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this collection gathers together the essential writings of the contemporary mormon feminist movement from its historic beginnings in the 1970s to its vibrant present offering the best mormon feminist thought and writing the selections in this book many gathered from out of print anthologies magazines and other ephemera walk the reader through the history of mormon feminism from the second wave feminism of the 1970s to contemporary debates over the ordination of women collecting essays speeches poems and prose mormon feminism presents the diverse voices of mormon women as they challenge assumptions and stereotypes push for progress and change in the contemporary lds church and band together with other feminists of faith hoping to build a better world the inexorable movement toward gender equality in the modern world has taken root in the consciousness of many latter day saints and has publicly emerged as a major concern for the lds church spearheaded by a new generation of internet savvy feminists equality issues in mormonism attained high public visibility in 2013 through online profiles posted by the ordain women organization and its plea to church authorities to pray about an expanded role for lds women the june 2014 excommunication of ow co founder kate kelly generated increased international media attention this volume is the first book to provide a comprehensive examination of these issues and is based on chapters written by both scholars and activists its twenty five authors explore in detail theological debates about gender and priesthood authority the historical and cultural context of these debates and the current role played by lay activists seeking to stimulate change in the church preface lavina fielding anderson the contemporary lds church at a crossroads on gender issues in the twenty first century 1 lorie winder stromberg the birth of ordain women the personal becomes political 2 gordon shepherd and gary shepherd conflict and change in closed and 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december 31 2014 on mormon lds women ordain women and kate kelly a dozen essays all but one from a september 1993 gathering in salt lake city examine how mormon and humanist concurrence on the basic principles of freedom of consciousness and the right to exercise free agency developed into a divergence of opinion on for example the expulsion of two professors from brigham young university for expressing ideas at variance with mormon doctrine no index annotation copyright by book news inc portland or legitimization of mormon feminist rhetors studies how marginalized groups use rhetorical strategies to craft legitimacy for themselves kinney uses archival research to parse the rhetorical devices employed by mormon feminist women the author assumes a pan historical methodology by examining four unique examples of notable mormon feminist rhetors that stretch across the 191 year history of this religion emmeline b wells 1828 1921 fawn brodie 1915 1981 sonia johnson 1936 present and kate kelly 1980 present backed by intensive analysis the author finds that mormon feminist women take up the

ancient rhetorical canons as a heuristic to cultivate a position of authority for themselves wells employs arrangement patterns brodie engages with memory johnson draws upon invention practices and kelly applies delivery strategies scholars and students of communication rhetoric religion and women s studies will find this book particularly interesting utah women today might be surprised to learn their grandmothers views on feminist issues according to maxine hanks lds relief society co founder sarah kimball referred to herself as a woman s rights woman while bathsheba smith was called on relief society mission in 1870 to preach equal rights for women the society editorialized that females belonged not only in the nursery but also in the library the laboratory the observatory sisters sent east to study medicine were assured that when men see that women can exist without them it will perhaps take a little of the conceit out of some of them temple officiators were called priestesses eliza r snow the prophetess and women were discouraged from confessing to bishops on grounds that personal matters should be referred to the relief society president and her counselors women were set apart as healers with power to rebuke diseases in addition mormon theology spoke reassuringly of a mother god of the divinity of mary mary magdalene and eve no wonder relief society president emmeline b wells could write with confidence let woman speak for herself she has the right of freedom of speech women are too slow in moving forward afraid of criticism of being called unwomanly of being thought masculine this anthology will explore the new directions of conversations occurring in relation to feminism and religion as well as the technological modes being utilized to continue dialogue expand borders and create new frontiers in feminism it is a cross generational project bringing together the voices of foremothers with those of the twenty first century generation of feminist scholars to discuss the changing direction of feminism and religion new methods of dialogue and the benefits for society overall where we must stand ten years of feminist mormon housewives is an anthology of blog posts from the first decade of the feminist mormon housewives blog 2004 2014 the posts discuss mormon women s experiences of wrestling with feminism in a conservative religious tradition the book highlights individual moments of reflection and faith while tracking the growth and progress of a larger community and religious social movement bloggers and community members moved from writing to activism witnessed the public excommunication of a community member mourned and changed the feminist mormon housewives blog emerged at a time when the broader mormon feminist movement was in decline the bloggers shared their discovery of mormon feminist history concerns and fears about polygamy the difficulty of navigating church and family relationships losing and finding faith the worst sex talk that ever happened in a church setting and the awakening of a broader social consciousness in doing so they invited a new generation of women into the movement and helped to rebuild it where we must stand includes more than a hundred and thirty blog posts historical introductions reflective essays from bloggers and readers and extensive notes it is an introduction to the lived experiences of mormon women that doesn t shy away from the problematic elements of being mormon while working toward gender equity few figures in the history of the church of jesus christ of latter day saints provoke such visceral responses as sonia johnson her unrelenting public support of the equal rights amendment era made her the face of lds feminism while her subsequent excommunication roiled the faith community christine talbot tells the story of sonia s historic confrontation with the church within the context of the faith s first large scale engagement with the feminist movement a typical if well educated latter day saints homemaker sonia was moved to action by the all male lds leadership s opposition to the era and a belief the church should stay out of politics talbot uses the activist s experiences and criticisms to explore the ways sonia s ideas and situation sparked critical questions about lds thought culture and belief she also illuminates how sonia s excommunication shaped lds feminism the church s antagonism to feminist critiques and the church itself in the years to come a revealing and long overdue account sonia johnson explores the life work and impact of the lds feminist in a world where women s issues are political issues feminism and religion are often scripted as opposing sides but drawing on the messages of love and social justice from within their religious traditions women are leading feminist movements that promote positive social change at both the micro and macro levels religion is fueling women s efforts to revolutionize the world women religion revolution is a provocative collection of essays written by women who understand that being passive is not an option each story resonates with passion drawn from the well of faith along with a drive to forge a connection with other women the experiences that can shape a woman s soul are often negative and isolating sexual assault domestic violence eating disorders addictions but in seeking healing in seeking to effect revolutionary change women often find that the path leads toward other women toward a connectedness that strengthens us all this is a very stimulating book this volume brings together nineteen interesting articles from women from a variety of religious and social traditions a good book to read and to own as a resource in women s experience of feminism and religion rosemary radford ruether professor of theology claremont graduate university this is feminist religious thought at its most

