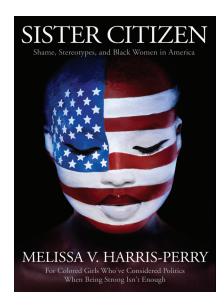
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Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America



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Jezebel's sexual lasciviousness, Mammy's devotion, and Sapphire's outspoken anger—these just some of the stereotypes black women face in contemporary American life. In *Sister Citizen*, Melissa Harris-Perry examines black women's political and emotional responses to pervasive negative race and gender images. Sister Citizen instead explores how African American women understand themselves as citizens and what they expect from political organizing. Harris-Perry shows that the shared struggle to preserve an authentic self and secure recognition as a citizen links together black women in America.



Harris-Perry, commentator on MSNBC and columnist for *The Nation*, is professor of political science at Tulane University where she serves as founding director of the Project on Gender, Race, and Politics in the South. She is also the award-winning author of *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought*. Courtesy of The Book Den copies of *Sister Citizen* will be available for purchase and signing at this free, public event.

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