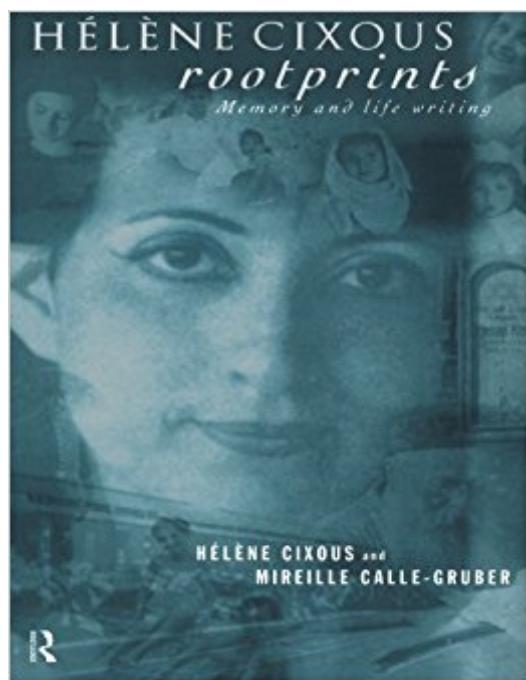


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Synopsis

Helene Cixous is undoubtedly one of the most brilliant and innovative contemporary thinkers. Published here in English for the first time Helene Cixous, Rootprints is an ideal introduction to Cixous's theory and her fiction, tracing her development as a writer and intellectual whose remarkable prespicacity and electrifying poetic force are known world-wide. Unprecedented in its form and content this collection breaks new ground in the theory and practice of auto/biography. Cixous's creative reflections on the past provide occasion for scintillating forays into the future. The text includes:^{*} an extended interview between Cixous and Calle-Gruber, exploring Cixous's creative and intellectual processes^{*} a revealing collection of photographs taken from Cixous's family album, set against a poetic reflection by the author^{*} selections from Cixous's private notebooks^{*} a contribution by Jacques Derrida^{*} original 'thing-pieces' by Calle-Gruber.

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family of German-speaking Central European Jews who settled in Algeria. Her father was a physician and her mother a midwife in Oran, the site of Camus's The Plague. This work is truly indispensable for filling in the gaps of Cixous's imaginative biography of her father, *Or, Lettres de mon pere* (still untranslated). Effectively translated, this is recommended for larger public and academic collections. -Marilyn Gaddis Rose, SUNY at Binghamton, N.Y. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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My fabulous daughter-in-heart is working on her PhD (on a full scholarship!) in Poetry. My gifts to her have been mostly connected to that end. Helene Cixous: *Rootprints: Memory and Life Writing*, was of the highest priority on her wish list, so it was a no brainer. It wouldn't matter how much it cost, I'd get it for her. I could not love this woman more than if she were born to me.

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