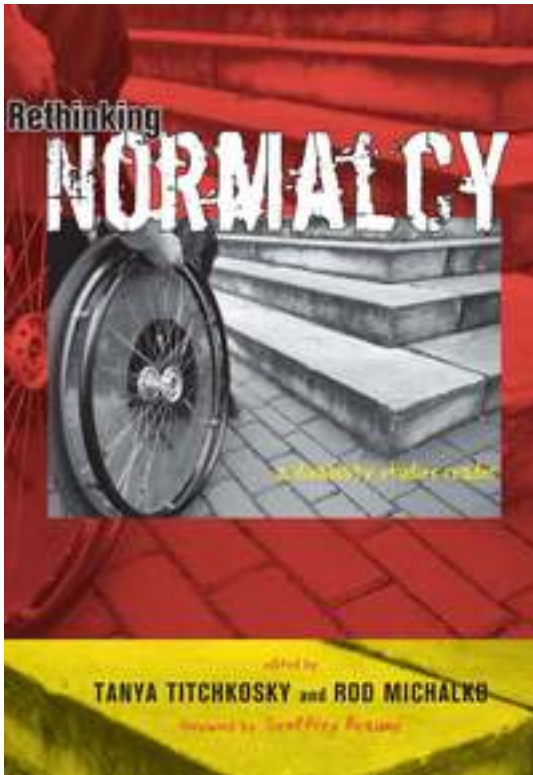


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Rethinking Normalcy introduces the growing field of disability studies to an undergraduate audience in a variety of disciplines and programs based in the social sciences, humanities, and health sciences. The authors articulate the depth and breadth of this newly emerging field of study and provide a vibrant foretaste of the kind of work disability studies scholars and activists do to provocatively question the power of normalcy.

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Features

- the chapters exemplify ways of questioning our collective relations to normalcy, as such relations affect the lives of both disabled and currently non-disabled people
- over sixty per cent of this book features the work of disability studies scholars located in Canada

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Reviews

"It is inspiring and exciting to see so much happening in disability studies in Canada and abroad and an excellent place to start is by reading *Rethinking Normalcy*. This volume illustrates the richness and relevance of disability studies to our everyday life by covering many of the debates, concepts, and controversies in this field from a primarily Canadian perspective.... There is nothing like this book in Canada. It is badly needed."

Geoffrey Reaume, Critical Disability Studies Graduate Program, York University

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