courageous and creative the narratives by these authors offer inspiring revolutionary spiritual insights about women s lives bodies and violence traci c west professor of ethics and african american studies drew university theological school the women in this volume are bold in uncovering persistent problems and rethinking new possibilities for thought and action their essays are personal based on the authors own experiences as muslims jews christians and mormons but they articulate their insights in ways that reverberate in many different contexts these essays touch on all areas of concern for women reproduction sexuality body image violence and abuse poverty and wealth spiritual power and women s ordination the sacred and the divine these essays will inspire you margaret toscano associate professor of comparative studies university of utah within one month johnson lost both her husband and her church and found her place in history the routledge handbook of mormonism and gender is an outstanding reference source to this controversial subject area since its founding in 1830 the church of jesus christ of latter day saints has engaged gender in surprising ways lds practice of polygamy in the nineteenth century both fueled rhetoric of patriarchal rule as well as gave polygamous wives greater autonomy than their monogamous peers the tensions over women s autonomy continued after polygamy was abandoned and defined much of the twentieth century in the 1970s 1990s and 2010s mormon feminists came into direct confrontation with the male mormon hierarchy these public clashes produced some reforms but fell short of accomplishing full equality lgbt mormons have a similar history these movements are part of the larger story of how mormonism has managed changing gender norms in a global context comprising over forty chapters by a team of international contributors the handbook is divided into four parts methodological issues historical approaches social scientific approaches 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from 1880 to 1920 non mormons worried that mormons would establish an un american society in the west while mormons feared for the very existence of their church an example of the new regional geography yorgason s work treats culture as an arena of political struggle looking through the lenses of regional geography history and cultural studies yorgason investigates shifting moral orders relating to gender authority economic responsibility and national loyalty he particularly focuses on mormon feminism communitarianism nationalism and home life transformation of the mormon culture region charts the cultural contradictions of both mormons and non mormons and how they were resolved over time by a progressive narrowing of the range of moral positions on gender in favor of victorian gender relations the economy in favor of individual economics and the nation identifying with national power and might mormons and non mormons together constructed a regime of effective coexistence while retaining regional distinctiveness chronicles johnson s external political journeys and her internal transformations and the vital connection between winner of the mormon history association best international book award the church of jesus christ of latter day saints continues to contend with longstanding tensions surrounding gender and race yet women of color in the united states and across the global south adopt and adapt the faith to their contexts many sharing the high level of satisfaction expressed by latter day saints in general caroline kline explores the ways latter day saint women of color in mexico botswana and the united states navigate gender norms but also how their moral priorities and actions challenge western feminist assumptions kline analyzes these traditional religious women through non oppressive connectedness a worldview that blends elements of female empowerment and liberation with a broader focus on fostering positive and productive relationships in different realms even as members of a patriarchal institution the women feel a sense of liberation that empowers them to work against oppression and against alienation from both god and other human beings vivid and groundbreaking mormon women at the crossroads merges interviews with theory to offer a rare discussion of latter day saint women from a global perspective postsecular feminisms explores the contested relationship between feminism and secularism through a series of case studies featuring perspectives from the global north and south it offers insights beyond those of the abrahamic traditions and includes multiple examples from south asia by decentering the european experience postsecular feminisms shows how secularism and feminism have been constituted in north america south asia and anglophone west africa the book asks can postsecular feminism offer a

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church s teachings the broad archive of mediated mormonism contains socially conservative values often expressed through neoliberal strategies tied to egalitarianism meritocracy and self actualization but it also offers a passionate voice of contrast on behalf of plurality and inclusion in this mediated mormonism and the conversations on social justice that it fosters create the pathway toward an inclusive feminist friendly and queer positive future for a broader culture that uses mormonism as a gauge to calibrate its own values woman church state is a work by matilda joslyn gage part of very early feminist thought the author describes how women have been mistreated by religions and governments throughout thousands of years this anthology provides rare access to key original documents illuminating mormon history theology and culture in the united states from the nineteenth century to today brief introductions describe the theological significance of each text and its reflection of the practices issues and challenges that have defined and continue to define the mormon community these documents balance mainstream and peripheral thought and religious experience institutional and personal perspective and theoretical and practical interpretation representing pivotal moments in lds history and correcting decades of misinformation and stereotype the authors of these documents male and female not only celebrate but speak critically and question mainline lds teachings on sexuality politics gender race polygamy and other issues selections largely focus on the salt lakeDbased lds tradition with a section on the postDjoseph smith splintering and its creation of a variety of similar yet different mormon groups the documents are arranged chronologically within specific categories to capture both the historical and doctrinal development of mormonism in the united states confessions is the honest and heart rending account of a woman who was born into a catholic family attended parochial schools and fully embraced the beliefs of her faith but ran into major roadblocks in college amidst the radical feminist college environment of the 1960 s she lost her faith and her morality jumping aboard the bandwagon of free love she indulged in a series of love relationships in college all of which crashed and burned despite the obvious contradiction between feminist teachings and her own experience murray still believed she had to free herself from the yoke of tradition attaining a doctorate in philosophy with an emphasis on the feminist writings of simone de beauvoir murray taught philosophy in college for many years she launched a personal vendetta against god and the catholic church in the classroom trying to persuade students that god did not exist mocking values catholics hold dear and touted feminism as the cure for many social ills when she discovered she was pregnant

