

BOOK REVIEW

Sexism and Science

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Described as a sequel to Reed's *Women's evolution* (CHOICE, June 1975), this new volume is a compilation of eight essays, including both previously published, unrevised articles from *International Socialist Review* and several new renderings of old stands. Echoing issues raised in her earlier books, Reed attacks the sexism that has flawed scientific analysis: Robert Ardrey's and Desmond Morris's slanderous theories of innate human aggressiveness, Lionel Tiger's flimflam arguments for male solidarity and superiority, the fabricated, antifeminist myths of Levi-Strauss, and the downgrading of 19th-century anthropologists' evolutionist reasoning.

Reed's counterarguments stress the existence of an early matriarchal epoch, the creativity of women, and the merits of *Woman's evolution*. Although Reed offers some telling criticisms of the present state of anthropology and a convincing call for new historical perspectives, her discussions are occasionally strident and often weakly supported.

This is an old-fashioned, idiosyncratic Marxist accounting, which ignores contributions such as M. Z. Rosaldo and Louise Lamphere, *Woman, culture, and society* (CHOICE, Sept. 1974) and M. Kay Martin and Barbara Voorhies, *Female of the species* (CHOICE, Nov. 1975).

Brief bibliography and index. Recommended only for large women's studies and anthropology collections.