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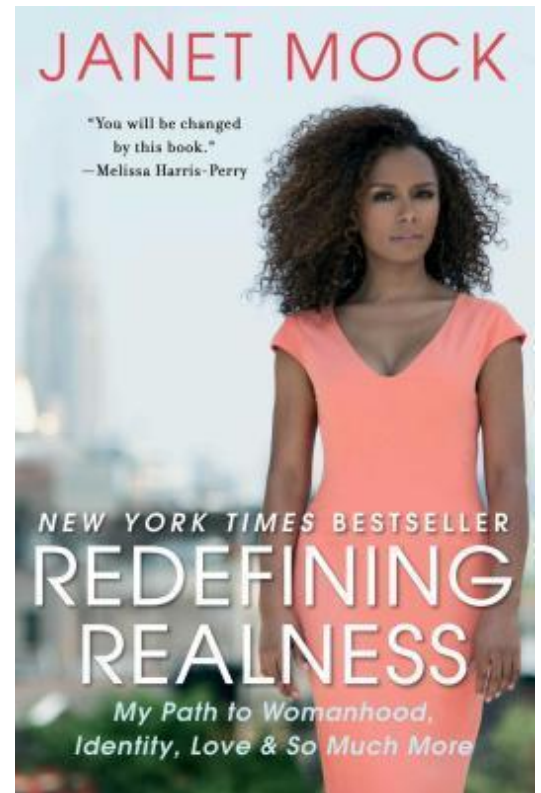
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New York Times Bestseller * Winner of the 2015 WOMEN'S WAY Book Prize * Goodreads Best of 2014 Semi-Finalist * Books for a Better Life Award Finalist * Lambda Literary Award Finalist * Time Magazine "30 Most Influential People on the Internet" * American Library Association Stonewall Honor Book

In her profound and courageous New York Times bestseller, Janet Mock establishes herself as a resounding and inspirational voice for the transgender community-and anyone fighting to define themselves on their own terms.

With unflinching honesty and moving prose, Janet Mock relays her experiences of growing up young, multiracial, poor, and trans in America, offering readers accessible language while imparting vital insight about the unique challenges and vulnerabilities of a marginalized and misunderstood population. Though undoubtedly an account of one woman's quest for self at all costs, Redefining Realness is a powerful vision of possibility and self-realization, pushing us all toward greater acceptance of one another-and of ourselves-showing as never

before how to be unapologetic and real.

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Review quote

"It's fully intersectional, deliciously activist, wonderfully unapologetic, brazen, and beautiful. I love Mock's book because, like the best feminist reads, it's really about the insight that telling stories can be a revolutionary act." -- Laura Ciolkowski, Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Social Difference and Adjunct Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University "A memoir that takes the coming-of-age narrative to both a higher and deeper level." * Slate * "Redefining Realness details a truly American story. Its poor heroine winning independence, success, and love through intelligence, determination, and hard work makes it timeless. Its portrait of a society grappling with issues of fragmented families, race, drug addiction, abuse, sex work, poverty, sexual orientation, and gender identity make it more timely and relevant than anyone expecting a `transgender memoir' could possibly predict." * The Daily Dot * "Here's the short version of my review: go buy it and read it now. . . . Mock brings the same bravery and fierce determination that is evident in her history to the writing of the book, claiming her own story and making sure experiences that have often been used to dehumanize trans women and reduce us to our transition status instead serve to give the reader a more full and honest glimpse of her humanity." * Feministing * "Janet Mock shares that which society tells us to keep secret . . . and uses it not only to strengthen herself, and empower other girls but also to educate." * For Books' Sake * "Mock's compelling memoir entrancingly chronicles the story of a multiracial trans woman's becoming within a society that is still widely antagonistic to the non-White, non-male, transgender, and economically challenged among us. . . . Mock has written herself into herstory. And she has done so with clarity and poetic brilliance." * The Feminist Wire * "Mock's grace in handling complexity is matched by her frankness, and she talks race, class, and intersectional politics without ever sounding polemical." * The Rumpus * "Redefining Realness is a rare autobiography in that it reads less like a memoir and more like a conversation with a homegirl. . . . [It] made me feel like I was on my couch with a friend sharing secrets rather than reading a carefully constructed narrative. That, I think, is a gift." * Crunk Feminist Collective * "The beauty of Mock's memoir is that it is both personal and universal; her story is her own, but it also

