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Pagan, Goddess, Mother
edited by Nané Jordan & Chandra Alexandre

GODDESS STUDIES / PAGAN STUDIES / RELIGIOUS STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This volume calls Pagan and Goddess mothering into focus by highlighting philosophies and experiences of mothers in these spiritual movements and traditions. Pagan and Goddess spirituality are distinct, yet overlapping and diverse communities, with much to say about deity as mother, and about human mothers in relationship to deity. Authors share creative voices, stories, and scholarship from the forefront of Pagan- and Goddess- centred home, in which divine mothers, Goddesses, diverse female embodiments, and generative life cycles are honoured as sacred.

“This anthology brought forth by Jordan and Alexandre emerges during an unprecedented time of timeliness when our world has paused en masse to collectively overcome a global pandemic, searching for new models of living, connecting, thriving. Being. Through the voices of mothers and whispers of mother lineages, this rich polyphony of Pagan and Goddess-centered stories and scholarship is like the deep, primordial sigh of our EarthMother. It is in Her image where we must now rethink, renegotiate, re-heal, and ultimately rebirth ourselves, our planet, and our sense of the sacred.”—WENNIFER LIN-HAVER, PhD

The Truth About (M)otherhood
Choosing to be Childfree
edited by Helene A. Cummins, Julie Anne Rodgers, Judith Dunkelberger Wouk

February 2021 / 978-1-77258-284-0 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 280 pp.
WOMEN’S STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

In a world full of messages about the joys of motherhood, ticking biological clocks, pronatalist ideologies and socio-cultural imperatives for women to mother, what does the alternative look like? That is, what is the experience of women who choose, or find themselves without progeny, when they are deemed “other”, instead of being a “mother”?

“The Truth about (M)otherhood: Choosing to be Childfree provides readers with a wider span of reproductive choices than most readers are accustomed, specifically childfree-by-choice. Considering how childfree-by-choice is silenced and stigmatized in most cultures and most societies, the cultural span of this book is groundbreaking. Cultural variance in childfree-by-choice needs to be more addressed in childfree writings and childfree groups.”—DR. KIMYA NURU DENNIS, Childfree sociologist and criminologist
Who’s Laughing Now?
Feminist Perspectives on Humour and Laughter
edited by Anna Lise Frey

HUMOUR / GENDER STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

From dour old women to buzzkills who can’t take a joke, the stereotype of the humourless feminist has repeatedly been deployed to derail and delegitimize the women’s rights movement. This collection skips the tired debates that ask whether feminists can be funny – we know the answer to this already – to instead investigate contemporary expressions and functions of humour within international feminist movements and communities.

“Who’s Laughing Now? Feminist Perspectives on Humour and Laughter is a collection of engaging, creative, and academic contributions that illustrate the sociopolitical importance of humour in our lives. This collection, masterfully assembled by Anna Frey, will make you laugh, reflect, and – mostly – question the power of humour to shape how we understand gender. This is a must read!”—PAMELA J. DOWNE, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Saskatchewan

Mothers, Mothering, and COVID-19
Dispatches from a Pandemic
edited by Andrea O’Reilly and Fiona Joy Green

SOCIOLOGY / COVID-19 / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

There has been little research on the specific impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mothers and motherwork. This collection is the first to explore the impact of the pandemic on mothers’ care and wage labour in the context of employment, schooling, communities, families, and the relationships of parents and children. With a global perspective and from the standpoint of single, partnered, queer, racialized, Indigenous, economically disadvantaged, disabled, and birthing mothers, the volume examines the increasing complexity and demands of childcare, domestic labour, elder care, and home schooling under the pandemic protocols; the intricacies and difficulties of performing wage labour at home; the impact of the pandemic on mothers’ employment; and the strategies mothers have used to manage the competing demands of care and wage labour under COVID-19. By way of creative art, poetry, photography and creative writing along with scholarly research, the collection seeks to make visible what has been invisibilized and render audible what has been silenced: the care and crisis of motherwork through and after the COVID-19 pandemic.
This Life I’ve Bled – A Memoir

by Jacquelyn Johnston


MEMOIR / LIFE WRITING / ADDICTION / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / WOMEN’S WRITING / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This Life I’ve Bled is the painfully honest true story of a small town girl’s symbolically bloody, stigmatized life relating her experiences with alcoholism, drug addiction, religion, mental health issues, bisexuality, abortion, divorce and the accidental loss of all three of her children, two of whom died ten days apart in 2015. As depressing as that sounds, the story is infused with humour as quirky as the author herself and is intended as a hopeful handbook on how to survive a life on planet earth.

“This is a gritty no-holds-barred account of an outrageous life lived on the chaotic edges of anarchy and addiction. From the opening pages to the final chapter, the reader follows the improbable ups and downs of its hapless, yet oddly likeable, narrator. Though this is a debut book for Johnston, she has the two things essential to a great memoir – a fascinating life, and the ability to make it come alive with pyrotechnic prose and unflinching honesty.” —DR. CLAIRE ROBSON, Simon Fraser University

Birth...

Journey to the Wild Depths of Motherhood

by Dr Veronica Moule


POETRY / BIRTH / MIDWIFERY / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / WOMEN’S WRITING / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Held in the story of Persephone, we start where all women now begin their birth journey – with Zeus, in the structure of patriarchy. Then we move beyond, through the supportive hold of mother Demeter, then further into ourselves until we find the unique wonder of woman, through courage, strength and surrender. Written from the embodied experience of a home birth mother and GP obstetrician, offering pregnant women and birth attendants insights into the hospital system, and the beauty that can be found in natural birthing.

“This book is so much more than a collection of poems, it’s a doctor talking and a mother talking, about her fight against the system she works within, fighting for women’s rights for a physiological birth. Veronica’s mythopoetic language and the ancient stories she draws from, highlight the patriarchal journey that birth has gone on, to a place of control rather than trust. She takes us on a journey from exultation and love, to loss and grief and everything in between.” —JANE HARDWICKE COLLINGS, Midwife
Musings on Perimenopause and Menopause
Identity, Experience, Transition
edited by Heather Dillaway and Laura Wershler

April 2021 / 978-1-77258-285-7 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 300 pp.
WOMEN’S HEALTH / AGING / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

A woman muses about buying lovely new panties; another journeys inward and outward to redefine her life, a blogger offers information, support, and community to perimenopausal women; researchers uncover myths and misconceptions about migrant and refugee women’s experiences of menopause; a gerontology scholar extrapolates for menopause the meanings of cultural representations of childbirth; a sociologist and intersex advocate challenges her medically constructed menopause; young women’s stories inform an inquiry into the health and social repercussions of primary ovarian insufficiency—all in a collection of research papers and personal narratives that moves far beyond the idea of menopause as a mere biological marker.

“With contributions from artists, academics, and actual people; this collection of musings on menopause is like attending a multidisciplinary conference without having to leave your armchair.”—LISA LÉGER, Justisse Fertility Educator
Global Perspectives on Motherhood, Mothering and Masculinities
edited by Tola Olu Pearce and Andrea Moraes

CRITICAL MASCULINITY AND MEN’S STUDIES / GENDER STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

The two phenomena highlighted in this edited volume are each recent areas of development in critical Feminist and Men’s Studies. In contributing to these areas of gender studies, this book draws attention to the fact that much can also be gained when we explore relationships between them. The book is divided into three parts and the chapters investigate a wide range of issues including cultural constructs, gender in parent/child, relationships, non-binary developments, the impact of war on mothering, decolonisation struggles, and much more.

“This book highlights diverse perspectives on motherhood, mothering, and masculinities; it fills a gap in the literature as it takes up different masculinities and their relationships to mothers and motherhood. The essays in this volume provide a fascinating look into the many ways that masculinities and motherhood intersect in different social, political, and national contexts.”—LISA M. ANDERSON, Associate Professor of Women and Gender Studies, Arizona State University
Monstrous Mothers Troubling Tropes  
edited by Abigail L. Palko and Andrea O’Reilly

September 2021 / 978-1-77258-333-5 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 300 pp.  
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / LITERARY STUDIES / POPULAR CULTURE /  
FEMINIST THEORY / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

The contributors to this collection explore a multitude of interdisciplinary representations of mothers that, through their very depictions of bad mothering, challenge the tropes of monstrous mothering that we lean on, revealing in the process why we turn to them. It explores literary, cinematic, and real-life monstrous mothers, seeking to uncover social sources and results of these monstrosities.

“This collection asks us to do a hard thing: to look at, not away, from the monstrous mother. In probing essays, the contributors and editors ask readers to consider what conditions create the monstrous mother, and if so-called monstrous mothers really are monstrous. Products of the patriarchal construction of motherhood, victims of neoliberal privileging of the individual over community (and lack of societal supports), as well as personal variables create the monstrous mother, and all such mothers in this collection are deserving of another look, and often, our empathy.”—NICOLE L. WILLEY, Professor of English, Kent State University

Moving Meals and Migrating Mothers  
Culinary cultures, diasporic dishes and familial foodways  
edited by Tanya M. Cassidy and Abdullahi Osman El-Tom

August 2021 / 978-1-77258-331-1 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 248 pp.  
FOOD STUDIES / MIGRATION STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES /  
FEMINIST THEORY / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This collection explores the complex interplay between the important global issues of food, families and migration. It is divided into three parts and although these parts are not mutually exclusive, they are meant to emphasize socio-cultural and economic considerations of migration (Part I), the food itself (Part II) and families (Part III).

