



At Women s Expense: State Power and the Politics of Fetal Rights (Paperback)

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS, United States, 1996. Paperback. Condition: New. New edition. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Some say the fetus is the tiniest citizen. If so, then the bodies of women themselves have become political arenas--or, recent cases suggest, battlefields. A cocaine-addicted mother is convicted of drug trafficking through the umbilical cord. Women employees at a battery plant must prove infertility to keep their jobs. A terminally ill woman is forced to undergo a cesarean section. No longer concerned with conception or motherhood, the new politics of fetal rights focuses on fertility and pregnancy itself, on a woman s relationship with the fetus. How exactly, Cynthia Daniels asks, does this affect a woman s rights? Are they different from a man s? And how has the state helped determine the difference? The answers, rigorously pursued throughout this book, give us a clear look into the state s paradoxical role in gender politics--as both a challenger of injustice and an agent of social control. In benchmark legal cases concerned with forced medical treatment, fetal protectionism in the workplace, and drug and alcohol use and abuse, Daniels shows us state power at work in the struggle between...



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