# Simone de Beauvoir

Born: 09/01/1908
Paris, France
Death: 14/04/1986
Aged 78

French Philosopher

## Who Was She

Beauvoir was an author, writing things such as novels, essays, biographies and autobiographies. She was also an existentialist, so many of her works were monographs on philosophy, politics and social issues. An existentialist is someone who believes that people need to live authentically. Beauvoir was also importantly a feminist, standing up for women's rights, against the idea that women are seen as passive objects.

## "One is not born a women, but rather becomes a women"

Beauvoir believed that men were seen as human, and women as female. When women acted like a human being, they were told that they were imitating men. This went against Beauvoir's belief in existentialism and people's free will to choose who they want to be.

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