“Moving Meals and Migrating Mothers is a fascinating volume that brings together the feminist analysis of motherhood and food studies with scholarship in globalization, migration, and transnational studies. The contributors examine how food, infant feeding, home cooking, and identity are affected by diaspora, migration, and globalized foodways, providing insights into the labor surrounding food remains gendered—and asking what this means for the mothers who prepare food, cultivate culture, and nourish and feed family.”—HEATHER HEWETT, Associate Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, State University, New York
Grandmothers and Grandmothering
Creative and Critical Contemplations in Honour of our Women Elders

edited by Kathy Mantas

October 2021 / 978-1-77258-354-0 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 288 pp.
AGING / SOCIOLOGY / FAMILY STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / WOMEN’S HEALTH / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

As the title suggests, this collection seeks to pay homage to our grandmothers and their contributions to society. As well, it aims to explore the textured and complex phenomena of grandmothering from a range of disciplines and cultural perspectives. Our hope is that this collection challenges preconceived notions of what it means to be a grandmother and provides insight into the multifaceted nature of grandmothering.

“The book challenges our notions of traditional grandmothers/mothering and, in doing so, spurs the subject to new research and conversational opportunities. Requiring a modern rewrite, this book reshapes the folklore around elder knowledge production and indeed, weaves, creativity and scholarship in important ways, resulting in an important reengagement with an identity category prone to dismissal.”—JESSICA JENNRICH Ph.D., Director of the Center for Women and Gender Equity, Grand Valley State University

Visiting Africa
A Memoir

by Jesse O’Reilly-Conlin

MEMOIR / TRAVEL / LIFE WRITING / AFRICAN STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Visiting Africa: A Memoir is a personal journey as well as a physical one: it is about my ongoing and evolving attempt to approach Africa and its cultures with humility and modesty and about my struggles as a privileged white man to ethically encounter and live in a world marked by injustice and racialized inequality. It takes up the present challenge of resurrecting stories that challenge dominant narratives. It is an investigation of privilege and how the privileged must overcome their own defensiveness and feelings of guilt if they are to stand in solidarity with those people they meet and write about. Finally, this book is an investigation into the possibilities of empathy.

Jesse O’Reilly-Conlin works as an editor at Demeter Press, as well as a freelance editor. He has a bachelor degree in history and English, a MA in history, a MFA in creative nonfiction, and MA in refugee protection and forced migration studies. His writing has appeared in Cargo Lit Mag, Cold Noon: International Journal of Travel Writing and Travelling Cultures, and Folio Magazine. For Folio, his story Istanbul Gone” won the 2018 Editor’s Prize for nonfiction. This is his first book.
Abortion and Mothering
Research, Stories, and Artistic Expressions
edited by Heather Jackson and Jessica Shaw

WOMEN’S HEALTH / WOMEN’S STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This collection is rooted in the idea that there are not ‘women who have abortions’ and ‘women who have babies’, but that they are the same women at different points in their lives. By considering the intersection of abortion and mothering, and the liminal spaces in between, the reader is challenged to explore some of the culturally and socially constructed complexities that surround the decisions that people make about to their reproductive lives.

“Abortion and Mothering brings into focus what is often neglected in discussions of abortion: That abortion is just one experience in the rich complexity of women’s reproductive lives. The essays and art contained in this collection help us better understand this richness, and how abortion experiences inform mothering and mothering informs abortion experiences. It is this kind of attention that can help move us beyond black and white debates into more nuanced understandings in our work for reproductive rights.”—JANE KIRBY, author of Fired Up about Reproductive Rights

Body Stories
In and Out and With and Through Fat
edited by Jill Andrew and May Friedman

FAT STUDIES / EMBODIMENT STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Body stories capture a nuanced, interconnected, and complex telling of our understanding, perception and experience of and through our bodies. Plenty has been published on body image but image suggests a static fixed body unmitigated through our social interactions and varying times and spaces. This book is not a “how-to” guide for fat confidence. It’s not a compendium of fat suffering. It’s simply a collection of narratives about what it’s like to survive in a weight-hating world. It resists the ways that marginalized bodies are being written and researched and put into other people’s ideas about our existence.

“Body Stories is a healthy contribution to the field of Fat Studies. This intersectional investigation of fat as an identity, embodiment and experience is a very important one using personal accounts and creative content to give gravity and provide grounding to stories of embodiment and fatness.”—ALLYSON MITCHELL, Artist, Academic and Founder of Pretty, Porky and Pissed Off
Mothering and Entrepreneurship
Global perspectives, Identities, and Complexities
edited by Talia Esnard and Melanie Knight

BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDIES / WOMEN’S EMPLOYMENT / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

At a broad level, the chapters within address the different histories of oppression, movement of people, socio-economic conditions that underpin that experience, and the various axes of power that affect the precariousness of work and citizenship on a global scale. On a more specific level, we set the work-family discourse within many points of contentions related to how researchers have conceptualized work-life interface, the specific assumptions embedded within these investigations, and the implications of these for how we (re)present the dynamics related to mothering and entrepreneurship.

“This is an original work that approaches mothering and entrepreneurship from a critical perspective by focusing on issues like power, identity, precarity and class. I am impressed by the intellectually stimulating discussion that is presented in this well organised book and highly recommend it for academics, students, policymakers and community organisations.”—DR SRABANI MAITRA, Lecturer, School of Education, University of Glasgow

Mothering and Welfare
Depriving, Surviving, Thriving
edited by Karine Levasseur, Stephanie Paterson, and Lorna A. Turnbull

October 2020 / 978-1-77258-242-0 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 280 pp.
SOCIOLOGY / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / SOCIAL JUSTICE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This volume investigates the intersections of welfare, gender and mothering work in the current political climate. It also explores austerity and the policies of neo-liberal governments that work to deprive some mothers of their welfare. Last, it examines different ways of thinking about mothering and what changes to laws and policies are required to assist all who are mothering.

“This vivid exploration of the complexities of mothering and welfare in times of austerity not only details the deprivation and control involved, but also depicts resistance, agency and seized opportunities. Diversity, in its country studies, voices and methods, offers a fuller, more vibrant, picture of mothering, one that serves to re-cast motherhood, mothering, and the forms and places of motherwork.”—ALEXANDRA DOBROWOLSKY, Professor, Political Science Saint Mary’s University
What’s in a Name?
Perspectives from Non-Biological and Non-Gestational Queer Mothers
edited by Sherri Martin-Baron, Raechel Johns, and Emily Regan Wills

QUEER STUDIES / GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Queer parenthood: It’s multifaceted. It’s complex. And it is constantly changing, as laws and culture shift around us. What’s in a Name? reflects on this complexity through the voices of nonbiological/non-gestational queer mothers/parents who explore our experiences parenting across our different social and familial locations. The authors have all taken different routes to parenting, live in different countries, and understand our relationships to parenting through our own personal experiences. What we share is a commitment to parenting beyond the limits of biology, and of building families that are drawn together and maintained by the love and labour of parenting.

“A must read for queer parents who are starting a family or already have kids! The stories in this book written by moms are funny, sad and written from the heart.”—MEGHAN SULLIVAN

Environmental Activism and the Maternal
Mothers and Mother Earth in Activism and Discourse
edited by Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich, Noemie Richard, Olivia Ungar, Melanie Younger, and Maryellen Symons

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES / SOCIAL JUSTICE / MATERNAL ACTIVISM / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / FEMINIST THEORY / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

In keeping with its intention to provide a space for discussion of a complex and varied array of perspectives on mothers, mothering, and mother earth, this is an interdisciplinary anthology. Contributions included hail from a wide range of disciplines and fields including psychology, sociology, anthropology, women’s and gender studies, cultural studies, literary studies, as well as law and legal studies.

“Highly recommend this text, which effectively integrates a diverse range of voices, viewpoints and methodologies to offer a dynamic perspective, that incorporates critical analysis, new academic research and creative works to better understanding mothering, the environment and the maternal in discourse and activism.”—DR. THOMAS HARRISON, Author, Scholar, Lawyer and Professor
**RAPE CULTURE 101**

Programming Change

edited by Geraldine Cannon Becker and Angel T. Dionne

June 2020 / 978-1-77258-227-7 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 280 pp.

WOMEN’S STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / GENDER STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / SOCIAL JUSTICE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Rape culture is an idea that links rape and sexual violence to the culture of a society, and in which commonly-held beliefs, attitudes and practices normalize, excuse, tolerate, and even condone rape. This edited collection examines rape culture in the context of the current programming—attitudes, education, and awareness. The complexity of rape culture is discussed from a variety of contexts and perspectives, as this volume contains interdisciplinary academic submissions from educators and students, as well as experiential accounts from members of various community settings who are doing work aimed at making a positive difference towards programming change.

“This book could not come out at a better time with the #metoo movement becoming mainstream. Now the silence can be broken. The collection explores many and diverse themes to expose rape culture across the globe.”—MARIE DOERNER, Educator in the field of disabilities

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**Not Your Penance**

by Rebecca Bromwich


FICTION / LEGAL STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

One quiet October morning, in a suburban neighbourhood of Cincinnati, Ohio, after awakening from a recurring nightmare, 41-year-old stay-at-home mom and social media aficionado Enid Kimble receives two messages, one a disquieting phone call about her mother, and the other a newspaper clipping in a plain envelope in her mailbox, that start to unravel her carefully woven-together world. This tense, layered novel debut by lawyer and legal scholar Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich, with the gifted and troubled character of Enid at its centre, spins an intriguing story about motherhood, love, law, coming to terms with the complexities of our pasts, and claiming our futures.

