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Reshaping the Work-Family Debate: Why Men and Class Matter (Paperback)

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The United States has the most family-hostile public policy in the developed world. Despite what is often reported, new mothers don t opt out of work. They are pushed out by discriminating and inflexible workplaces. Today s workplaces continue to idealize the worker who has someone other than parents caring for their children. Conventional wisdom attributes women s decision to leave work to their maternal traits and desires. In this thoughtprovoking book, Joan Williams shows why that view is misguided and how workplace practice disadvantages men - both those who seek to avoid the breadwinner role and those who embrace it - as well as women. Faced with masculine norms that define the workplace, women must play the tomboy or the femme. Both paths result in a gender bias that is exacerbated when the two groups end up pitted against each other. And although work-family issues long have been seen strictly through a gender lens, we ignore class at our peril. The dysfunctional relationship between the professional-managerial class and the white working class must be addressed before real reform can take root. Contesting the idea...



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