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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

"Men are normal, women are deficient" is the tacit message our culture instills, asserts California social psychologist Tavris. In a valuable, enlightening roadmap to sanity for women and men, she argues that there is far more substantial evidence for similarity between the sexes than for differences. She refutes ecofeminists and other theorizers who claim that women are more empathic and peace-loving than men. She disputes feminist historians who argue on shaky grounds for worldwide prehistoric matriarchies centered on Mother Goddess worship; she debunks feminist psychoanalysts who, she says, reinforce Freud's notion that men and women are inevitably worlds apart psychologically. Rejecting the notion that women are less sexual, Tavris deflates the stereotype of the "coy female" propagated in sociobiology and pop psychology texts. Her lively study explores how society "pathologizes" women through psychiatric diagnoses, sexist divorce rulings and images of females as "moody," "self-defeating" or "unstable." She also presents evidence that women's expectations about premenstrual syndrome, a stigmatizing label for a natural set of bodily changes, may actually influence their symptoms. First serial to Redbook, Mademoiselle, Woman's Day and Self; BOMC and QPB alternates; author tour.

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From Library Journal

Tavris, a social psychologist best known for *Anger* (LJ 1/1/83) presents a considered and comprehensive analysis of how women are measured against men in society. She examines why women are not inferior, superior, or the same as men. Comparisons have led to labeling men as "normal" and women who do not perform physically, sexually, mentally, or emotionally like them as "abnormal." Tavris argues that the costs of these measurements have been, and continue to be, substantial for women. She also presents careful and convincing critiques of Carol Gilligan, author of *In a Different Voice* (Harvard Univ. Pr., 1982) and other works on the psychology of women such as codependency, and the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. Tavris articulates and synthesizes convoluted philosophical arguments easily. The result is an accessible, thorough, and enjoyable feminist overview of women in society. Recommended for public and academic libraries. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 11/15/91.

- *Melody Burton, York Univ. Libs., Toronto*

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From Kirkus Reviews

Social psychologist Tavris (*Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion*, 1983) unveils society's systemic and often unconscious definition of the male as the norm against which women must measure up or be found deficient--a provocative and thought-provoking look at how sexism persists today. That women have lower self-esteem than men, are less self-confident, are more likely to repress their anger, and are more open to their feelings: these are societal truisms analyzed in every women's magazine in the country, Tavris says, as she points out that the question of how women compare to men has long held scientific researchers, doctors, psychologists and, today, cultural feminists in thrall. What is nearly always missed in such comparisons, the author adds, is that women are being compared, positively or negatively, to a male "norm"--thus advancing an erroneous assumption of "opposites" and, in negative comparisons, pathologizing normal female ways of being. Illustrating her premise by pointing out the unlikelihood of finding a bookstore filled with manuals aimed at helping men overcome their tendency to be more conceited than women, to assess their abilities less realistically than women, or to have more difficulty than women in maintaining attachments, Tavris analyzes how the treatment of normal female processes as abnormal (physical reactions to menstruation become a "syndrome" that debilitates; women floundering under society-caused difficulties combining child care and

work are diagnosed as "depressed"; workers' time off for pregnancies is shoved into the category of "disability leave"; cultural feminists' belief in women's "natural" superiority allows men to proceed, unquestioned, with their own "natural" careerist lives) cripple efforts toward true equality and mutual enhancement between the sexes. Greater awareness of the diversity of "normal" human behaviors is needed, Tavis says, if we are to view one another with unblinkered eyes. The author's unusual ability to winnow out such deeply imbedded errors in thinking makes this an especially important, stimulating, and timely work, and an excellent complement to Susan Faludi's *Backlash* (1991). -- Copyright ©1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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