

The book was found

Outsourcing The Womb: Race, Class And Gestational Surrogacy In A Global Market (Framing 21st Century Social Issues)



Synopsis

A quiet revolution has been taking place during the past three decades. The way that children enter families has changed radically among upper middle class families. In the 1980s infertility increasing became defined as a medical problem that could be solved with assisted reproductive technologies (ART) rather than through adoption. Asexual or "assisted conception"™ involving medical technologies such as in vitro fertilization and embryo transfers began to replace sexual reproduction for infertile couples. Third parties, referred to as surrogates are hired to assist individuals and/or couples who wish to conceive and child with whom they share a genetic tie. This has resulted in a "surrogate baby boom."™ *Outsourcing the Womb* provides a critical introduction to the global surrogacy market. A comparative analysis of the assisted reproductive technology and surrogacy industry in Egypt, Israel, India and the United States disentangles the intersecting roles of race, religion, class inequality, religious law, and global capitalism. Gestational surrogacy challenges the idea of "natural"™ reproduction and of the meaning of parenthood. What role should the state play in providing individuals and families with access to reproductive technologies? This book concludes with a discussion of "reproductive justice"™. The goal of this new, unique series is to offer readable, teachable "thinking frames" on today's™ social problems and social issues by leading scholars, all in short 60 page or shorter formats, and available for view on <http://routledge.customgateway.com/routledge-social-issues.html> For instructors teaching a wide range of courses in the social sciences, the Routledge Social Issues Collection now offers the best of both worlds: originally written short texts that provide "overviews" to important social issues as well as teachable excerpts from larger works previously published by Routledge and other presses.

Book Information

Series: Framing 21st Century Social Issues

Paperback: 78 pages

Publisher: Routledge (February 25, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0415892023

ISBN-13: 978-0415892025

Product Dimensions: 7 x 0.2 x 10 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (6 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #339,081 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #11 inÂ Books > Textbooks >

Customer Reviews

This slim volume is an eye opening retrospective of the increasingly popular practice of hiring women to carry a pregnancy. It reviews historical, legal and social aspects of the impact and controversies which have resulted from this practice. Some may remember the "baby M" case in which a woman carried an implanted pregnancy to term and then decided she would not give up the baby as she had been contracted to do. This and similar cases are recounted and the author also points to potential future problems that are likely to occur in this area. She points out, for example, that very little research has been done to investigate the impact of these practices on the women who essentially rent out their wombs for profit. This growing practice is a business which creates competitive markets in poorer countries where this is a lucrative endeavor for the women and for the organizations that market this service. The legal, social, political and ethical norms are very much undefined or poorly defined and the author raises concerns about the massive potential for exploitation. She describes the current state of in vitro fertilization (IVF) and other "assisted reproduction" practices in several countries including the United States, England and India. Legal, social and financial aspects differ significantly. This is a fascinating and informative read which I think can serve the interests of students, researchers, legislators and journalists. It is well researched and carefully referenced with a great bibliography. And anyone concerned with these practices, women's rights, legal implications and social impact will find this to be a great summary and thought provoking resource. I would put this in the hands of any journalist working in this area. Highly recommended.

I was excited about this book. But despite a few interesting examples, the read and setup of the book was somewhat dry. I don't think I will be using it for the women and science course I will be teaching as originally planned.

Author definitely hammered home the agenda that surrogacy stratifies societies based on racial, economical, religious, and factors of circumstance. Would have liked a little bit more data to support those points but it was a fair starting point.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Outsourcing the Womb: Race, Class and Gestational Surrogacy in a Global Market (Framing 21st Century Social Issues) Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies (Families in Focus) Needlework Framing (Library of Professional Picture Framing, Vol. 3) Global Issues Energy Use Macmillan Library (Global Issues - Macmillan Library) The Vested Outsourcing Manual: A Guide for Creating Successful Business and Outsourcing Agreements Vested Outsourcing, Second Edition: Five Rules That Will Transform Outsourcing Vested Outsourcing: Five Rules That Will Transform Outsourcing The Confessions: (Vol. I/1) Revised, (The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century) (The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century, Vol. 1) Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Method, Bk 1: The Most Complete Guitar Course Available, Book, DVD & Online Audio, Video & Software (Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Course) Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Ensemble 1: The Most Complete Guitar Course Available (Student Book) (Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Course) Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Staff Manuscript Book (Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Library) Life in the Womb: The Origin of Health and Disease Real Food for Gestational Diabetes: An Effective Alternative to the Conventional Nutrition Approach Social Media: Master, Manipulate, and Dominate Social Media Marketing With Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn (Social Media, Social Media ... Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, Pinterest) Framing America: A Social History of American Art (Third Edition) Nine Keys to World-Class Business Process Outsourcing Social Security & Medicare Facts 2016: Social Security Coverage, Maximization Strategies for Social Security Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security Taxes, Retirement & Disability, Ser Social Media: Master Strategies For Social Media Marketing - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube & LinkedIn (Social Media, Social Media Marketing, Facebook, ... Instagram, Internet Marketing Book 3) The Meaning of Difference: American Constructions of Race, Sex and Gender, Social Class, Sexual Orientation, and Disability Stock Market: Beginner's Guide to Stock Trading: Everything a Beginner Should Know About the Stock Market and Stock Trading (Stock Market, Stock Trading, Stocks)

[Dmca](#)