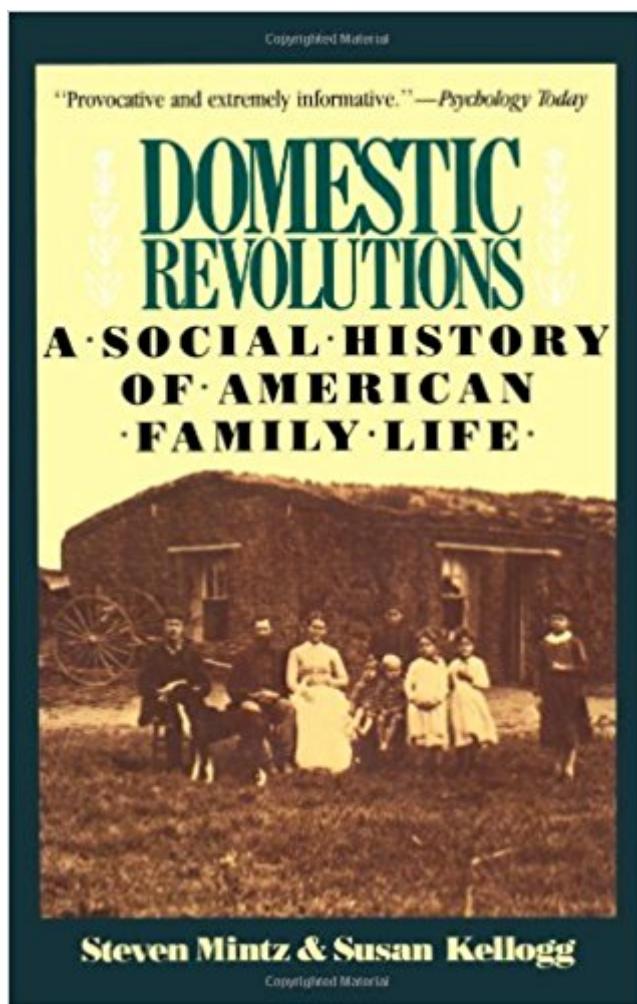


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Synopsis

The American family has undergone a series of transformations from its socially sanctified role as the center of society to today's private, independent unit. The authors explain just how the family has adapted and endured these changes.

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American family structure has changed radically in the 300 years since patriarchal Puritan days, when it was the basic political, religious and educational unit of state and community, maintain Mintz, University of Houston associate professor of history, and Kellogg, his wife, who teaches anthropology, also at Houston. The authors vividly evoke a diversity of family patterns and experiences among racial and ethnic groups, including Afro-American slave kinship networks. They discuss how changes wrought in working-class families by the agricultural and industrial revolutions, the Great Depression and WW II affected family roles and relationships. Emerging from the relative stability of the 1950s and the largely mythical ideal of the nuclear family, today's aging, individual-oriented society, transformed by a sexual revolution, considers the family in whatever form cohabitation, single-parent households, "blended" families from several marriages, among others as a means of personal fulfillment for both partners, with public institutions taking over many of its traditional roles. Illustrations. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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influenced by circumstance, has undergone great transformations and served various social and economic roles over the years from 1620 to the 1980s. The book is exceptionally valuable for its attention to Native American, Afro-American, and ethnic family organization, and childrearing customs and their influence. Extensive footnotes compensate for the lack of a bibliography, reviewing the literature of the field. A useful text for history and sociology courses, this is also valuable as an overview of a relatively new field. Mary Drake McFeely, Univ. of Georgia Libs., Athens Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

An amazing compilation and analysis of data on marriage and family from the pilgrims to the 1980's. There are times when the data is presented with a bias, but generally the authors are fair. I believe Domestic Revolutions is a title that grabs you but which is overstated -- the notion and pattern of family develops adapts, but the word "revolution" is much too strong.

The product arrived in a timely fashion and in the quality described by the seller. The text it's self is a good overview of the family in society and how societal influences impact the family. The text does not address all aspects of familial life and needs supplementation but overall is a good foundation.

Old but still interesting. Not too useful as a textbook because it is lacking anything on the last 30 years, but a useful source for a student paper or conversation about early America.

Fascinating book!

An INCREDIBLE read. A must read.

learned a ton. interesting relatable information too

I found true value in this book however it was so wordy some of the value was infinitely lost by this. I read this for my History of American Family class and it was priceless in value for understanding the history of traditions of nearly all family types through history.

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