“Ultimately, Not Your Penance challenges the reader to recognize penance for what it really is—purgatory—and the courage it would take for any of us with checkered pasts to intentionally and with hope choose our own futures, and stop running.”—MICHELLE HUGHES-MILLER, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, University of South Florida

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**NOT YOUR PENANCE**

by Rebecca Bromwich
Mothers, Sex, And Sexuality
edited by Holly Zwalf, Michelle Walks, and Joani Mortenson

SEXUALITY STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Mothers, Sex, and Sexuality talks about things not normally dared spoken out loud—the interconnectedness and conflict between our parental and sexual selves, the taboo of the sexual mother, and why it matters so much to shatter it. What is it about the sexual mother that is incompatible, and at times even disturbing? Why are we threatened by maternal sexuality? And what does this tell us about the structures of gender and power that govern our bodies?

“Mothers, Sex and Sexuality is the most inspiring book to come down the book-birth-canal in ages; delicious food for thought, diverse, multifaceted perspectives, titillating taboo topics, and deep sexual intelligence. If you are like me, not a birth mother and not that interested in motherhood, this book is still for you.”—ANNIE SPRINKLE, Artist/Sexecologist/Educator

Writing Mothers
Narrative Acts of Care, Redemption, and Transformation
edited by BettyAnn Martin and Michelann Parr

May 2020 / 978-1-77258-223-9 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 256 pp.
LITERARY CRITICISM/THEORY / NARRATIVE STUDIES / MATERNAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

The story of motherhood is told through many voices and in many contexts. As editors, we embarked upon this journey seeking answers, but we have come to realize that open questions and ongoing dialogue create the possibility for open futures. Our stories—those lived, those told, and those yet to be written—engage us in a quest to reclaim, to restore, and to transform our personal and social mothering spaces, leading us toward liberating social, cultural, and institutional narratives.

“Writing Mothers blows open the discourse of mothering in our complicated age in many, often startling, directions. Mom blogs, mom clubs, mom theory, mom confession, mom trials, mom rage, mom illness, mom shame, mom despair, mom re-imagining, mom healing: a richly disturbing and ultimately nourishing reading experience, and a valuable addition to the oeuvre.”—DI BRANDT, author of Questions I Asked My Mother and Wild Mother Dancing
Feminist Parenting
Perspectives from Africa and Beyond

edited by Rama Salla Dieng and Andrea O’Reilly


SOCIOLGY / AFRICAN STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

What is feminist parenting? Is it something for all parents? What does it mean to be a feminist parent in practice? The 27 parents from diverse backgrounds and countries gathered in this anthology share powerful responses to the above questions by narrating their experiences of some of the challenges, dilemmas, promises and compromises of parenting with a feminist perspective. This volume is one of the first collections published with first-person essays describing very touching, beautiful and sometimes painful stories of what it means and to become a feminist parent.

“This is a fascinating book that inspires readers to examine what they think they know about motherhood. Not only is it an informative and entertaining read, I can also see myself using it in both undergraduate and graduate level courses and referring to it in my own research.”—SABELO J NDLOVU-GATSHENI, Research Professor and Director of Scholarship, University of South Africa.

Breasts Across Motherhood
Lived Experiences and Critical Examinations

edited by Patricia Drew and Rosann Edwards


MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / HEALTH / WOMEN’S STUDIES / BODY STUDIES / MIDWIFERY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Breasts are integral to mothers’ bodies; over the life course, they can swell, droop, be judged, be aroused, lactate, be altered, be removed. A woman’s own breasts may be foremost in her mind during some life events, only to recede into the background at other times. The chapters in this volume bring together perspectives from around the world. They include historical and contemporary examinations, and feature first-person narrative accounts, academic interviews, and art analyses. Taken together, this collection reveals the significant ways that societies shape mothers’ embodied experiences and breasted selves.

“This is a fascinating book that inspires readers to examine what they think they know about motherhood. Not only is it an informative and entertaining read, I can also see myself using it in both undergraduate and graduate level courses and referring to it in my own research.”—DANIELLE DUCKETT, PhD, Department of Sociology, California State University Sacramento.
The Maternal Tug
Ambivalence, Identity, and Agency
edited by Sarah LaChance Adams, Tanya Cassidy, and Susan Hogan

SOCIOLOGY / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / FAMILY STUDIES / PHILOSOPHY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

While the existence of maternal ambivalence has been evident for centuries, it has only recently been recognized as central to the lived experience of mothering. This accessible, yet intellectually rigorous, interdisciplinary collection demonstrates its presence and meaning in relation to topics such as pregnancy, birth, sleep, helicopter parenting, poverty, depression, anxiety, queer mothering, disability, neglect, filicide and war rape. These candid explorations demand we rethink our basic assumptions about how mothering is experienced in everyday life.

“Absorbing, poignant and profound. This collection begs us to de-mythologize, deromanticize and confront with courage the full complexity of what it means to mother. This is philosophy as alethei—pulling back the veil—and what we see may change philosophies of mothering forever.”—CAROLINE R. LUNDQUIST, Ethics Instructor, University of Oregon
Mothers as Keepers and Tellers of Origin Stories
edited by Kerri S. Kearney and B. Lee Murray

NARRATIVE / MEMOIR / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This collection presents diverse critical perspectives and discussion about the keeping or telling of children’s origin stories as a part of contemporary mothering labor. It embraces the complex and multi-actor worlds in which mothering takes place and includes creative and scholarly works as well as illustrations.

Sexual Regulation and the Law: A Canadian Perspective
edited by Richard Jochelson and James Gacek

LAW / LEGAL STUDIES / CRIMINOLOGY / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This innovative and thought-provoking book provides rigorous academic scholarship that creatively combines law and legal studies. It critically explores how law is engaged in creative exposition of judicial rhetoric and reasoning, rendering diverse sexual identities and practices more observable and governable within society.”—DR. REBECCA JAREMKO BROMWICH, Carleton University

Critical Perspectives on 21st Century Friendship:
Polyamory, Polygamy, and Platonic Affinity
edited by Rebecca Bromwich, Olivia Ungar, and Noémie Richard

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This anthology takes an international and cross-cultural approach to discussions about friendship by curating a set of diverse contributions situated in a transnational context. It takes friendship seriously as a subject of legal study and hones in on polyamory, polygamy, and Platonic affinities, considering the sexual and non-sexual ties of affect and affinity that link a diverse range of contemporary friendships.

Inappropriate Bodies: Art, Design, and Maternity
edited by Rachel Epp Buller and Charles Reeve

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / ART & DESIGN STUDIES / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Epp Buller’s and Reeve’s anthology showcases a multitude of rich and varied approaches to the still controversial discussion of the maternal body in visual art, performance and design. A welcome addition to this as yet under-represented area of study.”—MYREL CHERNICK, co-editor, with Jennie Klein, of The M Word: Real Mothers in Contemporary Art
Feminist Perspectives on Young Mothers, and Young Mothering
edited by Joanne Minaker, Deborah Byrd, and Andrea O’Reilly

August 2019 / 978-1-77258-208-6 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 236 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

To be a young mother is almost by definition to be considered an “unfit” mother. Thus, it is not surprising that young Canadian, U.S. and Australian mothers are often scorned, stigmatized and monitored. This is a book about being young, being a mother, and grappling with what it means to inhabit these two complex social positions.

Critical Perspectives on Wives: Roles, Representations, Identities, Work
edited by Lynn O’Brien Hallstein and Rebecca Bromwich

July 2019 / 978-1-77258-199-7 / $34.95 / 6 x 9 / 254 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This volume opens an innovative space for critical discussion, within, feminist scholarship, analysis and feminist politics, about what is and has been meant by, required of, and what it means to be, a “wife.” It critically explore and tease out, intersections, overlaps, and distinctions between the social categories of wife and mother, and the link, and separate, labours of wife-work and maternal caregiving labour.

Motherhood and Social Exclusion
edited by Christie Byvelds and Heather Jackson

June 2019 / 978-1-77258-198-0 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 300 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This compilation provides an insightful new angle to the inherent experience of social exclusion by mothers. Understanding the ways in which motherhood can be associated with exclusion is crucial for mothers themselves, their social networks, mental health practitioners, child care professionals and policy makers.”—DR. VERENA GRAUPMANN, Associate Professor, Psychological Science, DePaul University

Maternal Geographies: Mothering In and Out of Place
edited by Jennifer L. Johnson & Krista Johnston

May 2019 / 978-1-77258-200-0 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 248 pp.
GEOGRAPHY / ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This collection broaches the intersections of critical motherhood studies and feminist geography. Contributors demonstrate that an important dimension of the social construction of motherhood is how mothering happens in space and place, leading to the articulation of diverse maternal geographies. Through 16 concise chapters divided into three thematic sections, some contributors explore how dominant discourses of motherhood seek to keep mothers in their place, others take up the notion of maternal geographies as productive in their own right and follow their subjects as they create a new sense of place.
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edited by Berkeley Kaite
HEALTH STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This book is not only smart, it is fun. It flirts with the margins of discourse on women’s bodies, and then breaks their hearts. It ranges across time and form, drawing from multiple disciplines and forging connections among them. Students and professors of feminism in all fields will find things to delight them. Patriarchy, watch out: there will be blood!”—KATE KANE, Ph.D., Dept. of Communication, Media, and Theatre, Northeastern Illinois University

Travellin’ Mama: Mothers, Mothering, and Travel
edited by Charlotte Beyer, Janet MacLennan, Dorsía Smith Silva, and Marjorie Tesser
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“This stimulating collection offers a truly interdisciplinary array of topics, insights and questions. It examines diverse geographical destinations and starting points and generates enriching reading experiences as it uncovers diverse, global, and complex issues of travel and mothering. It is a welcome and topical addition to an exciting, growing field of research.”—Dr CLAUDIA CAPANCIONI, SFHEA, Senior Lecturer in English, Bishop Grosseteste University

