list, including eight months at number one, *You Just Don't Understand* is a true cultural and intellectual phenomenon. This is the book that brought gender differences in ways of speaking to the forefront of public awareness. With a rare combination of scientific insight and delightful, humorous writing, Tannen shows why women and men can walk away from the same conversation with completely different impressions of what was said. Studded with lively and entertaining examples of real conversations, this book gives you the tools to understand what went wrong -- and to find a common language in which to strengthen relationships at work and at home. A classic in the field of interpersonal relations, this book will change forever the way you approach conversations.

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Georgetown University linguistics professor Tannen asserts that misunderstandings between the sexes often arise because women like to connect emotionally in conversation while men prefer to impart knowledge. "Tannen examines the functioning of argument and interruption, and convincingly supports her case for the existence of 'genderlect,' " said PW. Author tour. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Ã¢ “[A] refreshing and readable account of the complexities of communication between men and women.Ã¢ • (The New York Times Book Review)Ã¢ “A chatty, earnest and endearing book that promises hereÃ¢ âœandÃ¢ âœnow rewards.Ã¢ • (Los Angeles Times)Ã¢ “People are telling Tannen that the book is saving their marriages.Ã¢ • (Washington Post)Ã¢ “A novelistÃ¢ âœs ear for the way people speak with a rare power of original analysis.Ã¢ • (Oliver Sacks)Ã¢ “Utterly fascinating. . . . A classic in the field.Ã¢ • (San Francisco Chronicle)

Great read. Deborah Tannen is a great author for those who have a casual interest in linguistics, but aren't linguists themselves. Anyone working in the field would find it over-simplified and too reliant on anecdotal evidence, but for the casual reader with an interest in the wonders of how language shapes our world, it's a very enlightening read.

"You Just Don't Understand" is a very readable book with plenty of examples and data to back it up. I found it to be amazingly accurate and it really has helped me communicate better with men. I know that sounds so weird, but there really are differences in how men and women use language. For example, most men use language to convey information and to create a pecking order. Most women use language to create bonding and to create an even playing field without a pecking order. In understanding those differences and more, I am now better able to understand why a man may say certain things and hence better able to take it as it in the spirit it was given, rather than feeling hurt. It also has helped me speak to men in a way that they will understand and will not see as demeaning myself in the pecking order. Over all I found this book an entertaining read and very practical. If you have ever been frustrated in a conversation with the opposite gender, this book may shed some light.

The book came right away, and I'm enjoying it .

Love it.

Deborah Tannen has produced yet another well written and well researched book with a very readable style. In "You Just Don't Understand, Tannen explores and explains the subtle and not-so subtle differences in gendered communication. This is a must read for anyone who wants to listen

beyond just words, and appreciate the different styles of gendered communication, and also for teachers, supervisors, team leaders et al, who really want to communicate better. I recommend it to my students in vocational training and education.

This is the second time I have read this book. In my first relationship, it helped me to understand her point of view. Unfortunately, we never got past that. In my current relationship, we are reading this book and another by the same author simultaneously and discussing the meaning and implications of the material. I find that the material is very good at explaining common misunderstandings that arise in relationships. It's not very good at going beyond that, i.e. explaining or suggesting what you do with the new understanding. However, in my opinion, having awareness of what is happening is a major step in moving forward in any relationship. That is what the book was meant to do and it succeeds very well. I recommend it to anyone who finds themselves stuck in a recurring loop of "he said, she said."

When I've had my high school students read this book they often exclaimed, " I wish I'd read this last year! I could have save my relationship with my boyfriend/girlfriend!" It's very insightful commentary on the differences between how men and women talk. We can use the same word to mean completely different things. Very life changing information.

I wish I could recommend this book to myself fifteen years ago. Many of my interactions would have made more sense to me if I understood gendered conversational styles.

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