murray followed the route that feminists offer as a solution for unmarried women much to her surprise her abortion was a shattering emotional experience which she grieved over for years it was the first tragic chink in her feminist armor after her marriage in 1982 she anguished over the decision to have children but became an advocate of the child free movement believing children were burdens and life could be happy life without them later in her forties murray experienced a mysterious series of events in which it seemed that someone was inviting her back to god the mysterious calls came from different ports including nature books and other people gradually she realized that the one seeking her was christ and the place he was calling her to was the catholic church eventually realizing it was only in the church that she would find what she was seeking the person of christ and his love and mercy murray returned to the church and finally found healing and forgiveness for the abortion lorraine murray s confessions are a revelation they reveal the nasty truth behind women s liberation her experiences and the lessons she learns from them serve as a timely warning of the folly of feminism and the destructive impact that feminism has on those who fall under its malignant spell joseph pearce author the quest for shakespeare confessions of an ex feminist is the gripping story of millions of women who lost their religious and intellectual anchors during the tsunami of the fatal sixties and seventies it is a movingly honest confession of how pride arrogance immaturity ambition craving to be liberated blinds the female soul abortion kills babies and wounds a woman s soul to its very core but a prodigal daughter found her way back home crushed by guilt driven by repentance and discovers that god s mercy is boundless she is now given the crucial mission of shouting on roof s tops feminism is the arch enemy of women this book should become a vade mecum of young girls dr alice von hildebrand author the privilege of being a woman lorraine murray s absorbing and poignant book traces her passage from the heart of the catholic church to the epicenter of the sexual revolution and back again with candor humor and a knack for storytelling murray reveals the mysterious ways god worked in her soul and leaves readers richer for having shared her journey div este libro supone una invitación para descubrir la cultura y la literatura mormonas desde una perspectiva muy personal así como un viaje fascinante al territorio literario de phyllis barber una vasta extensión de un terreno físico y emocional donde los límites se entrecruzan y el tiempo teje nidos que trascienden la narrativa Ángel chaparro analiza el proyecto social y cultural de la ficción y las autobiografías de phyllis barber examina la influencia de la cultura mormona del paisaje del oeste americano y de los acontecimientos históricos en su escritura y trata de anticipar el espacio que sus libros ocupan en el desarrollo en curso de la literatura mormona y de la cultura del oeste americano este original análisis va precedido de una historia de la iglesia de jesucristo de los santos de los Últimos días this first study of the antipolygamy movement in the united states traces its growth from a utah based women s group into a national crusade where it sparked a debate in suffrage politics the author analyzes this debate highlighting the differing views of marriage family and the role of women held by suffrage leaders mormon women and antipolygamy reformers antipolygamy rhetoric masked a more significant debate within women s groups about the structure and meaning of the american family coming in the post civil war period the antipolygamy agenda reflects an attempt to re construct the republican family diminish patriarchal authority and improve the status of women the reaction of the antipolygamy women was also more than a struggle for power their adherence to the republican family was a discourse involving not just rhetoric but a whole range of cultural forms and institutions which provided women with status moral authority and an identity often the fear of polygamy was mingled with anxiety over the increase in divorce and the emergence of the new woman ironically by the end of the long congressional battle over utah and the mormons both the rhetoric of polygamy and antipolygamy were used against the women s movement this handbook explores contemporary mormonism within a global context the authors provide a nuanced picture of a historically american religion in the throes of the same kinds of global change that virtually every conservative faith tradition faces today they explain where and how the church of jesus christ of latter day saints has penetrated national and cultural boundaries in latin america oceania europe asia and africa as well as in north america beyond the borders of mormon utah they also address numerous concerns within a multinational multicultural church what does it mean to be a latter day saint in different world regions what is the faith s appeal to converts in these places what are the peculiar problems for members who must manage mormon identities in conjunction with their different national cultural and ethnic identities how are leaders dealing with such issues as the status of women in a patriarchal church the treatment of lgbtq members increasing disaffiliation of young people and decreasing growth rates in north and latin america while sustaining increasing growth in parts of asia and africa an in depth history of selected new religions that highlights the roles of women in their founding and continual practice women in new religions offers an engaging look at women s evolving place in the birth and development of new religious movements it focuses on four disparate new religions mormonism seventh day adventism the family international and wicca to illuminate their

implications for gender socialization religious leadership and participation sexuality and family ideals religious worldviews and gender roles interact with one another in complicated ways this is especially true within new religions which frequently set roles for women in ways that help the movements to define their boundaries in relation to the wider society as new religious movements emerge they often position themselves in opposition to dominant society and concomitantly assert alternative roles for women but these religions are not monolithic rather than defining gender in rigid and repressive terms new religions sometimes offer possibilities to women that are not otherwise available vance traces expectations for women as the religions emerge and transformation of possibilities and responsibilities for women as they mature weaving theory with examination of each movement s origins history and beliefs and practices this text contextualizes and situates ideals for women in new religions the book offers an accessible analysis of the complex factors that influence gender ideology and its evolution in new religious movements including the movements origins charismatic leadership and routinization theology and doctrine and socio historical contexts it shows how religions shape definitions of women s place in a way that is informed by response to social context group boundaries and identity pundits on both the right and the left often portray religion and feminism as inherently incompatible as opposing forces in american culture transforming the faiths of our fathers seeks to dispel that notion by asking sixteen well known religious figures to tell the story of how they became involved in the women s movement their work much of it ongoing has helped transform the way religion is practiced in this country they have worked for the ordination of women for inclusive language and liturgy for new interpretations of scripture theology and religious law and for an end to 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and mormon scholarship have evolved with the times in this third revised and updated edition of her well known book scott keeps pace with changes and advances in mormonism and reveals formidable new challenges to its claims and teachings the mormon mirage provides fascinating carefully documented insights into dna research s withering implications for the book of mormon the impact of new revelations on latter day saint lds race relations new findings about mormon history increasing publicity about lds splinter groups particularly polygamous ones recent disavowals of long held doctrines by church leadership the rise of mormon apologetics on the internet more than a riveting insider s scrutiny of the mormon faith this book is a testimony to the trustworthiness of scripture and the grace of jesus christ this reference offers reliable knowledge about women s diverse faith practices throughout history and prehistory and across cultures across the span of human history women have participated in world building and life sustaining cultural creativity making enormous contributions to religion and spirituality in the contemporary period women have achieved greater equality with more educational opportunities female role models in public life and opportunities for religious expression than ever before contemporaneously with this increased visibility women are actively and energetically engaging with religion for themselves and for their communities drawing on the expertise of a range of scholars this reference chronicles the religious experiences of women across time and cultures the book includes sections on major religions as well as on spirituality african religions prehistoric religions and other broad topics each section begins with an introduction followed by reference entries on specialized subjects along with excerpts from primary source documents the entries provide numerous suggestions for

