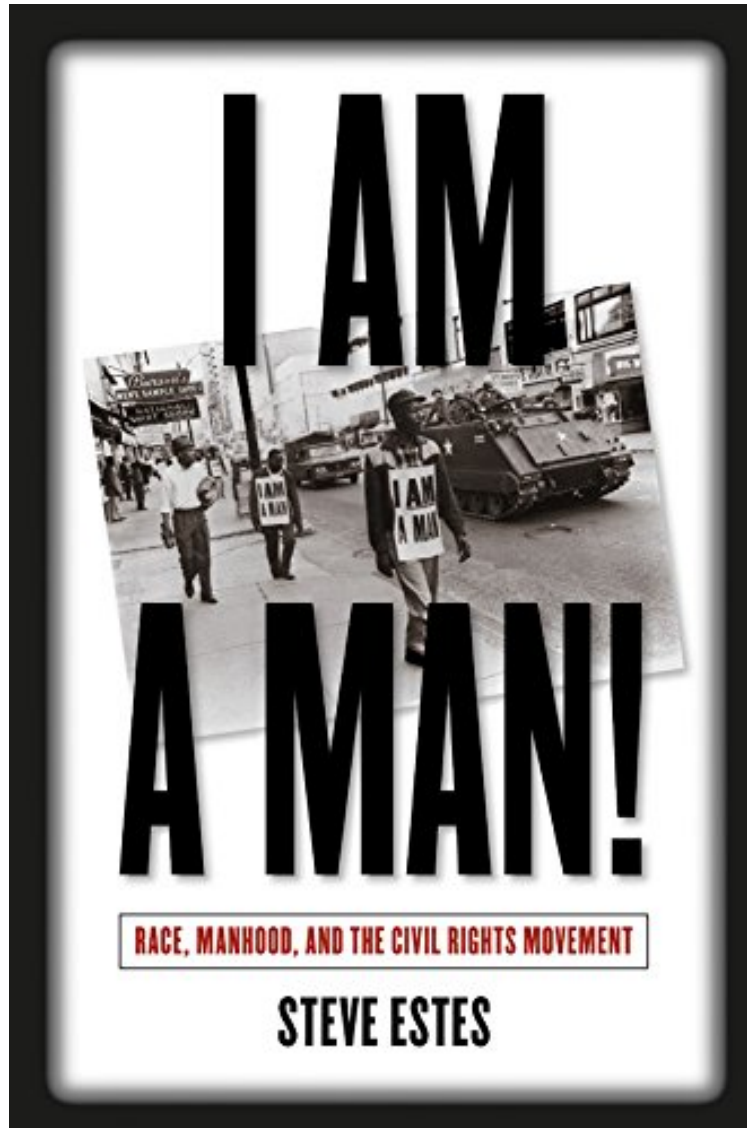


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like a man? White men do not need to ask that question, it comes naturally for them. Estes shows the history that still applies today of the many episodes in our history where black men were and are treated like anything less than a man. People may think that this book beats up and/or shames White America, but it does not. *I Am Man!* is an opportunity to learn the pure hell black men have had to go through in this country in order gain a sense of respect about being a man. President Obama is called a liar, is that how you treat a man? Oscar Grant III is shot and killed by a Bay Area Rapid Transit cop in Oakland in 2010, is that how you treat a man? Trayvon Martin is shot and killed by George Zimmerman as boy before becoming a man, is that how we treat human life in this country? As Estes points out in closing, we should not as a nation be on a quixotic quest for manhood, but on the more promising and inclusive struggles for social justice and human rights. In today's America we must be about social justice, human rights and inclusion for all members of our society regardless of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. We cannot prosper as a nation until that is achieved.

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The civil rights movement was first and foremost a struggle for racial equality, but questions of gender lay deeply embedded within this struggle. Steve Estes explores key groups, leaders, and events in the movement to understand how activists used race and manhood to articulate their visions of what American society should be. Estes demonstrates that, at crucial turning points in the movement, both segregationists and civil rights activists harnessed masculinist rhetoric, tapping into implicit assumptions about race, gender, and sexuality. Estes begins with an analysis of the role of black men in World War II and then examines the segregationists, who demonized black male sexuality and galvanized white men behind the ideal of southern honor. He then explores the militant new models of manhood espoused by civil rights activists such as Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., and groups such as the Nation of Islam, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the Black Panther Party. Reliance on masculinist organizing strategies had both positive and negative consequences, Estes concludes. Tracing these strategies from the integration of the U.S. military in the 1940s through the Million Man March in the 1990s, he shows that masculinism rallied men to action but left unchallenged many of the patriarchal assumptions that underlay American society.

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Steve Estes's *I Am A Man!* . . . is a well-conceptualized and engagingly written narrative study of the subject. . . . A welcome addition to the literature on gender and the civil rights era; it provides an insightful overview of manhood and the movement in one volume.

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Eloquent and imaginative, the book carries the reader from the battlefields of Europe to the backwaters of Mississippi while exploring the ways in which 'masculinist' thinking both helped and harmed the struggle for black equality. . . . *I Am a Man!* represents an indispensable contribution to civil rights historiography that, due to its breadth and style, will appeal not only to U.S. historians and specialists in the field but also laypersons and general readers.

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I Am a Man! raises some interesting questions and ideas about the role of gender in the mid-20th century American civil rights movement. . . . Estes is thorough in his consideration of race and gender in the movement, exploring intricacies as well as fundamentals in his analysis.

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