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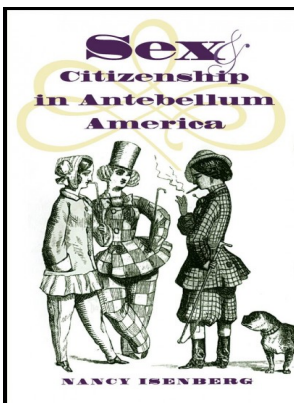
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This text is a detailed analysis of the connection between gendered rhetoric, sexual violence, and the oppression and resistance of freed people during the reconstruction era. Like many other intellectuals and activists have argued before and since, Lynch understood that the stories we tell about Reconstruction have never been divorced from present-day concerns about race, politics, and the state. These traditional definitions of race were radically disrupted after emancipation, when citizenship was granted to all persons born in the United States and suffrage was extended to all men.



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Summary Gender and sexuality are at the center of the story of Reconstruction.

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