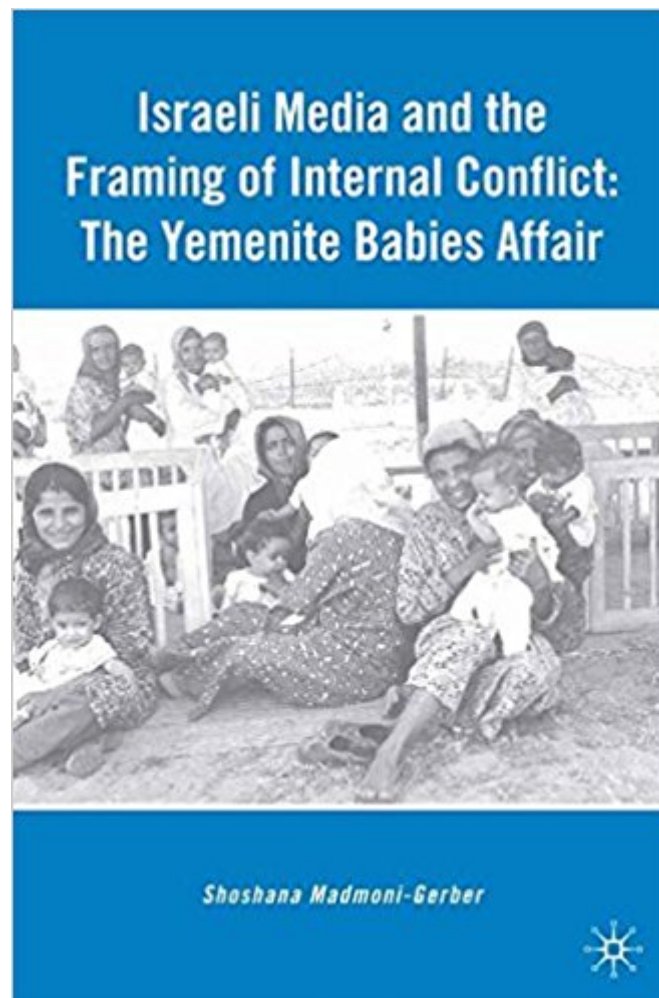




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Examining the role played by the media and by racism, this book is part of a growing trend to expand perspectives within Israeli scholarship.

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were doused with DDT and put into tin shacks, while Ashkenazi Jews were given better housing and living conditions. The Yemenites were treated even worse. They were subject to physical abuse, theft of sacred objects and the kidnapping of their children. When they tried to make their voices heard the Israeli press was instrumental in silencing them.

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