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The Current Collegiate Hookup Culture: Dating Apps, Sexual Scripts, and Sexual Outcomes

This book provides a holistic picture of the current hookup culture in American college campuses. Based on the findings from a nationally representative survey, it is demonstrated that hookups initiated through dating apps like Tinder are fundamentally different from the hookups that ensue from conventional meeting contexts such as parties, school, and work. This claim is substantiated by comparing the socio-demographic and psychological profiles of students who report meeting most of their hookup partners through dating apps compared to other venues. Furthermore, the book also explores the variations in hookup scripts and the physical and emotional outcomes of hookups across meeting contexts. Besides exhibiting the nuanced nature of hookups based on the context through which students meet their partners, this book calls into question some of the long-held gender-specific beliefs about the collegiate hookup culture. The potential effects of sexually permissive practices like sugar dating on students' hookup behaviors are also examined. Lastly, the book impresses the importance of including international students into the larger conversation surrounding college hookup culture. Most importantly, through this comprehensive overview, the book advocates the shedding of dated assumptions for an understanding that more accurately represents the current hookup culture in American college campuses.