



Gender Violence and the Press: The St. Kizito Story (67th)

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Ohio University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Gender Violence and the Press: The St. Kizito Story (67th), H. Leslie Steeves, On the night of Saturday, July 13, 1991, a mob of male students at the St. Kizito Mixed Secondary School in Meru, Kenya, attacked their female classmates in a dormitory. Nineteen schoolgirls were killed in the melee and more than 70 were raped or gang raped. The explanations in the press for the attack included a rebellion by male students over administrative mismanagement, academic stress, cultural norms for the Meru ethnic group, and victim characteristics (as assumed in rape myths). Rape had been tolerated at the school, according to press accounts. Dr. Steeves studied all stories published in three Nairobi daily newspapers and a weekly Kenyan newsmagazine for the year following the crime. She also examined a sampling of international reports. Her qualitative analysis sought to identify framing patterns supportive of patriarchal or of feminist ideologies of rape, and the ways in which those patterns have been affected by news values and traditions. "Gender Violence and the Press" shows how media discourse may allow space for feminist interests within the dominant patriarchal ideology. In this instance, the appearance...



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