further reading and the book closes with a detailed bibliography in no other region of the united states has the notion of authenticity played such an important yet elusive role as it has in the west though pervasive in literature popular culture and history assumptions about western authenticity have not received adequate critical attention given the ongoing economic and social transformations in this vast region the persistent nostalgia and desire for the real authentic west suggest regional and national identities at odds with themselves true west explores the concept of authenticity as it is used to invent test advertise and read the west the fifteen essays collected here apply contemporary critical and cultural theory to western literary history native american literature and identities the visual west and the imagining of place ranging geographically from the canadian prairies to buena park s entertainment corridor in southern california and chronologically from early tourist narratives to contemporary environmental writing true west challenges many assumptions we make about western writing and opens the door to an important new chapter in western literary history and cultural criticism religion online provides new insights about religiosity in a contemporary context offering a comprehensive look at the intersection of digital media faith communities and practices of all sorts recent research on apple users video games virtual worlds artificial intelligence digital music and sports as religion supports the idea that media and religion once considered separate entities are in many cases the same thing new media and religious practice can no longer be detached this two volume set discusses how religionists are embracing the internet amidst cultural shifts of secularization autonomous religious worship millennials affinity for new media and the rise of fundamentalism in the global south while other works describe case studies this book explains how new media are interwoven into the very fabric of religious belief behavior and community chapters break down the past present and projected future of the use of digital media in relation to faith traditions of many varieties extending from mainline christianity to new religious movements the book also examines the impacts of digital media on beliefs and practices around the world in exploring these subjects it calls on the study of culture namely anthropology to conceptualize a technological period as significant as the industrial revolution this is a look back to the 1970 s beginnings of the women s movement and what preceded it in the history of the lds church with regard to women s rights within that church the state of utah and across the country it is an interesting and fascinating story superbly documented with equally engrossing views from both sides of the controversies showing how a once radical church became a bast ion of conservatism as the daughter of mormon leader winston blackmore mary jayne blackmore grew up within the closed off polygamist community of bountiful bc she spent her younger years riding ponies raising pet lambs and playing in the hay in the old barn under the constant shadow of religious fanaticism doomsday preparation and an instilled fear of the world outside of mormonism in 2017 her father was charged and convicted of practicing polygamy splitting the community in two and further inciting the media sensationalism and worldwide criticism that had always surrounded bountiful as the world she had always known imploded mary jayne was forced to redefine her faith family and womanhood for herself today through her work and her personal exploration of feminism mary jayne is helping to heal a broken community one that she watched turn from safe and loving to angry arrogant and resentful she is also building her own place in the world as a teacher mother writer and educated woman and she has managed to retain loving bonds with her family including her father from a childhood in an idyllic but sheltered community to early adulthood in an arranged marriage ensuing divorce and eventual return to bountiful bridging bountiful is mary jayne s journey of coming of age and coming to terms with her background as she strives to answer the question what is the right kind of family the right kind of woman and the right kind of feminist back cover the specter of polygamy haunts mormonism more than a century after the practice was banned it casts a long shadow that obscures people s perceptions of the lives of today s latter day saint women many still see them as second class citizens oppressed by the church and their husbands and forced to stay home and take care of their many children sister saints offers a history of modern mormon women that takes aim at these stereotypes showing that their stories are much more complex than previously thought women in the utah territory received the right to vote in 1870 fifty years before the nineteenth 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Mormon Feminism 2016 this collection gathers together the essential writings of the contemporary mormon feminist movement from its historic beginnings in the 1970s to its vibrant present offering the best mormon feminist thought and writing the selections in this book many gathered from out of print anthologies magazines and other ephemera walk the reader through the history of mormon feminism from the second wave feminism of the 1970s to contemporary debates over the ordination of women collecting essays speeches poems and prose mormon feminism presents the diverse voices of mormon women as they challenge assumptions and stereotypes push for progress and change in the contemporary lds church and band together with other feminists of faith hoping to build a better world

Voices for Equality 2015-07-29 the inexorable movement toward gender equality in the modern world has taken root in the consciousness of many latter day saints and has publicly emerged as a major concern for the lds church spearheaded by a new generation of internet savvy feminists equality issues in mormonism attained high public visibility in 2013 through online profiles posted by the ordain women organization and its plea to church authorities to pray about an expanded role for lds women the june 2014 excommunication of ow co founder kate kelly generated increased international media attention this volume is the first book to provide a comprehensive examination of these issues and is based on chapters written by both scholars and activists its twenty five authors explore in detail theological debates about gender and priesthood authority the historical and cultural context of these debates and the current role played by lay activists seeking to stimulate change in the church preface lavina fielding anderson the contemporary lds church at a crossroads on gender issues in the twenty first century 1 lorie winder stromberg the birth of ordain women the personal becomes political 2 gordon shepherd and gary shepherd conflict and change in closed and open systems the case of the lds church 3 boyd jay petersen the greatest glory of true womanhood eve and the construction of mormon gender identity 4 janice allred lds gender theology a feminist perspective 5 kristy money and rolf straubhaar egalitarian marriage in a patriarchal church 6 j sumerau and ryan cragun trans forming mormonism transgender perspectives on priesthood ordination and gender 7 margaret m toscano retrieving the keys historical milestones in lds women s quest for priesthood ordination 8 mary ellen robertson ecclesiastical equality women s progress in contemporary churches 9 robin kincaid linkhart ordination of women the community of christ story 10 gregory a prince organizational and doctrinal change in a prophetic religious tradition 11 robert a rees disciplinary councils excommunication and community in the modern church 12 nadine mcombs hansen church discipline and the excommunication of kate kelly 13 courtney l rabada and kristine l haglund the great lever women and changing mission culture in contemporary mormonism 14 brent d beal heather k olson beal and s matthew stearmer an insider account of the mormon gender issues survey why we did it and why a vocal minority hated it 15 ryan t cragun and michael nielsen the mormon gender issues survey a quantitative analysis of u s respondents 16 nancy ross jessica finnigan heather k olson beal kristy money amber choruby whiteley and caitlin carroll finding the middle ground negotiating mormonism and gender 17 jessica finnigan and nancy ross mormon feminists in social media a story of community and education 18 gary shepherd and gordon shepherd what ordain women profiles tell us about mormon women s hopes and discontents 19 debra elaine jenson from the kotel to the square the rhetoric of religious feminism epilogue gordon shepherd and gary shepherd prospects for the ordination of lds women 397 in the twenty first century appendix pamela a shepherd compiler bibliography of media stories january 1 2013 december 31 2014 on mormon lds women ordain women and kate kelly

Religion, Feminism, and Freedom of Conscience 1994 a dozen essays all but one from a september 1993 gathering in salt lake city examine how mormon and humanist concurrence on the basic principles of freedom of consciousness and the right to exercise free agency developed into a divergence of opinion on for example the expulsion of two professors from brigham young university for expressing ideas at variance with mormon doctrine no index annotation copyright by book news inc portland or

