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Part One determines why sexuality has become a "taboo" issue for the Black church and community. Douglas examines the function of sexuality in White culture and the denigration and exploitation of Black sexuality through a discussion of White cultural myths, stereotypes, laws and customs concerning Black women and men. Part Two studies how Blacks have responded to sexual myths and stereotypes by retreating into silence on the subject of sexuality. In this section, Douglas discusses the function and role of sexuality in the Black church and community, homophobia/heterosexuality and how Black sexuality is portrayed in Black fictional literature. Finally, she explores the importance of sexuality and sexual discourse to the Christian theological mandate and to Black churches.

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Rae Lewis-Thornton says

If you want to make sense of African-Americans and sexuality this book will help shed some light. This Theologian does a great job at deconstructing.. Helped me to understand some of the homophobia in the black church and all this uptightness around sex in the black community... I read it when I was in seminary and honestly I didn't want to, but it was assigned reading... I was surprised and I highly recommend it... Even if you don't have a theology background you should still be able to follow...

Josh says

Read most of this in seminary but finally finished the final few chapters. Powerful and moving theology on sexuality for the Black Church that all churches need to hear.

TheObsessiveCupcake says

This book was eye-opening and so well written. The issues Kelly Brown Douglas brings up and discusses are important for readers of all skin colors to understand. Her historic examples are well researched and explained to connect the past in the age of slavery to the present American atmosphere where racist stereotypes and oppression are all too plentiful. I would recommend this book to any individual who wants to learn more about why America is racist today. So now go and read!

Marcus says

This is a classic work and should be read by all. I enjoyed it!

J Thomas says

Must read for any intellectual interested in understanding the why and how of the culture an needed shift in the church in having a dialogue about the taboo of sexuality.

Joe T. says

With a surgeon's precision Douglas dissects things such as whiteness, the historic nature of white cultures

exploitation of Black sexuality, Sarah Bartman and historical stereotypes of black men and women's sexuality, the black church and homophobia and the benefit of exploiting black sexuality and how the church can promote a discourse of self love and healthy relationships by engaging womanist fiction and engaging pop culture.

To sum up the boom in one word: DOPE!

Noah Murphy says

This woman was actually my advisor at undergrad. I have a signed copy of the book ^_^ I called her on some of her more radical viewpoints expressed here, but overall it was good treatise with some decent points.

Alisa says

Provocative & challenging! A must read.

Camille says

a macro level analysis about Black spirituality in the Americas...wish it was a little more aggressive