Stories We Live and Grow By: (Re)Telling Our Experiences as Muslim Mothers and Daughters
edited by Muna Saleh
February 2019 / 978-1-77258-175-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 304 pp.
MEMOIR / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This book is a delightful and engaging read. Saleh weaves theoretical perspectives along with the lived experiences of the girls and their mothers to inspire the reader to question the personal, familial, intergenerational, institutional, linguistic, cultural, temporal, faith-based/religious, and social narratives that they live by and live with alongside other human beings.”—FLORENCE GLANFIELD, PhD, Professor & Chair, Department of Secondary Education, University of Alberta

Mothers Without Their Children
edited by Charlotte Beyer and Andrea Robertson
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY / SOCIAL THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Mothers Without Their Children is an important and fascinating collection. It explores, challenges and questions the figure of the mother without child in literary, cultural, creative and social contexts. In this collection, you will find raw and heart wrenching personal reflection, critical analysis and ethnographic study. Each offers distinct insight into a much under explored topic.”—DR KATE NORTH, SFHEA, Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing and Programme Director MA Humanities, Cardiff School of Education, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Heavy Burdens: Stories of Motherhood and Fatness
edited by Judy Verseghy and Sam Abel

FAT STUDIES / CRITICAL DISABILITY STUDIES / HEALTH STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Heavy Burdens takes up the important discussion of fat and motherhood by blending both scholarly and personal analyses. This collection looks both “up” at mothers (from a child’s view) and “down” from motherhood, complicating ideas about motherhood, responsibility, and individuality through the rocky terrain of weight stigma.”—DR. MAY FRIEDMAN, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Ryerson University

White Unwed Mother: The Adoption Mandate in Postwar Canada
by Valerie J. Andrews

November 2018 / 978-1-77258-172-0 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 252 pp.
ADOPTION STUDIES / SOCIAL HISTORY / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / FAMILY STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This volume uncovers and substantiates evidence of the mandate in Canada, ultimately finding that at least 350,000 unmarried mothers in Canada were impacted by illegal and unethical adoption practices, human rights abuses, and violence against the maternal body.

Bearing the Weight of the World: Exploring Maternal Embodiment
edited by AlysEinion and Jen Rinaldi

BODY STUDIES / HEALTH STUDIES / CRITICAL DISABILITY STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This complex book thoughtfully explores the nuances of women’s relationships to their bodies and bodies’ relationships, in turn, to their contexts and environments. A must-read for anyone who seeks to make sense of the intersections of emotion, embodiment and critical feminist thought.”—MAY FRIEDMAN, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Ryerson University

Mothers, Mothering and Sport: Experiences, Representations, Resistances
edited by Judy E. Battaglia, Rebecca Bromwich, and Pamela Morgan Redela

SPORT STUDIES / LEISURE STUDIES / FAMILY STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Mothers, Mothering, and Sport introduces a necessary discourse of the relationship between motherhood and sports. The multi-generational voices and experiences dismantle the heteronormative and patriarchal misconceptions and myths of what it means to be female in the sports community, launching nuanced and intersectional areas of notable discussion.”—ELIZABETH MEGRABYAN, Media strategist and writer.

Always With Me: Parents Talk About the Death of a Child
edited by Donna McCart Sharkey

BEREAVEMENT STUDIES / PSYCHOLOGY / HEALTH / FAMILY STUDIES / WOMEN’S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“The death of one’s child is possibly the harshest blow life can deliver. This extraordinary anthology offers diverse perspectives on how and why parents survive the pain of their child’s death. The book is sad but not depressing. Read it in small doses to fully appreciate the depths of parental love, sorrow, remorse, and yearning represented here.”—DEBORAH YAFFE, Senior Instructor Emerita, University of Victoria, Department of Women’s Studies (now Gender Studies)
Mothers, Addiction, and Recovery: Finding Meaning through the Journey
edited by Wendy Peterson, Laura Lynn Armstrong, and Michelle A. Foulkes

ADDITION STUDIES / PSYCHOLOGY / HEALTH / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN'S STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This book addresses the topic of motherhood and addiction and clearly articulates that there are many different roads to recovery. This would be a valuable book for anyone considering working in the field of addictions as childbearing women will make up at least half their practice.”—SARAH PAYNE, Retired Senior Practice Leader, Perinatal Addictions, BC Women’s Hospital

Middle Grounds: Essays on Midlife Mothering
edited by Kathy Mantas and Lorinda Peterson
June 2018 / 978-1-77258-159-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 283 pp.

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“This powerful collection of essays explores the timely and important topic of mothering and midlife. One of the strengths of this collection is the variety of voices and genres, including scholarly chapters, personal reflections, and graphic narratives. As the contributors poignantly demonstrate, mothering from the middle poses challenges as well as exciting possibilities.”—ABIGAIL L. PALKO, co-editor of Mothers, Mothering and Globalization and Cultural Representations of Breastfeeding

Spawning Generations: Rants and Reflections on Growing Up with LGBTQ+ Parents
edited by Sadie Epstein-Fine and Makeda Zook

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / QUEER STUDIES / SEXUALITY STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This groundbreaking book provides a lovely and personal entry into the world of queerspawn. As both a queerspawn and queer parent, I felt real gratitude to these brave writers for sharing their stories—they provide insight into my own life as well as parenting guideposts.”—SHOSHANA MAGNET, Associate Professor, Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, University of Ottawa

Breastfeeding and Culture: Discourses and Representations
edited by Anne Marie A. Short, Abigail L. Palko, and Dionne Irving

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / HEALTH STUDIES / MIDWIFERY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This book reminds us that, although thought of as a “natural” activity, breastfeeding is a site of intense social interest and regulation with complex personal and political meanings and consequences. Indeed, these essays reveal that breastfeeding is caught up in discourses of biology, religion, philosophy, medicine, law, and social policy, and is represented in cultural expressions that span media forms and symbols.”—MARY THOMPSON, James Madison University

Motherhood in Precarious Times
edited by Anita Dolman, Barbara Schwartz-Bechet, and Dannielle Joy Davis

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Motherhood in Precarious Times explores through reflections and academic analyses in poems, stories, and essays how environmental, socio-economic, political, and cultural and gendered threats shape mothering. The diverse voices combine powerfully in this vital anthology that will undoubtedly shape many debates from choosing Mother Earth vs. Motherhood, to fatherhood’s role in emergent maternal independence.”—SYLVIE HILL, Writer, Poet and University Continuing Education Professor of provocative literature courses on sexuality, relationships, and female “awakenings.”
Mothers, Military, and Society
edited by Sarah Cote Hampson, Udi Lebel, and Nancy Taber

February 2018 / 978-1-77258-141-6 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 264 pp.

MOtherhood Studies / Women’s and Gender Studies / Sociology / Military Studies / Available As E-Book

“This edited volume opens by analyzing the various theoretical models offered to explain the relationship between motherhood and the military. Mothers, Military, and Society is an insightful and often intimate examination of the relationship of motherhood to militarism.”—WENDY M. CHRISTENSEN, Associate Professor of Sociology, William Paterson University

Everyday World-Making: Toward an Understanding of Affect and Mothering
edited by Julia Lane and Eleonora Joensuu


Motherhood Studies / Women’s and Gender Studies / Sociology / Philosophy / Social Theory / Available As E-Book

“Offering a wide open discussion of the ways mothers/mothering/motherhood can be read through the lens of affect theory, this collection also troubles resistant notions of what maternity is and can be. Finally, it asks important questions: why haven’t we talked about mothering and affect before? And, why is it still so hard to talk about them now?”—KIM MULDER, Teacher of Secondary Humanities; former researcher, Canadian Early Women Writers Database Project

Finding the Plot: A Maternal Approach to Madness in Literature
by Megan Rogers


Motherhood Studies / Women’s and Gender Studies / English Literature / Literary Criticism / Sociology / Available As E-Book

“This book is not only groundbreaking in its theoretical propositions, but is also significant in its contribution to creative practice. The ideas behind the concept of the maternal journey are rigorous and well-argued, and the resulting model for writers and story creators is a much needed addition to the creative canon. Rogers will find herself sitting comfortably alongside the likes of Campbell, Vogler, and Murdock with this book!”—CRAIG BATTY, author of Movies That Move Us: Screenwriting and the Power of the Protagonist’s Journey

Music of Motherhood: History, Healing, Activism
edited by M. Joy Rose, Lynda Ross, and Jennifer Hartmann

December 2017 / 978-1-77258-134-8 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 259 pp.

Motherhood Studies / Women’s and Gender Studies / Musicology / Performance Studies / Available As E-Book

The chapters in this collection bring together artists and scholars in conversations about the multiple profound relationships that exist between music and mothering. Several chapters revolve around the challenges of mothering partnered with a musical career, others look at the affordances that music offers to mothers and children, and some examine the ways in which music inspires social and political change, as well as acknowledging the rise of the mom rock phenomenon.

Mothers and Daughters
edited by Dannabang Kuwabong, Janet MacLennan, and Dorsía Smith Silva

December 2017 / 978-1-77258-133-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 255 pp.

Motherhood Studies / Women’s and Gender Studies / Sociology / Creative Non-Fiction / Available As E-Book

Mothers and Daughters is a compelling anthology that explores the multifaceted connections between mothers and daughters. By examining the experiences of mothers and daughters from within an interdisciplinary framework, which includes cultural, biological, socio-political, relational and historical perspectives.
Interrogating Pregnancy Loss: Feminist Writings on Abortion, Miscarriage, and Stillbirth edited by Emily R. M. Lind and Angie Deveau


MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / MIDWIFERY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Interrogating Pregnancy Loss considers pregnancy as an epistemic source, one that has the capacity to reveal the limits of our collective assumptions about temporality, expectation, narrative, and social legitimacy. By interrogating loss, this collection argues that the lessons learned from loss have the capacity to serve our collective understandings of both the expected and unexpected rhythms of social and reproductive life.