Legitimization of Mormon Feminist Rhetors 2021-11-10 legitimization of mormon feminist rhetors studies how marginalized groups use rhetorical strategies to craft legitimacy for themselves kinney uses archival research to parse the rhetorical devices employed by mormon feminist women the author assumes a pan historical methodology by examining four unique examples of notable mormon feminist rhetors that stretch across the 191 year history of this religion emmeline b wells 1828 1921 fawn brodie 1915 1981 sonia johnson 1936 present and kate kelly 1980 present backed by intensive analysis the author finds that mormon feminist women take up the ancient rhetorical canons as a heuristic to cultivate a position of authority for themselves wells employs arrangement patterns brodie engages with memory johnson draws upon invention practices and kelly applies delivery strategies scholars and

students of communication rhetoric religion and women s studies will find this book particularly interesting

Women and Authority 1992 utah women today might be surprised to learn their grandmothers views on feminist issues according to maxine hanks lds relief society co founder sarah kimball referred to herself as a woman s rights woman while bathsheba smith was called on relief society mission in 1870 to preach equal rights for women the society editorialized that females belonged not only in the nursery but also in the library the laboratory the observatory sisters sent east to study medicine were assured that when men see that women can exist without them it will perhaps take a little of the conceit out of some of them temple officiators were called priestesses eliza r snow the prophetess and women were discouraged from confessing to bishops on grounds that personal matters should be referred to the relief society president and her counselors women were set apart as healers with power to rebuke diseases in addition mormon theology spoke reassuringly of a mother god of the divinity of mary mary magdalene and eve no wonder relief society president emmeline b wells could write with confidence let woman speak for herself she has the right of freedom of speech women are too slow in moving forward afraid of criticism of being called unwomanly of being thought masculine

Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century 2014-10-10 this anthology will explore the new directions of conversations occurring in relation to feminism and religion as well as the technological modes being utilized to continue dialogue expand borders and create new frontiers in feminism it is a cross generational project bringing together the voices of foremothers with those of the twenty first century generation of feminist scholars to discuss the changing direction of feminism and religion new methods of dialogue and the benefits for society overall

Where We Must Stand 2018-05-10 where we must stand ten years of feminist mormon housewives is an anthology of blog posts from the first decade of the feminist mormon housewives blog 2004 2014 the posts discuss mormon women s experiences of wrestling with feminism in a conservative religious tradition the book highlights individual moments of reflection and faith while tracking the growth and progress of a larger community and religious social movement bloggers and community members moved from writing to activism witnessed the public excommunication of a community member mourned and changed the feminist mormon housewives blog emerged at a time when the broader mormon feminist movement was in decline the bloggers shared their discovery of mormon feminist history concerns and fears about polygamy the difficulty of navigating church and family relationships losing and finding faith the worst sex talk that ever happened in a church setting and the awakening of a broader social consciousness in doing so they invited a new generation of women into the movement and helped to rebuild it where we must stand includes more than a hundred and thirty blog posts historical introductions reflective essays from bloggers and readers and extensive notes it is an introduction to the lived experiences of mormon women that doesn t shy away from the problematic elements of being mormon while working toward gender equity

Sonia Johnson 2024 few figures in the history of the church of jesus christ of latter day saints provoke such visceral responses as sonia johnson her unrelenting public support of the equal rights amendment era made her the face of lds feminism while her subsequent excommunication roiled the faith community christine talbot tells the story of sonia s historic confrontation with the church within the context of the faith s first large scale engagement with the feminist movement a typical if well educated latter day saints homemaker sonia was moved to action by the all male lds leadership s opposition to the era and a belief the church should stay out of politics talbot uses the activist s experiences and criticisms to explore the ways sonia s ideas and situation sparked critical questions about lds thought culture and belief she also illuminates how sonia s excommunication shaped lds feminism the church s antagonism to feminist critiques and the church itself in the years to come a revealing and long overdue account sonia johnson explores the life work and impact of the lds feminist

Women Religion Revolution 2017-10-17 in a world where women s issues are political issues feminism and religion are often scripted as opposing sides but drawing on the messages of love and social justice from within their religious traditions women are leading feminist movements that promote positive social change at both the micro and macro levels religion is fueling women s efforts to revolutionize the world women religion revolution is a provocative collection of essays written by women who understand that being passive is not an option each story resonates with passion drawn from the well of faith along with a drive to forge a connection with other women the experiences that can shape a woman s soul are often negative and isolating sexual assault domestic violence eating disorders addictions but in seeking healing in seeking to effect revolutionary change women often find that the path leads toward other women toward a connectedness that strengthens us all this is a very stimulating book this volume brings together nineteen interesting articles from

women from a variety of religious and social traditions a good book to read and to own as a resource in women's experience of feminism and religion
rosemary radford ruether professor of theology claremont graduate university this is feminist religious thought at its most courageous and creative the narratives by these authors offer inspiring revolutionary spiritual insights about women's lives bodies and violence traci c west professor of ethics and african american studies drew university theological school the women in this volume are bold in uncovering persistent problems and rethinking new possibilities for thought and action their essays are personal based on the authors own experiences as muslims jews christians and mormons but they articulate their insights in ways that reverberate in many different contexts these essays touch on all areas of concern for women reproduction sexuality body image violence and abuse poverty and wealth spiritual power and women's ordination the sacred and the divine these essays will inspire you
margaret toscano associate professor of comparative studies university of utah

From Housewife to Heretic 1989 within one month johnson lost both her husband and her church and found her place in history

Patriarchs and Politics 1978 the routledge handbook of mormonism and gender is an outstanding reference source to this controversial subject area since its founding in 1830 the church of jesus christ of latter day saints has engaged gender in surprising ways lds practice of polygamy in the nineteenth century both fueled rhetoric of patriarchal rule as well as gave polygamous wives greater autonomy than their monogamous peers the tensions over women's autonomy continued after polygamy was abandoned and defined much of the twentieth century in the 1970s 1990s and 2010s mormon feminists came into direct confrontation with the male mormon hierarchy these public clashes produced some reforms but fell short of accomplishing full equality
lgbt mormons have a similar history these movements are part of the larger story of how mormonism has managed changing gender norms in a global context comprising over forty chapters by a team of international contributors the handbook is divided into four parts methodological issues historical approaches social scientific approaches theological approaches these sections examine central issues debates and problems including agency feminism sexuality and sexual ethics masculinity queer studies plural marriage homosexuality race scripture gender and the priesthood the family sexual violence and identity the routledge handbook of mormonism and gender is essential reading for students and researchers in religious studies gender studies and women's studies the handbook will also be very useful for those in related fields such as cultural studies politics anthropology and sociology

