



South Asian women in the diaspora

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Abstract

South Asian women have frequently been conceptualized in colonial, academic and postcolonial studies, but this is deeply problematic. This book, informed by theory and enriched by in-depth fieldwork, overturns these understandings and alongside broader issues of self and nation assesses how South Asian identities are 'performed'. What are the erasures in existing studies of both race and gender? In what ways do South Asian women struggle with Orientalism? do South Asian women engage with 'indo-chic'? What dilemmas face the South Asian female scholar? With a combination of the most recent feminist perspectives on gender and the South Asian diaspora, questions of space, body, aesthetics and politics are made central to this book. Building upon a range of experiences and reflections on the conditions of the production of knowledge, *South Asian Women in the Diaspora* represents a challenging and thoughtful consideration of gender, race, culture and power.

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