Mothers, Mothering and Globalization edited by Dorsia Smith Silva, Laila Malik, and Abigail L. Palko


MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / TRANSNATIONALISM AND GLOBALIZATION STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Mothers, Mothering, and Globalization is an anthology that cogently and powerfully examines the diverse and complex experiences of motherhood and mothering from a broad interdisciplinary perspective. The lucid analysis of how globalization influences the lives of mothers, especially in regard to cultural, political, historical, social, and economic factors, provides a compelling examination of the myriad of relationships between mothering and globalization.

Indigenous Experiences of Pregnancy and Birth edited by Hannah Tait Neufeld and Jaime Cidro


INDIGENOUS STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / MIDWIFERY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“The editors have put together a powerful collection that honours the spirit of pregnancy and birth, and the strength and resilience of Indigenous women and families. By acknowledging the ceremony of birth in relation to contemporary Indigenous issues, such as forced evacuation and water protection, the editors contextualize the layers of meaning embedded in returning birth to Indigenous communities.”—JENNIFER BRANT, co-editor of Forever Loved: Exposing the Hidden Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada

After the Happily Ever After: Empowering Women and Mothers in Relationships edited by Linda Rose Ennis

September 2017 / 978-1-77258-128-7 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 274 pp.

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / FAMILY STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY/ AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This book is about the two-tiered system and invisible imbalance that operates within the framework of the family. It is about the fantasy of the “happily-ever-after,” which the wedding industry promotes and Western society reinforces. Why are we hanging onto this faux happiness at the expense of our future well-being? Why don’t we wonder what happened after “they lived happily ever after” and if, in fact, they really do?

Absent Mothers edited by Frances Greenslade


MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / CREATIVE NON-FICTION / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

The absent mother, whether in literature or life, may force us to forge an independent identity. But she can also leave a mother-shaped hole and a howling loneliness that dogs us through our adult lives. This anthology explores the theme of absent mothers from scholars and creative writers, who tell personal stories and provide the theoretical framework to recognize and begin to understand the impact of motherlessness that ripples through our cultures and our art.
Mothers in Public and Political Life  
edited by Simone Bohn and Pınar Meliz Yelsah Parmaksız  
August 2017 / 978-1-77258-105-8 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 311 pp.  
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / PUBLIC POLICY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK  
From this perspective, no one is worse off than women who are mothers. From another perspective, however, motherhood is thought to help politicize women, as this life-changing experience makes them aware of the limitations of some specific public policies as well as more conscious of the centrality of more encompassing public policies, such as education and health care. This book explores the challenges, opportunities and experiences of mothers who take part in political and/or public life.

Toni Morrison on Mothers and Motherhood  
edited by Lee Baxter and Martha Satz  
LITERATURE / LITERARY CRITICISM / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / MORRISON STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK  
“This collection strongly enriches the scholarship on Morrison Studies, providing original insights into her earlier work and, importantly, illuminating her recent novels, such as Home and God Help the Child.”—ANISSA JANINE WARDI, Professor of English, Chatham University, and author of Water and African American Memory: An Ecocritical Perspective

Placenta Wit: Mother Stories, Rituals, and Research  
edited by Nané Jordan  
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / MIDWIFERY / PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK  
“Placenta Wit, is completely fresh and original; the concept of “placental thinking” is striking and the essays are compelling—intelligent and persuasive. The book reads like the unfolding of a profound mystery, but with absolutely fascinating scientific evidence and support material. There is much wisdom and spirituality in these expositions!”—VICKI NOBLE, author of Shakti Woman: Feeling Our Fire, Healing Our World

Listening to the Beat of Our Drum: Indigenous Parenting in Contemporary Society  
edited by Carrie Bourassa, Elder Betty McKenna, and Darlene Juschka  
INDIGENOUS STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / CREATIVE NON-FICTION / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK  
Listening to the Beat of Our Drum is a collection of stories, inspired by a wealth of experiences across space and time from a kokum, an auntie, two-spirit parents, a Metis mother, a Tlingit/Anishnabe Metis mother and an allied feminist mother. This book weaves personal stories to explore mothering practices and examines historical contexts and underpinnings that contribute to contemporary parenting practices.

Bad Mothers: Regulations, Representations, and Resistance  
edited by Michelle Hughes Miller, Tamar Hager, and Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich  
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / MEDIA STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK  
“Bad Mothers makes a significant contribution to understanding how the constructed ‘dangerous mother’ continues to trouble major institutional areas such as law, governance, economy, and child protection services in ways that reveal why our society remains invested in marginalizing mothers instead of seriously addressing the numerous, interconnecting obstacles they face in raising children.”—ERICA S. LAWSON, Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario
Feminist Parenting
edited by Lynn Comerford, Heather Jackson, and Kandee Kosior
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“This volume allows us to explore the myriad ways that mothers, and fathers too, struggle to implement their individual interpretations of feminism and in the process it helps us to reflect upon our own parenting, using feminism as the lens. The cross-cultural emphasis is another highlight of this engaging publication.”—REGINA M. EDMONDS, Professor Emerita of Psychology and Women’s Studies, Assumption College

Taking the Village Online: Mothers, Motherhood, and Social Media
edited by Lorin Basden Arnold and BettyAnn Martin
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / COMMUNICATION STUDIES / NEW MEDIA STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“In considering the many different and contradictory effects of life online, this book engages with issues of self-representation, privacy, and meaning making. In acknowledging that this is now the village we all live in, Taking the Village Online widens the conversation about why we live and, how and what we do, in these spaces.”—MAY FRIEDMAN, author of Mommyblogs: The Changing Face of Motherhood

Matricentric Feminism: Theory, Activism, and Practice
edited by Andrea O’Reilly
October 2016 / 978-1-77258-083-9 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 262 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / FEMINIST THEORY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“Andrea O’Reilly has written a groundbreaking, even field-defining book, which is now a must-read for anyone interested in understanding both the past and future of motherhood studies and a mother-centered feminism.”—LYNN O’BRIEN HALLSTEIN, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, College of General Studies, Boston University

The Migrant Maternal: “Birthing” New Lives Abroad
edited by Anna Kuroczycka Schultes and Helen Vallianatos
October 2016 / 978-1-77258-080-8 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 269 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / MIGRATION STUDIES / TRANSNATIONAL FEMINISM/ AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
The collection offers multiple perspectives on migrant mothering by including ethnographic and theoretical submissions along with mothers’ personal narratives and literary analyses from diverse locales.
“This volume provides a touching collection of articles describing the lived experiences of migrant and refugee mothers, who must negotiate motherhood in the social environment of an unfamiliar host country.”—AMANDA VEILE, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Purdue University

Borderlands and Crossroads: Writing the Motherland
edited by Jane Satterfield and Laurie Kruk
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / ENGLISH LITERATURE / CREATIVE NONFICTION / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“This anthology is a treasure chest. Borderlands and Crossroads takes us on touching, funny, heartrending journeys to Egypt, England, India, Greece, Ghana, Italy and other parts of the world with forty-two writers exploring the topic of motherhood as parents and children. Editors Jane Satterfield and Laurie Kruk provide lively introductions and conclusions which serve general readers as well as students in literature and feminist studies classes.”—VALERIE MINER, author of Travelling with Spirits and The Low Road.
Angels on Earth: Mothering, Religion, and Spirituality
edited by Vanessa Reimer

August 2016 / 978-1-77258-022-8 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 278 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SPIRITUALITY / RELIGION / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

This collection brings together scholarly and creative pieces that reveal how the intellectual, emotional, and physical work of mothering is informed by women’s religiosities and spiritualities. Its contributors examine contemporary and historical perspectives on religious and spiritual mothering through interdisciplinary research, feminist life writing, textual analyses, and creative non-fiction work.

Motherhood and Single-Lone Parenting: A 21st Century Perspective
edited by Maki Motapanyane

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

The twenty-first century sustains one significant commonality with the decades of the preceding century. The majority of individuals parenting on their own and heading one-parent families continue to be mothers. Seeking to contribute to an existing body of literature focused on single motherhood and lone parenting in the twentieth century, this collection explores and illuminates a more recent landscape of twenty-first century debates, policies, and experiences surrounding single motherhood and one-parent headed families.

Mothers and Sons: Centering Mother Knowledge
edited by Besi Brillian Muhonja and Wanda Thomas Bernard

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Mothers and Sons: Centering Mother Knowledge makes a case for the need to de-gender the framing and study of parental legacy. The actualization of an entire collection on this dyad foregrounding motherhood without particularizing the absence of fatherhood is in itself revolutionary. This assemblage of analytical, narrative, and creative renderings offers cross-disciplinary conceptualizations of maternal experiences across difference and mothering sons at intersections.

Muslim Mothering: Global Histories, Theories, and Practices
edited by M. Aziza Pappano and Dana M. Olwan

June 2016 / 978-1-77258-021-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 297 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / CULTURAL STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Muslim Mothering is an interdisciplinary volume, concentrating on the experiences of Muslim mothers, largely in the contemporary period. The volume is notable for the global range of its contributors and topics, indicative of the number of Muslim majority national contexts and large and diverse Muslim diaspora of today’s world. Contributions discuss the way that Muslim mothers negotiate cultural institutions and practices, such as divorce, adoption/guardianship, post-partum confinement, and societal/religious expectations of procreation.