transcends the specificity of her life narrative to touch all of us." * Lambda Literary * "A fiery success." * The Atlantic * "Pardon the hyperbole, but Janet Mock may be the best person ever. . . . A beautiful, powerful memoir." * Rookie * "A classic feminist coming-of-age story that's worthy of your mantel. . . Her memoir recounts a life that is both hardscrabble and hard-fought, making for a must-read book that is at turns riveting and wonderfully emotionally nuanced." -- The Advocate "...intelligent and educational.... Recommended for lovers of memoirs and for readers with sincere interest in the subject matter." * Library Journal * "Mock defies the historically apolitical confines of the transgender memoir, and draws bright lines connecting her experiences to the larger realm of social justice, with a keen political eye that uses her individual experience to elucidate the wider condition of trans women of color in the U.S. Her vivid prose arouses every sense.... Although the book is ostensibly one woman's coming-of-age story, Mock fulfills grander purposes here; in coming to terms with her own difficult journey she also uses that experience didactically, as if to take the uninitiated, non-transgender reader with her, most certainly achieving 'realness.'" * Publishers Weekly * "An eye-opening and unapologetic story that is much greater than mere disclosure.... An enlightening, much-needed perspective on transgender identity." * Kirkus Reviews * "Janet Mock's honest and sometimes searing journey is a rare and important look into la vida liminal, one that she manages to negotiate remarkably well, with grace, humor, and fierce grit. Mock doesn't only redefine what realness means to her, but challenges us to rethink our own perceptions of gender and sexuality, feminism and sisterhood, making this book a transcendent piece of American literature." -- Raquel Cepeda, author of *Bird of Paradise: How I Became Latina* "Every Cinderella story has its problematic step-parents to maneuver around, and its metaphorical fireplaces to clean, before the heroine is whisked off to the ball. Janet Mock's is no exception. But the real magic here is not of the fairy-tale kind. Redefining Realness overflows with the everyday magic of survival and resiliency in low income communities of color, of loving kindness bursting through the cracks of a hard reality, and of the life-sustaining bonds of family, friendships, and a powerful trans sisterhood." -- Susan Stryker, author of *Transgender History* and Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and Director of the Institute for LGBT, University of Arizona "Defining oneself is a revolutionary act, and, as described in her memoir, Janet Mock fiercely fought to free herself with exquisite bravery and sensitivity. Redefining Realness is full of hope, dreams, and determination. It is a true American girl story." -- Michaela Angela Davis, Image Activist/Writer/CNN Contributor "Redefining Realness is a riveting, emotional, crisply written testimony. I couldn't put it down. I aspire to be as unflinchingly brave! Janet Mock's story simultaneously embodies, complicates, and subverts the concept of American exceptionalism and self-

creation." -- Laverne Cox, actress, advocate, and star of Orange Is the New Black "Janet Mock's groundbreaking book is testimony to the remarkable progress trans people have achieved over the last decade-- and shines a bright light on the work that still needs to be done. Mock's clear, lucid prose will open hearts and minds, and further the goals of equality and justice--not just for trans people, but for everyone. Redefining Realness is loving, searing, and true." -- Jennifer Finney Boylan, author of She's Not There and Stuck in the Middle With You "Redefining Realness is a classic American autobiography. Like Richard Wright and Maya Angelou, Janet Mock brings us into a world we may not know and with breathtaking insight, courage, and masterful craft makes her story universal." -- Barbara Smith, author of the Truth That Never Hurts: Writings on Race, Gender, and Freedom, co-founder of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press "Courageous! Told with a spirit of raw honesty that moves beyond confession to redemptive revelation, this book is a life map for transformation--for changing minds. A heart-rending autobiography of love, longing, and fulfillment." -- bell hooks, feminist, social activist, and author of All About Love "Janet Mock is a glamorous, smarty-pants writer and activist.... Her book about her life as a transwoman, Redefining Realness, isn't just a service to the trans community but to every woman - hell, person - who has struggled with identity." -- Lena Dunham, actress and author of Not That Kind of Girl "Far too many assume that Janet Mock's story is primarily about her body. This book is irrefutable evidence that Janet must be understood through her intellect, spirit, and wit. Janet does what only great writers of autobiography accomplish--she tells a story of the self, which turns out to be a reflection of all humanity. You will be changed by this book." -- Melissa Harris-Perry, Wake Forest University Professor and host of MSNBC's "Melissa Harris-Perry"

About JANET MOCK

Janet Mock is a writer and activist, lauded by the Center for American Progress, Women's Media Center, and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. A graduate of the University of Hawaii, she has an MA in journalism from New York University and has appeared on NPR, MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry, and HBO's The Out List. Find out more at JanetMock.com.