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Sexism and Science

This volume, a reprint from 1978, compiles essays by the late Reed, an author of many works on the origins of the oppression of women and the fight for their emancipation. Ranging in date from 1957 to 1977 and including an exchange with education scholar Howard Haymes, the essays examine the presence of sexist stereotypes and preconceptions in the biological and social sciences, especially primatology, sociobiology, and anthropology. They address theoretical foundations, principles, and sexist beliefs about male dominance, sex differentiation, sex practices of animals, aggression, attachments and bonding, evolutionism, matriarchy, the kinship ideas of Claude Lévi-Strauss, and other ideas in these fields. The book is meant to be a supplement to her major work, Woman's Evolution. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)