Forever Loved: Exposing the Hidden Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada
edited by D. Memee Lavell Harvard and Jennifer Brant

May 2016 / 978-1-77258-020-4 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 308 pp.
INDIGENOUS STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Heart wrenching and enlightening at the same time, this book debunks many of the myths that have perpetuated and excused the appalling levels of violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada. The authors challenge conventional thinking on the nature of so-called ‘high-risk lifestyles,’ emphasizing the legacy of oppression and the abuse of Indigenous peoples.”—JEANNETTE CORBIERE LAVEll, Past President of the Native Women’s Association of Canada
“New Maternalisms”: Tales of Motherwork (Dislodging the Unthinkable) edited by Roksana Badruddoja and Maki Motapanyane


"This rich collection draws together accomplished motherhood scholars across disciplines to raise new questions about how we define and understand global motherhood. Most importantly, the global perspectives explored in this book will raise awareness about the challenges of understanding motherhood both as an experience and a discipline.”—LAURA TROPP, author of A Womb With a View: America’s Growing Public Interest in Pregnancy

Missing the Mark? Women and the Millennium Development Goals in Africa and Oceania edited by Naomi M. McPherson


The papers in this collection present fine-detailed ethnographic studies of cultures in Africa and Oceania, with a focus primarily on UN Millennium Development Goals 3, targeted to “promote gender equality and empower women” and MDG 5, targeted to “improve maternal health” to ascertain whether or not these goals have made or missed their mark.

“This is a unique book that brings together fine-grained ethnographic research on women’s health in various global contexts.”—SUSAN R. HEMER, University of Adelaide

Mothers and Food: Negotiating Foodways from Maternal Perspectives edited by Florence Pasche Guignard and Tanya M. Cassidy


“This collection explores the ways that a mother’s role in food procurement, food preparation, and meal serving becomes a crucible for gendered, class, and racial dynamics that reflect public and private agendas. The authors creatively demonstrate important ways that mainstream discourse and the dynamics of the neoliberal project articulate with mothers’ lives and identities in their kitchens and at their dinner tables.”—JANET PAGE-REEVE, Research Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico

Mothering in Marginalized Contexts: Narratives of Women Who Mother In and Through Domestic Violence by Caroline McDonald-Harker


“This book should be read by academics as well as activists, by anyone who seeks to understand the lived realities and subjectivities of mothers who live in, or have survived abuse. Finally, the book will be a valuable resource for mothers who have themselves suffered abuse, affording a venue for them to see themselves represented as subjects, not merely statistical samples or passive objects.”—REBECCA BROMWICH, Dept. of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa

Azadi: Sexual Politics and Postcolonial Worlds by Tara Atluri


In 2012 in Delhi, India, a woman was gang raped and inflicted with such bodily violence that she died as a result of the injuries. One year later, the Supreme Court of India made the contentious decision to uphold Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, which criminalizes sexual activities deemed to be “unnatural,” namely same sex desire and queer people. Both these cases received worldwide media attention.
Screening Motherhood in Contemporary World Cinema
edited by Asma Sayed
FILM STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“This book brings welcome critical scrutiny to a range of films and concerns not widely circulated and, in so doing, opens a conversation calling for responses and examples from other quarters. A valuable addition for all concerned with film, gender and women’s studies.”—GAIL VANSTONE, author of D is for Daring: A Feminist Cultural History of Canada’s National Film Board’s Studio D

On Mothering Multiples: Complexities and Possibilities
edited by Kathy Mantas
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“This edited collection of narratives documents the sorrows, joys, fears and the complexities of intertwined emotions and realities involved in conceiving, birthing, parenting and caring for multiple babies. The stories are candid, realistic and relevant; each confronting controversial issues and debunking myths with clarity and conviction.”—SHARON ABBEY, Faculty of Education, Brock University, St. Catharines

What’s Cooking, Mom? Narratives about Food and Family
edited by Tanya M. Cassidy and Florence Pasche Guignard
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“Drawn from life, the stories collected in What’s Cooking, Mom introduce students and general readers to just how complex, troubling and rewarding, mothers’ responsibilities for feeding their families can be. This is very rich fare!”—DONNA R. GABACCIA, Prof, Dept of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Toronto

Doulas and Intimate Labour: Boundaries, Bodies, and Birth
edited by Angela N. Castañeda and Julie Johnson Searcy
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“This book provides insight, clarification, direction, and considerations, for present and future growth of the doula model of care. This model of care has been, and will continue to be, a powerful conduit for changes in childbirth, and maternity support and care. Highly recommended for required reading in nursing courses, women’s studies, doula programs, and midwifery training. An outstanding contribution to the literature!”—SUSAN K. GRABIA, Faculty Associate, UoW, School of Nursing, Madison, WI

The Mother-Blame Game
edited by Vanessa Reimer and Sarah Sahagian
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As the socioeconomic and cultural expectations of what constitutes “good motherhood” grow continually narrow and exclusionary, mothers are demonized and stigmatized—perhaps now more than ever—for all that is perceived to go “wrong” in their children’s lives.
“This volume offers an entry point into many important conversations that are waiting to be had.”—RACHEL EPP BULLER, author of Reconciling Art and Mothering
Essential Breakthroughs: Conversations about Men, Mothers, and Mothering edited by Fiona Joy Green and Gary Lee Pelletier

November 2015 / 978-1-926452-16-6 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 249 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This is a vital collection for those wishing to engage a conversation about men and mothering that is simultaneously queer and feminist, that abandons genderessentialism while retaining a maternal lens as an essential tool of critical analysis.”—SHELLEY PARK, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Central Florida, author of Mothering Queerly, Queering Motherhood

Looking for Ashley: Re-reading What the Smith Case Reveals about the Governance of Girls, Mothers and Families in Canada by Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Looking for Ashley is a grounded analysis of what the author terms the social, juridical and biological deaths of Ashley Smith while in custody in Canada in 2007. The author conscientiously takes the reader through multiple interpretations of diverse data to illustrate the competing social constructions of Ashley that facilitated both her death and the official and public understandings of her death.”—MICHELLE HUGHES MILLER, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, University of South Florida

Black Motherhood(s): Contours, Contexts and Considerations edited by Karen T. Craddock

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Focusing within domains such as narrative, identity, spirituality and sexuality, the book deftly explores black motherhood by incorporating varied arenas for discussion including: literary analysis, expressive arts, historical fiction, the African Diaspora, reproductive health, religion and social ecology.

“That these chapters cross so many different contexts is extremely important at a time in which black women themselves are increasingly dispersed throughout the world.”—JANE VICTORIA WARD, author of The Skin We’re In

Natal Signs: Cultural Representations of Pregnancy, Birth and Parenting edited by Nadya Burton

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“Through vivid, intimate prose and visceral imagery, Natal Signs takes standard ideas about birth and shifts them completely. This groundbreaking book is required reading for anyone interested in an expanded understanding of the multiplicity and sensuality of pregnancy, birth and parenting.”—MAY FRIEDMAN, Associate Professor, Social Work, Ryerson University

Reading/Speaking/Writing the Mother Text: Essays on Caribbean Women’s Writing edited by Cristina Herrera and Paula Sanmartin

August 2015 / 978-1-926452-70-8 / $29.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 256 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Insightful and thoughtful, this collection not only addresses major concerns in feminist maternal scholarship by affording a critical textual discussion of different themes and literary genres but also enriches our understanding of diversity in the Caribbean context by adding more discussions in light of a wider spectrum of languages, cultures and racial differences.”—YILIN YU, author of Mother, She Wrote
Mothers, Mothering and Sex Work
edited by Rebecca Bromwich and Monique Marie DeJong
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Taking a transdisciplinary approach, this creative-critical anthology engages with the resistance, resilience, joy and humour that sex-working mothers demonstrate in the face of stigma, oppression and sex work-phobic maternal discourses.”—UMMNI KHAN, Associate Professor, Carleton University

Mothers Under Fire: Mothering in Conflict Areas
edited by Tatjana Takševa and Arlene Sgoutas
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

The essays in this collection raise awareness of the needs of women and children in areas affected by military and/or political violence worldwide, and provides a basis for developing multiple policy frameworks aimed at improving existing systems of support in local contexts.

“A new and refreshing look at the various ways the maternal can and does serve as a resource for peacebuilding. The range of articles is broad and nuanced, offering an important imaginative resource for practitioners as well as scholars.”—SUSAN ST VILLE, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

This Is What a Feminist Slut Looks Like: Perspectives on the SlutWalk Movement
edited by Alyssa Teekah, Erika Jane Scholz, May Friedman, and Andrea O’Reilly
WOMEN’S STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / SOCIAL MOVEMENTS / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“This manuscript is a nuanced analysis of the SlutWalk movement, providing neither singular endorsement nor simplified critique. Overall, the manuscript is a brilliant and effective analysis of an extremely pivotal and influential movement.”—MELINDA VANDENBELD GILES, editor, Mothering in the Age of Neo-liberalism

Anansesem: Telling Stories and Storytelling African Maternal Pedagogies
by Adwoa Ntozake Onuora
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / CULTURAL STUDIES / MEMOIR / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Anansesem: Telling Stories and Storytelling African Maternal Pedagogies seeks to celebrate the African mother’s everyday experiences and honour her embodied and cultural knowledges as important sites of meaning making and discovery for the African child.

