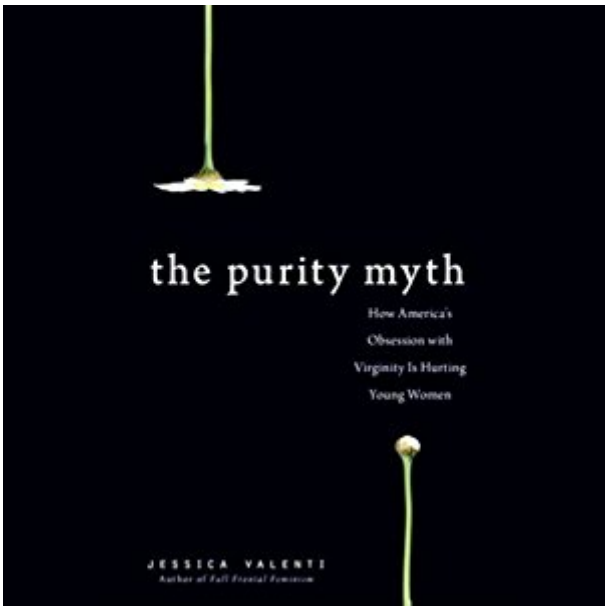
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The Purity Myth: How America's Obsession With Virginity Is Hurting Young Women



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Synopsis

The United States is obsessed with virginity from the media to schools to government agencies. In The Purity Myth Jessica Valenti argues that the country’s intense focus on chastity is damaging to young women. Through in-depth cultural and social analysis, Valenti reveals that powerful messaging on both extremes ranging from abstinence curriculum to Girls Gone Wild infomercials place a young woman’s worth entirely on her sexuality. Morals are therefore linked purely to sexual behavior, rather than values like honesty, kindness, and altruism. Valenti sheds light on the value and hypocrisy around the notion that girls remain virgin until they’re married by putting into context the historical question of purity, modern abstinence-only education, pornography, and public punishments for those who dare to have sex. The Purity Myth presents a revolutionary argument that girls and women are overly valued for their sexuality, as well as solutions for a future without a damaging emphasis on virginity.

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Customer Reviews

This book is supposed to create positive reinforcement for women and young girls but can come off as biased and judgmental. It doesn’t truly encompass feminist ideals and isn’t the best book. It downplays other women which was a huge red flag. It was a good idea though, truly.

A bit on the extreme side of feminism for my tastes, but certainly an interesting read.

Book was in great, pristine condition when I received it. As far as the contents in the book goes, it’s

pretty eye opening and is a very good read.

Great read. Thanks for doing this work.

Everyone needs to read this.

Enjoyable book, and a great look at the effects purity culture have on our culture as a whole. Sometimes the writing comes off less eloquent and a little harsh, almost, but overall, I think the tone is quite appropriate to the subject matter. The snarky humor was also refreshing. Loved the conversational feel.Overall, I would highly recommend this book.

This book is great for examining society's ideas of policing women's sexuality. There's a "bigger picture" story than just about sex and virginity...(no spoilers)

Eye opening book!

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