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Virgin Jesus Freak

Virgin Jesus Freak is a political lyric memoir on the psychological, physical, and spiritual traumas inflicted on individuals indoctrinated into Purity Culture. This memoir is influenced by the 1990s, early 2000s Purity Culture movement led by white evangelical churches in America, and is further inspired by exvangelical narratives and the overturning of *Roe V. Wade* in the summer of 2022. With a focus on a narrator who does not fit within the binary enforced by culture, sexuality, and religion, this memoir addresses purity as a socially-constructed concept that is used to oppress women, queer youth, and female-presenting people.

Event Information

March 24, 2023
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