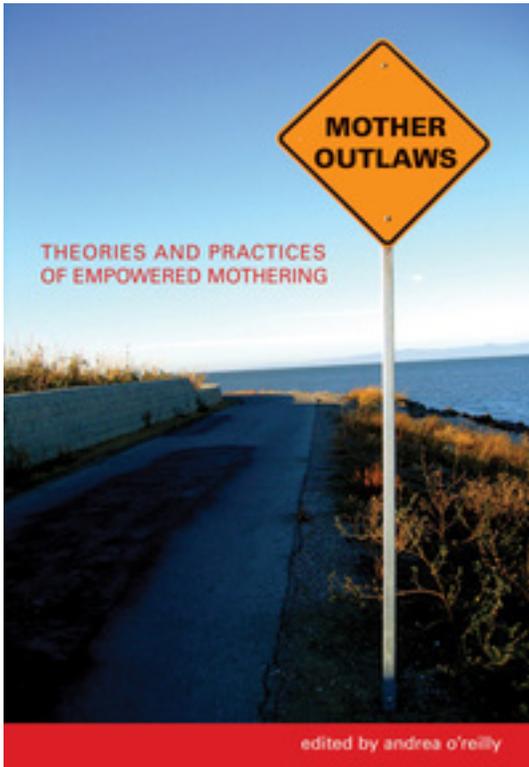


Mother Outlaws

Theories and Practices of Empowered Mothering



Feminist scholars of motherhood distinguish between mothering and motherhood, and argue that the latter is a patriarchal institution that is oppressive to women. Few scholars, however, have considered how mothering, as a female defined and centred experience, may be a site of empowerment for women. This collection is the first to do so.

Mother Outlaws examines how mothers imagine and implement theories and practices of mothering that are empowering to women. Central to this inquiry is the recognition that mothers and children benefit when the mother lives her life, and practices mothering, from a position of agency, authority, authenticity and autonomy.

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"*Mother Outlaws* makes an enormously important contribution to Women's Studies, a field that tends to neglect the topic of mothering or present it with such ambivalence that it is a wonder college men and women go on to have families. ... [The text provides] abundant evidence that there can be such a thing as empowerment mothering, thereby instilling optimism in today's young men and women."—
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