

DO MEN MOTHER?

Fathering, Care, and Parental Responsibilities

Second Edition

The second edition of Andrea Doucet's *Do Men Mother?* builds upon the award-winning first edition to further illuminate fathers' candid reflections on caring and on the intricate social worlds that men and women inhabit as they "love and let go" of their children.

Including interviews with over one hundred fathers – from truck drivers to insurance salesmen, physicians to artists – the book illustrates how men are breaking the mould of traditional parenting models. This edition expands Doucet's argument, building on the latest theoretical work that informs the field, her own intellectual trajectory, and the fieldwork of revisiting six fathers and their partners a decade after her initial interviews. She continues to examine key questions such as: What leads fathers to trade earning for caring? How do fathers navigate through the "maternal worlds" of mothers and infants? Are men mothering or are they redefining fatherhood? In asking and unraveling the question "Do men mother?" this study tells a compelling story about Canadian parents radically re-envisioning child care and domestic responsibilities in the twenty-first century.

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