Bad Feminist Book Summary (PDF) by Roxane Gay

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Why This Book Matters:

Bad Feminist explains how there is no one particular way to be a feminist.

The Big Takeaways:

1. **We are likely all “bad feminists.”**
   1. If The definition of “feminism” is not straightforward, for many versions of feminism exist.

2. **There is not much “reality” in reality television.**
   1. Reality television presents viewers with a distorted version of reality, playing up female stereotypes to appease to a narrow-minded audience.

3. **TV shows often use rape as just another storyline, making it harder for people to understand the weight of sexual assault in real life.**
   1. People are used to seeing the battered bodies of
abused women on their television screens, leaving them ignorant of the complexity of pain.

4. **Movies that tell the stories that seem unconventional are a step toward progress.**
   1. In “The Help,” stereotypes were swept aside to portray a story that was true to the character of the people whose story it was telling.

5. **Both racism and sexism toward black Americans are still rooted in the system.**
   1. There are far too many excuses being made for the violent acts of white men.

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