The Routledge Handbook of Mormonism and Gender 2020-04-30 in the late nineteenth century the mormon culture region of the american west was considered radical characterized by sexual immorality communalism and anti americanism today social conservatism marks the region how did this shift occur in this unique study ethan r yorgason foregrounds the concept of region and traces the conformist conservative trajectory that arose from intense moral and ideological clashes between mormons and non mormons from 1880 to 1920 non mormons worried that mormons would establish an un american society in the west while mormons feared for the very existence of their church an example of the new regional geography yorgason's work treats culture as an arena of political struggle looking through the lenses of regional geography history and cultural studies yorgason investigates shifting moral orders relating to gender authority economic responsibility and national loyalty he particularly focuses on mormon feminism communitarianism nationalism and home life transformation of the mormon culture region charts the cultural contradictions of both mormons and non mormons and how they were resolved over time by a progressive narrowing of the range of moral positions on gender in favor of victorian gender relations the economy in favor of individual economics and the nation identifying with national power and might mormons and non mormons together constructed a regime of effective coexistence while retaining regional distinctiveness

Transformation of the Mormon Culture Region 2003 chronicles johnson's external political journeys and her internal transformations and the vital connection between

Going Out of Our Minds 1987 winner of the mormon history association best international book award the church of jesus christ of latter day saints continues to contend with longstanding tensions surrounding gender and race yet women of color in the united states and across the global south adopt and adapt the faith to their contexts many sharing the high level of satisfaction expressed by latter day saints in general caroline kline explores the ways latter day saint women of color in mexico botswana and the united states navigate gender norms but also how their moral priorities and actions challenge western feminist assumptions kline analyzes these traditional religious women through non oppressive connectedness a worldview that blends elements of female empowerment and liberation with a broader focus on fostering positive and productive relationships in different realms even as members of a

patriarchal institution the women feel a sense of liberation that empowers them to work against oppression and against alienation from both god and other human beings vivid and groundbreaking mormon women at the crossroads merges interviews with theory to offer a rare discussion of latter day saint women from a global perspective

Mormon Women at the Crossroads 2022-06-28 postsecular feminisms explores the contested relationship between feminism and secularism through a series of case studies featuring perspectives from the global north and south it offers insights beyond those of the abrahamic traditions and includes multiple examples from south asia by decentering the european experience postsecular feminisms shows how secularism and feminism have been constituted in north america south asia and anglophone west africa the book asks can postsecular feminism offer a way to think about religion and gender so as to support women in all the variety of their lived experiences the contributors show that postsecular feminism is a variety of feminism that is not necessarily either secularist or anti secular rather it is feminism informed by a history of secularist bias within liberal feminism postsecular feminisms explores both the potentials and pitfalls of postsecular feminisms with some authors arguing that a contextually grounded praxis is possible while others make a strong case against postsecular feminism as theory and practice

Postsecular Feminisms 2018-07-26 the specter of polygamy haunts mormonism more than a century after the practice was banned it casts a long shadow that obscures people s perceptions of the lives of today s latter day saint women many still see them as second class citizens oppressed by the church and their husbands and forced to stay home and take care of their many children sister saints offers a history of modern mormon women that takes aim at these stereotypes showing that their stories are much more complex than previously thought women in the utah territory received the right to vote in 1870 fifty years before the nineteenth amendment only to have it taken away by the same federal legislation that forced the end of polygamy progressive and politically active mormon women had a profound impact on public life in the first few decades of the twentieth century they then turned inward creating a domestic ideal that shaped mormon culture for generations the women s movement of the 1970s sparked a new vigorous and hotly contested mormon feminism that divided latter day saint women by the twenty first century more than half of all mormons lived outside the united states and what had once been a small community of pioneer women had grown into a diverse global sisterhood colleen mcdannell argues that we are on the verge of an era in which women are likely to play a greater role in the mormon church well educated outspoken and deeply committed to their faith these women are defying labels like liberal and conservative traditional and modern this deeply researched and eye opening book ranges over more than a century of history to tell the stories of extraordinary and ordinary latter day saint women with empathy and narrative flair

Sister Saints 2018-10-02 from sister wives and big love to the book of mormon on broadway mormons and mormonism are pervasive throughout american popular media in latter day screens brenda r weber argues that mediated mormonism contests and reconfigures collective notions of gender sexuality race spirituality capitalism justice and individualism focusing on mormonism as both a meme and an analytic weber analyzes a wide range of contemporary media produced by those within and those outside of the mainstream and fundamentalist mormon churches from reality television to feature films from blogs to youtube videos and from novels to memoirs by people who struggle to find agency and personhood in the shadow of the church s teachings the broad archive of mediated mormonism contains socially conservative values often expressed through neoliberal strategies tied to egalitarianism meritocracy and self actualization but it also offers a passionate voice of contrast on behalf of plurality and inclusion in this mediated mormonism and the conversations on social justice that it fosters create the pathway toward an inclusive feminist friendly and queer positive future for a broader culture that uses mormonism as a gauge to calibrate its own values

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion 2001 woman church state is a work by matilda joslyn gage part of very early feminist thought the author describes how women have been mistreated by religions and governments throughout thousands of years

Latter-day Screens 2019-09-13 this anthology provides rare access to key original documents illuminating mormon history theology and culture in the united states from the nineteenth century to today brief introductions describe the theological significance of each text and its reflection of the practices issues and challenges that have defined and continue to define the mormon community these documents balance mainstream and peripheral thought and religious experience institutional and personal perspective and theoretical and practical interpretation representing pivotal moments in lds history and correcting decades of misinformation and stereotype the authors of these documents male and female not only celebrate but speak critically and question

mainline lds teachings on sexuality politics gender race polygamy and other issues selections largely focus on the salt lake based lds tradition with a section on the post-joseph smith splintering and its creation of a variety of similar yet different mormon groups the documents are arranged chronologically within specific categories to capture both the historical and doctrinal development of mormonism in the united states

