



## The Purity Myth: How America's Obsession With Virginity is Hurting Young Women (First Trade Paper Edition)

By Jessica Valenti

Avalon Publishing Group. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Purity Myth: How America's Obsession With Virginity is Hurting Young Women (First Trade Paper Edition), Jessica Valenti, 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-only 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 virgins 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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