“Anansesem is unequivocal about the essentiality of using cultural forms in the making of a person.”—JOAN GRANT CUMMINGS, parent, Black feminist activist

Criminalized Mothers, Criminalizing Mothering
edited by Joanne Minaker and Bryan Hogeveen
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / CRIMINOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Minaker and Hogeveen enlarge and complicate our understanding of ‘criminal mothers,’ i.e., both mothers who are incarcerated and those who are viewed criminally, and make a valuable and timely contribution both to our understanding of criminal mothers specifically and contemporary motherhood generally.”—LYNN O’BRIEN HALLSTEIN, Associate Professor, Boston University
Performing Motherhood: Artistic, Activist and Everyday Enactments
edited by Amber E. Kinser, Kryn Freehling-Burton, and Terri Hawkes
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / PERFORMANCE STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“A remarkable collection of studies about mothering that combines scholarly theory, personal and professional passion, and hope for change through creating new choices. The voices of the writers reveal not only their diverse personalities and experiences of what constitutes family but also the range of challenges they face and their creative interactions with the role of mother, especially new mother.” —ALICE H. DEAKINS, editor of Mothers and Daughters: Complicated Connections Across Cultures

Intensive Mothering: The Cultural Contradictions of Modern Motherhood
edited by Linda Rose Ennis
December 2014 / 978-1-927335-90-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 344 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“This volume adds nuance to the field of motherhood studies by accounting for how consumerism and capitalism have complicated expectations and identities of motherhood and mothering in the last two decades.” —JENNIFER L. BORDA, Associate Professor of Communication, The University of New Hampshire

Patricia Hill Collins: Reconceiving Motherhood
edited by Kaila Adia Story
November 2014 / 978-1-927335-43-7 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 196 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
Patricia Hill Collins has given new meaning to the institution of motherhood throughout her publishing career. Introducing scholars to new conceptions, such as, “othermothering” and “mothering of mind,” Collins through her creative and multifaceted analysis of the institution of motherhood, has in a large sense, reconceived what it means to be a mother in a national and transnational context.
“The contributors to this volume bring sustained scholarly attention to the multiple ways in which Patricia Hill Collins unmasks oppressive ideologies of motherhood and reveals the creative and revolutionary practices of Black mothering.” —HEATHER HEWETT, Associate Professor of English and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, SUNY New Paltz

Mothers of the Nations: Indigenous Mothering as Global Resistance, Reclaiming and Recovery
edited by Dawn Memee Lavell-Harvard and Kim Anderson
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / INDIGENOUS STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“The stories that Drs. Anderson and Lavell-Harvard weave together from around the world are poignant, inspiring, perhaps most importantly, timely. This book is extremely diverse and will speak to readers on many levels. I highly recommend it not only for students but for anyone who is interested in understanding what decolonization looks like for Indigenous women, our families and communities.” —CARRIE BOURASSA, Professor, Department of Indigenous Education, Health and Social Work, First Nations University of Canada

Not Exactly as Planned: A Memoir of Adoption, Secrets and Abiding Love
by Linda Rosenbaum
October 2014 / 978-1-927335-91-8 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 253 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / ENGLISH LITERATURE / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“Not Exactly As Planned is a powerful story filled with a wisdom and humility that can teach us all something about family, life and love. Despite the difficulties raising her adopted son with FASD, Rosenbaum’s book is filled with a zestful happiness that will touch everyone who reads it. I couldn’t put it down.” —BONNIE BUXTON, co-founder of FASworld and author of Damaged Angel
**Counting on Marilyn Waring:** New Advances in Feminist Economics, 2nd ed.
edited by Margunn Bjørnhold and Ailsa McKay

September 2014 / 978-1-926452-02-9 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 279 pp.

**ECONOMICS / FEMINIST STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK**

This second edition, which includes an epilogue by Marilyn Waring, maps new advances in theories and practices in feminist economics and the valuation of women, care and nature since Marilyn Waring’s 1988 groundbreaking critique of the system of national accounts, *If Women Counted.*

“Wide spectrum of issues are elaborated with a rich set of cases. This book offers insights for new public policy design focusing on well-being for everyone.” — GÜLAY GÜNLÜK ŞENSEN, Professor, Istanbul University

**The Music of Leaving**  
poems by Tricia McCallum

September 2014 / 978-1-927335-93-2 / $14.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 100 pp.

**MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / ENGLISH LITERATURE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK**

“With humility and ‘incongruous grace,’ McCallum masters the art of seeing—and reminds us as readers to look closely at what is lost or forgotten. A fugue of fleeting faces and moments, The Music of Leaving deserves, indeed, demands, to be savoured.” — JENA STRONG, author of *Don’t Miss This*

**Mothering in East Asian Communities:** Politics and Practices  
edited by Patti Duncan and Gina Wong

September 2014 / 978-1-927335-24-6 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 302 pp.

**MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / CULTURAL STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK**

“In Mothering in East Asian Communities, Duncan and Wong seamlessly rupture a homogenous identity category—that of the “tiger mom.” The editors invoke the works of diverse contributors who critically challenge essentialized identity categories and racialized and sexualized experiences of women of color within the institution of motherhood and practices of mothering. Duncan and Wong offer a personal and political analysis of motherhood that is socially and culturally constructed, shaped by race, class, culture, sexuality, and other social categories.” — ROKSANA BADRUDDOJA, Advanced Assistant Professor of Sociology & Coordinator of Women’s and Gender Studies, Manhattan College, New York

**Queering Motherhood:** Narrative and Theoretical Perspectives  
edited by Margaret F. Gibson

August 2014 / 978-1-927335-31-4 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 269 pp.

**MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / SEXUALITY STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK**

“This is a book that truly does address the queering of motherhood, parenthood and family(hood). Cutting-edge scholarship on lesbian, queer, trans and intersex experiences, as well as critical consideration of queer families and the queering of family studies, make this accessible book vital reading for anyone interested in parenting or family.” — FIONA NELSON, Associate Professor, Sociology & Women’s Studies, University of Calgary

**Mothering and Psychoanalysis:** Clinical, Sociological and Feminist Perspectives  
edited by Petra Bueskens

July 2014 / 978-1-927335-26-0 / $44.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 504 pp.

**MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / PSYCHOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK**

“The collection of 23 essays provides an exciting snapshot of contemporary theorising on the maternal within psychoanalytic and social theory. The introduction serves as an excellent overview of this interdisciplinary field and its importance both to motherhood studies and broader feminist thinking. This book is a triumph!” — JULIE KELSO, Department of Philosophy and Literature, Bond University
Stay-at-Home Mothers: Dialogues and Debates
edited by Elizabeth Reid Boyd and Gayle Letherby

MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / CULTURAL STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“The conundrum of maternity in the present globalizing post-industrial neo-liberal world offers difficult dilemmas and often contradictory flows of emotion, ethics, and economics which impact us all. This volume goes some way to begin seriously addressing these quandaries, appealing to a range of subject positions and maternities.”—ALISON BARTLET, Discipline Chair, Gender Studies, University of Western Australia

Texas Girl a memoir by Robin Silbergleid

June 2014 / 978-1-927335-38-3 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 232 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / LITERATURE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

At twenty-seven years old, Robin Silbergleid decided to become a single mother. Not as a backup or “Plan B,” but as a first choice. A must-read for anyone contemplating single motherhood, this bitingly honest memoir will resonate with anyone concerned with the vital feminist issue of what reproductive choice really means and the obstacles we face in pursuit of it.

“A beautiful portrait of mother love that gives new meaning to the word ‘choice.’”—SUSAN GUBAR, author of Memoir of a Debulked Woman

Telling Truths: Storying Motherhood
edited by Sheena Wilson and Diana Davidson

May 2014 / 978-1-927335-42-0 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 325 pp.
WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Contributing authors explore how expectations collide with the complex realities we face as we mother. They illustrate how mothering is inextricably linked to the positions we occupy within our specific socio-cultural contexts; how our versions of mothering are transformed in relationship to the children we raise, long for, and mourn.

“This is a book that tells some uncomfortable and some beautiful truths about what it means to mother in the twenty-first century.”—SUSAN BOYCHUCK, Women’s Words, University of Alberta

Mothers, Mothering and Motherhood Across Cultural Differences
A Reader, edited by Andrea O’Reilly

May 2014 / 978-1-927335-39-0 / $44.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 513 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / CULTURAL STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Mothers, Mothering and Motherhood Across Cultural Differences, the first-ever Reader on the subject matter, includes 22 chapters on the following maternal identities: Aboriginal, Adoptive, At-Home, Birth, Black, Disabled, East-Asian, Feminist, Immigrant/Refugee, Latina/Chicana, Poor/Low Income, Migrant, Non-Residential, Older, Queer, Rural, Single, South-Asian, Stepmothers, Working, Young Mothers, and Mothers of Adult Children.

Birth of the Uncool
poems by Madeline Walker

April 2014 / 978-1-927335-37-6 / $14.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 110 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / ENGLISH LITERATURE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Birth of the Cool, an album by jazz great Miles Davis, was released in 1957. That album defined “cool jazz”: elegant, distant, hip, and stylish. Davis and his eight co-musicians made it look so easy. This book is an eclectic and uncoolly accessible collection of musings on motherhood, childhood, recovery, faith, and love.