Woman, Church & State 2022-05-28 confessions is the honest and heart rending account of a woman who was born into a catholic family attended parochial schools and fully embraced the beliefs of her faith but ran into major roadblocks in college amidst the radical feminist college environment of the 1960 s she lost her faith and her morality jumping aboard the bandwagon of free love she indulged in a series of love relationships in college all of which crashed and burned despite the obvious contradiction between feminist teachings and her own experience murray still believed she had to free herself from the yoke of tradition attaining a doctorate in philosophy with an emphasis on the feminist writings of simone de beauvoir murray taught philosophy in college for many years she launched a personal vendetta against god and the catholic church in the classroom trying to persuade students that god did not exist mocking values catholics hold dear and touted feminism as the cure for many social ills when she discovered she was pregnant murray followed the route that feminists offer as a solution for unmarried women much to her surprise her abortion was a shattering emotional experience which she grieved over for years it was the first tragic chink in her feminist armor after her marriage in 1982 she anguished over the decision to have children but became an advocate of the child free movement believing children were burdens and life could be happy life without them later in her forties murray experienced a mysterious series of events in which it seemed that someone was inviting her back to god the mysterious calls came from different ports including nature books and other people gradually she realized that the one seeking her was christ and the place he was calling her to was the catholic church eventually realizing it was only in the church that she would find what she was seeking the person of christ and his love and mercy murray returned to the church and finally found healing and forgiveness for the abortion lorraine murray s confessions are a revelation they reveal the nasty truth behind women s liberation her experiences and the lessons she learns from them serve as a timely warning of the folly of feminism and the destructive impact that feminism has on those who fall under its malignant spell joseph pearce author the quest for shakespeare confessions of an ex feminist is the gripping story of millions of women who lost their religious and intellectual anchors during the tsunami of the fatal sixties and seventies it is a movingly honest confession of how pride arrogance immaturity ambition craving to be liberated blinds the female soul abortion kills babies and wounds a woman s soul to its very core but a prodigal daughter found her way back home crushed by guilt driven by repentance and discovers that god s mercy is boundless she is now given the crucial mission of shouting on roof s tops feminism is the arch enemy of women this book should become a vade mecum of young girls dr alice von hildebrand author the privilege of being a woman lorraine murray s absorbing and poignant book traces her passage from the heart of the catholic church to the epicenter of the sexual revolution and back again with candor humor and a knack for storytelling murray reveals the mysterious ways god worked in her soul and leaves readers richer for having shared her journey div

The Columbia Sourcebook of Mormons in the United States 2014-08-12 este libro supone una invitación para descubrir la cultura y la literatura mormonas desde una perspectiva muy personal así como un viaje fascinante al territorio literario de phyllis barber una vasta extensión de un terreno físico y emocional donde los límites se entrecruzan y el tiempo teje nidos que trascienden la narrativa Ángel chaparro analiza el proyecto social y cultural de la ficción y las autobiografías de phyllis barber examina la influencia de la cultura mormona del paisaje del oeste americano y de los acontecimientos históricos en su escritura y trata de anticipar el espacio que sus libros ocupan en el desarrollo en curso de la literatura mormona y de la cultura del oeste americano este original análisis va precedido de una historia de la iglesia de jesucristo de los santos de los Últimos días

Confessions of an Ex-Feminist 2011-04-01 this first study of the antipolygamy movement in the united states traces its growth from a utah based women s group into a national crusade where it sparked a debate in suffrage politics the author analyzes this debate highlighting the differing views of marriage family and the role of women held by suffrage leaders mormon women and antipolygamy reformers antipolygamy rhetoric masked a more significant debate within women s groups about the structure and meaning of the american family coming in the post civil war period the antipolygamy agenda reflects an attempt to re construct the republican family diminish patriarchal authority and improve the status of women the reaction of the antipolygamy women was also more than a struggle for power their adherence to the republican family was a discourse involving not just rhetoric but a whole range of cultural forms and institutions which provided women with status moral authority and an identity often the fear of polygamy was mingled

with anxiety over the increase in divorce and the emergence of the new woman ironically by the end of the long congressional battle over Utah and the Mormons both the rhetoric of polygamy and antipolygamy were used against the women's movement

Parting the Mormon Veil 2017-07-27 this handbook explores contemporary Mormonism within a global context the authors provide a nuanced picture of a historically American religion in the throes of the same kinds of global change that virtually every conservative faith tradition faces today they explain where and how the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has penetrated national and cultural boundaries in Latin America Oceania Europe Asia and Africa as well as in North America beyond the borders of Mormon Utah they also address numerous concerns within a multinational multicultural church what does it mean to be a Latter-day Saint in different world regions what is the faith's appeal to converts in these places what are the peculiar problems for members who must manage Mormon identities in conjunction with their different national cultural and ethnic identities how are leaders dealing with such issues as the status of women in a patriarchal church the treatment of LGBTQ members increasing disaffiliation of young people and decreasing growth rates in North and Latin America while sustaining increasing growth in parts of Asia and Africa

The Antipolygamy Controversy in U.S. Women's Movements, 1880-1925 2014-01-21 an in-depth history of selected new religions that highlights the roles of women in their founding and continual practice women in new religions offers an engaging look at women's evolving place in the birth and development of new religious movements it focuses on four disparate new religions Mormonism Seventh-day Adventism the Family International and Wicca to illuminate their implications for gender socialization religious leadership and participation sexuality and family ideals religious worldviews and gender roles interact with one another in complicated ways this is especially true within new religions which frequently set roles for women in ways that help the movements to define their boundaries in relation to the wider society as new religious movements emerge they often position themselves in opposition to dominant society and concomitantly assert alternative roles for women but these religions are not monolithic rather than defining gender in rigid and repressive terms new religions sometimes offer possibilities to women that are not otherwise available Vance traces expectations for women as the religions emerge and transformation of possibilities and responsibilities for women as they mature weaving theory with examination of each movement's origins history and beliefs and practices this text contextualizes and situates ideals for women in new religions the book offers an accessible analysis of the complex factors that influence gender ideology and its evolution in new religious movements including the movements' origins charismatic leadership and routinization theology and doctrine and socio-historical contexts it shows how religions shape definitions of women's place in a way that is informed by response to social context group boundaries and identity

