

Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality: Social and Cultural Perspectives

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Sheela Suryanarayanan

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Aimee Louise Middlemiss

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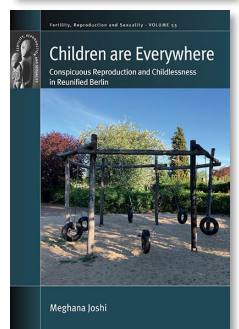
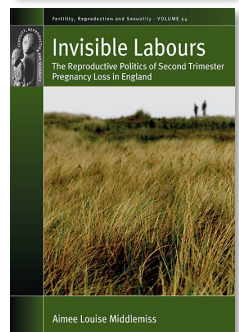
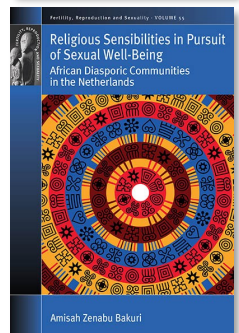
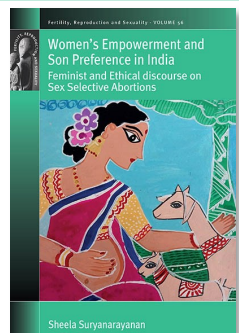
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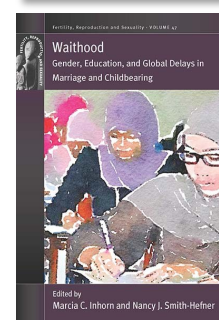
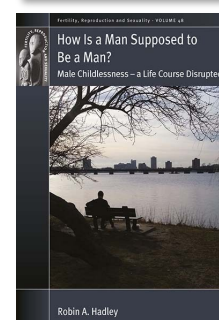
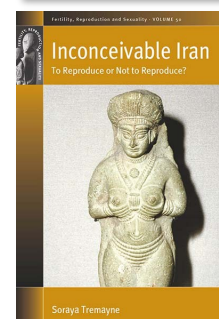
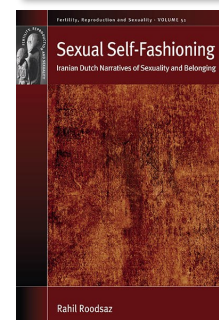
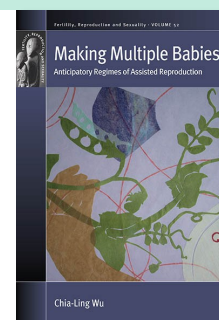
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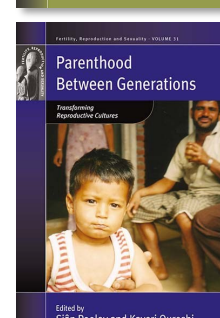
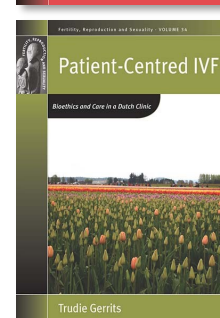
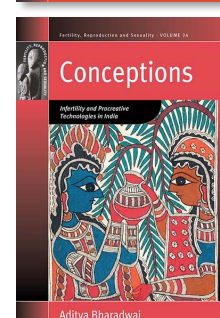
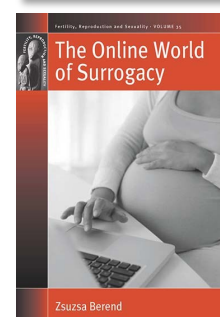
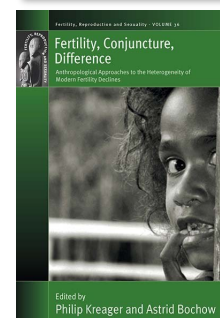
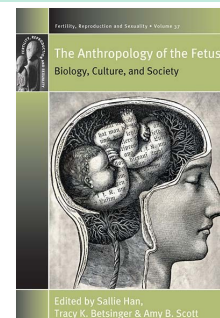
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