“With a deep understanding of language and mythology, Walker’s first collection of poetry, birth of the uncool, slides in and out of opposites, demonstrating the unity of all things.”—ARLEEN PARÉ, author of Leaving Now
On Huron’s Shore
linked stories by Marilyn Gear Pilling
April 2014 / 978-1-927335-34-5 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 270 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / ENGLISH LITERATURE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
Since 2002, Pilling has produced five books of poetry, and now, with On Huron’s Shore, she has returned to fiction with a collection of linked stories about mothers, daughters, and sisters, set in the landscape of the Huron County of the mid-fifties juxtaposed with the Huron County of today.
“Tirelessly energetic prose built not only on sharply realized scenes but on a multitude of unique and memorable details.”—JACK HODGINS, winner G.G. award for fiction

Disabled Mothers: Stories and Scholarship By and About Mothers with Disabilities
edited by Gloria Filax and Dena Taylor
March 2014 / 978-1-927335-29-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 368 pp.
GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES / DISABILITY STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“The strength of this collection is the breadth and scope of the coverage on the subject of mothers with disabilities. Alternating between research studies and personal essays, this book provides important information and readability.”—MARY GRIMLEY MASON, Professor of English Emerita, Resident Scholar, Brandeis University’s Women’s Studies Research

Mothering in the Age of Neoliberalism
edited by Melinda Vandenbeld Giles
March 2014 / 978-1-927335-28-4 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 394 pp.
GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
Whether the discussion is about mothers from India using maternalist narratives to fight environmental degradation, or mothers in rural Canada struggling to find affordable, quality child care within a de-industrializing, flexible labour market, it is crucial that the positionality of mothers be centralized within the global neo-liberal narrative.
“This book does an admirable job in responding to the challenges of living and mothering in a neoliberal era. The topic is unambiguously significant and timely. We need this book.”—MAY FRIEDMAN, School of Social Work, Ryerson University

Borrowed Body
a novel by Valerie Mason-John
November 2013 / 978-1-927335-36-9 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 200 pp.
ENGLISH LITERATURE / FEMINIST STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“Borrowed Body is a coming-of-age narrative in which author, Valerie Mason-John introduces us to Pauline, a brilliant and sensitive Black girl, suffering figuratively and literally from mother loss. In order to survive, Pauline must use all her wit, fortitude, and intelligence to envision and create a world where to be Black and female was to be someone of worth, beauty, and significance.... A memorable and poignant story.”—AFUA COOPER, author of The Hanging of Angelique

What We Hold in Our Hands
short stories by Kim Aubrey
November 2013 / 978-1-927335-33-8 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 153 pp.
ENGLISH LITERATURE / FEMINIST STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
The ten stories in this debut collection are about the difficult choices inherent in caring for children, siblings, and partners, and the limits and limitlessness of love.
“Kim Aubrey writes deftly orchestrated stories of domestic surfaces disturbed by memories, dreams, and unspoken impulses. The mood is anxious. Aubrey’s narrators are sharply observant and observed yet often haunted by unexpressed desires. A brave first collection.”—DOUGLAS GLOVER, author of Savage Love, 16 Categories of Desire, and Elle
Milk Fever
a novel by Lissa M. Cowan
October 2013 / 978-1-927335-20-8 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 262 pp.
ENGLISH LITERATURE / FEMINIST STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“Milk Fever is a sensuous and subversive novel, set at a time when printed books were beginning to change the world. Lissa M. Cowan draws together motherhood, breastfeeding and learning, and sets them centre stage in a story about the struggle for freedom, justice and reason: abstractions which here come to full, fleshy life.”—KATHY PAGE, author of The Find

Fresh Hell: Motherhood in Pieces
by Carellin Brooks
October 2013 / 978-1-927335-32-1 / $14.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 87 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / LITERATURE / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
This literary think piece seesaws from disaster to delight, horror to grim resignation, much like motherhood itself. Fifty-two spare meditations, one for each week of a baby’s first year, cover subjects from baby poop to more baby poop, breastfeeding and its relation to the same, broken nights and endless days, and all the other low points of having a baby.

“Brooks pushes past the boundaries of what mothers are allowed to say and lays bare her darkest anxieties and doubts about mothering.”—FRANCES GREENSLADE, author of By the Secret Ladder: A Mothers Initiation

Chasing Rainbows: Exploring Gender Fluid Parenting Practices
edited by Fiona Joy Green and May Friedman
LGBTQ STUDIES / GENDER STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
“Chasing Rainbows dares to ask how we as parents can guide our children—and ourselves—not only beyond the confines of the gender binary, but beyond the notion of gender itself…. I can’t wait to see how parenting practices, gender ‘norms,’ and in fact, all of society, may change as a result of its publication.”—RACHEL PEPPER, author of Transitions of the Heart

Have Milk, Will Travel: Adventures in Breastfeeding
edited by Rachel Epp Buller
August 2013 / 978-1-927335-21-5 / $19.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 160 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / HUMOUR / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
With a foreword written by Pump Station founders Wendy Haldeman and Corky Harvey, Have Milk, Will Travel collects stories and poems by both established and emerging writers who address with brutal honesty the trials, tribulations, and laugh-out-loud turbulence of life as the one-stop milk shop.

“Humor is the best medicine for adults and breast milk is the best medicine for infants. Thanks Rachel Epp Buller for this terrific look at the sometimes complicated world of ‘natural’ mothering.”—JOY ROSE, Founder, Museum of Motherhood

Motherhood Memoirs: Mothers Creating/Writing Lives
edited by Justine Dymond and Nicole Willey
July 2013 / 978-1-927335-16-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 264 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / LITERARY CRITICISM / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK
The authors in this collection examine and critique motherhood memoir, alongside the texts of their own lives, while seeking to transform mothering practice—high-lighting revolutionary praxis within books, or, when none is available, creating new visions for social change.

“This collection makes an important and timely advance on what contributors rightly argue is an understudied area of scholarship…..”—ELIZABETH PODNIEKS, Associate Professor, Ryerson University
Mother of Invention: How Our Mothers Influenced Us as Feminist Academics and Activists
edited by Vanessa Reimer and Sarah Sahagian

June 2013 / 978-1-927335-17-8 / $24.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 197 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Mother of Invention is a collection that combines feminist theory with life writing to explore the diverse ways that mothers, whether or not they themselves identity as “feminist,” inspire feminist consciousness in their daughters and sons.

“Mixing creative writing, memoir, and academic research, the book demonstrates the impossibility of identifying one simple path to feminism—or one simple model for mothering.”—JANE TOLMIE, Associate Professor, Queen’s University

Lowballer poems by Kim Goodliffe

June 2013 / 978-1-927335-23-9 / $14.95 pb / 5.5 x 8.25 / 78 pp.
ENGLISH LITERATURE / POETRY

In tree-planting lingo, a “lowballer” is the least respected person on any crew, one who plants slowly, earning little money. This narrative poem sequence takes the reader through clear-cut furrows where boulders shear, bears appear, minds crack and relationships must grow and change in order to survive.

“A detailed, proprioceptive exploration that gives us a complex map that the best poetry creates.”—BARRY MCKINNON

Laboring Positions: Black Women, Mothering and the Academy
edited by Sekile Nzinga-Johnson

June 2013 / 978-1-927335-02-4 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 313 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / EDUCATION / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

Laboring Positions offers a poly-vocal collection of essays with themes that privilege and arouse Black women’s mothering practices and labor as central in the narratives, research, and models of existence and resistance for Black women’s survival within the academy.

“Articles reveal ‘the transgressive, testimonial and transcendent power of the other mothers of the academy’ in vivid fashion. This is a critical read and a challenging text.”—DEIDRE HILL BUTLER, Director, Africana Studies, Union College, Schenectady, New York

Mothering Mennonite
edited by Rachel Epp Buller and Kerry Fast

May 2013 / 978-1-927335-12-3 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 312 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / RELIGIOUS STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“By offering multi-varied positions from which to consider the concept of mother, Mothering Mennonite adds depth to common conceptions of Mennonite identity while also undoing stereotypes which surround mothering in that context. Together, the contributions offer an important glimpse into the intersection of gender, religion, culture, and identity.”—MARLENE EPP, Professor, History and Peace & Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

Mothering and Literacies
edited by Amanda B. Richey and Linda Shuford Evans

May 2013 / 978-1-927335-14-7 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 293 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / EDUCATION

“A compelling collection of chapters .... Interdisciplinary and accessible, this unique collection invites readers to challenge historical and contemporary notions of what mothering means in the contested space of literacy practices, and it provides up-to-date analyses of digital literacies and literacy practices in global contexts.”—NICHOLE A. GUILLORY, Kennesaw State University, Georgia
Incarcerated Mothers: Oppression and Resistance
edited by Gordana Eljdupovic and Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich
March 2013 / 978-1-927335-03-1 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 230 pp.
SOCIOMETRY / FEMINIST STUDIES / MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / AVAILABLE AS E-BOOK

“Incarcerated Mothers offers an all too rare look behind the walls of penal institutions in different countries. This book admirably balances the voices of academia with those of lived experiences. From the perspective of prevention, examining the mother-child relationship is not new. Doing so with women convicted of a crime who are mothers first and foremost demands that we examine the shadow side of justice in an altogether novel way.”—CHRISTIANE SADELER, Executive Director, Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council

South Asian Mothering: Negotiating Culture, Family and Selfhood
edited by Jasjit K. Sangha and Tahira Gonsalves
March 2013 / 978-1-927335-01-7 / $34.95 pb / 6 x 9 / 192 pp.
MOTHERHOOD STUDIES / FEMINIST STUDIES / SOCIOLOGY

“This book is a counterpoint to the dominant media images of South Asian women, offering insights into the complexities of their lives in a way that yields important understandings of women’s acts of agency in different times and places. An innovative addition to the field of mothering, as well as to literature on South Asians, migration, and broader fields of women's studies, cultural studies, health and social sciences.”—JUDITH MACDONNELL, RN, Ph.D., School of Nursing, York University

What Do Mothers Need? Motherhood Activists and Scholars Speak Out on Maternal Empowerment for the 21st Century
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