The Palgrave Handbook of Global Mormonism 2020-11-12 pundits on both the right and the left often portray religion and feminism as inherently incompatible as opposing forces in American culture transforming the faiths of our fathers seeks to dispel that notion by asking sixteen well-known religious figures to tell the story of how they became involved in the women's movement their work much of it ongoing has helped transform the way religion is practiced in this country they have worked for the ordination of women for inclusive language and liturgy for new interpretations of scripture theology and religious law and for an end to religious teachings that contributed to destructive gender stereotypes authors include Protestant Catholic Jewish Muslim Mormon Evangelical and Goddess feminists the personal stories of the fascinating contributors include watershed events in American religion and society over the last forty years each one of the women transforming the faiths of our fathers has made history and seen it made and gives her own version of what she has witnessed and experienced they demonstrate the roots of their feminist activism in religious commitments and the significance of struggles within religious arenas for expanding women's possibilities in society and culture

Women in New Religions 2015-03-13 postsecular feminism explores the contested relationship between feminism and secularism through a series of case studies featuring perspectives from the global North and South it offers insights beyond those of the Abrahamic traditions and includes multiple examples from South Asia by decentering the European experience postsecular feminism shows how secularism and feminism have been constituted in North America South Asia and Anglophone West Africa the book asks can postsecular feminism offer a way to think about religion and gender so as to support women in all the variety of their lived experiences the contributors show that postsecular feminism is a variety of feminism that is not necessarily either secularist or anti-secular rather it is feminism informed by a history of secularist bias within liberal feminism postsecular feminism explores both the potentials and pitfalls of postsecular feminism with some authors arguing that a contextually grounded praxis is possible while others make a strong case

against postsecular feminism as theory and practice

Transforming the Faiths of Our Fathers 2015-04-28 in the first edition of the mormon mirage latayne c scott shared her remarkable journey out of mormonism as she uncovered shocking inaccuracies inconsistencies and contradictions in the faith she had loved and lived thirty years later mormonism and mormon scholarship have evolved with the times in this third revised and updated edition of her well known book scott keeps pace with changes and advances in mormonism and reveals formidable new challenges to its claims and teachings the mormon mirage provides fascinating carefully documented insights into dna research s withering implications for the book of mormon the impact of new revelations on latter day saint lds race relations new findings about mormon history increasing publicity about lds splinter groups particularly polygamous ones recent disavowals of long held doctrines by church leadership the rise of mormon apologetics on the internet more than a riveting insider s scrutiny of the mormon faith this book is a testimony to the trustworthiness of scripture and the grace of jesus christ

Postsecular Feminisms 2018-07-26 this reference offers reliable knowledge about women s diverse faith practices throughout history and prehistory and across cultures across the span of human history women have participated in world building and life sustaining cultural creativity making enormous contributions to religion and spirituality in the contemporary period women have achieved greater equality with more educational opportunities female role models in public life and opportunities for religious expression than ever before contemporaneously with this increased visibility women are actively and energetically engaging with religion for themselves and for their communities drawing on the expertise of a range of scholars this reference chronicles the religious experiences of women across time and cultures the book includes sections on major religions as well as on spirituality african religions prehistoric religions and other broad topics each section begins with an introduction followed by reference entries on specialized subjects along with excerpts from primary source documents the entries provide numerous suggestions for further reading and the book closes with a detailed bibliography

The Mormon Mirage 2010-08-03 in no other region of the united states has the notion of authenticity played such an important yet elusive role as it has in the west though pervasive in literature popular culture and history assumptions about western authenticity have not received adequate critical attention given the ongoing economic and social transformations in this vast region the persistent nostalgia and desire for the real authentic west suggest regional and national identities at odds with themselves true west explores the concept of authenticity as it is used to invent test advertise and read the west the fifteen essays collected here apply contemporary critical and cultural theory to western literary history native american literature and identities the visual west and the imagining of place ranging geographically from the canadian prairies to buena park s entertainment corridor in southern california and chronologically from early tourist narratives to contemporary environmental writing true west challenges many assumptions we make about western writing and opens the door to an important new chapter in western literary history and cultural criticism

Encyclopedia of Women in World Religions [2 volumes] 2018-11-16 religion online provides new insights about religiosity in a contemporary context offering a comprehensive look at the intersection of digital media faith communities and practices of all sorts recent research on apple users video games virtual worlds artificial intelligence digital music and sports as religion supports the idea that media and religion once considered separate entities are in many cases the same thing new media and religious practice can no longer be detached this two volume set discusses how religionists are embracing the internet amidst cultural shifts of secularization autonomous religious worship millennials affinity for new media and the rise of fundamentalism in the global south while other works describe case studies this book explains how new media are interwoven into the very fabric of religious belief behavior and community chapters break down the past present and projected future of the use of digital media in relation to faith traditions of many varieties extending from mainline christianity to new religious movements the book also examines the impacts of digital media on beliefs and practices around the world in exploring these subjects it calls on the study of culture namely anthropology to conceptualize a technological period as significant as the industrial revolution

True West 2007-05-01 this is a look back to the 1970 s beginnings of the women s movement and what preceded it in the history of the lds church with regard to women s rights within that church the state of utah and across the country it is an interesting and fascinating story superbly documented with equally engrossing views from both sides of the controversies showing how a once radical church became a bastion of conservatism

Religion Online 2019-03-07 as the daughter of mormon leader winston blackmore mary jayne blackmore grew up within the closed off polygamist

community of bountiful bc she spent her younger years riding ponies raising pet lambs and playing in the hay in the old barn under the constant shadow of religious fanaticism doomsday preparation and an instilled fear of the world outside of mormonism in 2017 her father was charged and convicted of practicing polygamy splitting the community in two and further inciting the media sensationalism and worldwide criticism that had always surrounded bountiful as the world she had always known imploded mary jayne was forced to redefine her faith family and womanhood for herself today through her work and her personal exploration of feminism mary jayne is helping to heal a broken community one that she watched turn from safe and loving to angry arrogant and resentful she is also building her own place in the world as a teacher mother writer and educated woman and she has managed to retain loving bonds with her family including her father from a childhood in an idyllic but sheltered community to early adulthood in an arranged marriage ensuing divorce and eventual return to bountiful bridging bountiful is mary jayne s journey of coming of age and coming to terms with her background as she strives to answer the question what is the right kind of family the right kind of woman and the right kind of feminist back cover

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