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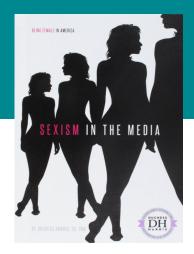
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Excellent

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Intermediate

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Book Review Being Female in America: Sexism in the Media

This cool, level-headed book lays a solid foundation for a first look at sexism for young readers. Harris wields her JD and PhD and presents straightforward, research-backed facts about the history, trends, and changes of sexism in today's media. Point by point, Harris spotlights how athletes, politicians, models, actors, journalists, and musicians endure pointed sexism in media and society simply for being female. Women and girls are also sexualized in media content, and exploited to sell products, services, and brands.

Harris outlines the book as clearly as her arguments, with chapters dividing the sub-topics clearly for middle-grade readers. Resources for both students and teachers wrap up the volume. A succinct glossary accompanies a thorough endnotes section, supporting those new to the topic and the more cynical reader who checks all her sources. Quality images, pullouts, and chapter questions more deeply engage the readers in contemplating the reach of this topic in their own lives.

*Contains mild sexual content.