Global Perspectives on War, Gender and Health
The Sociology and Anthropology of Suffering

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“Speaking to and from women’s experiences of war and health, this book offers deeply moving narratives and rich multifaceted analyses. It sheds new light on complex issues and should be immensely useful to a wide range of students, practitioners and researchers. Global Perspectives on War, Gender and Health provides thought-provoking, thoughtful and distressingly timely accounts of human suffering and survival.”
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This volume analyzes the links between the suffering caused by the intentional violence of war and the unintentional suffering engendered by modern medicinal processes. By establishing a fitting tribute to the academic and campaigning work of Meg Stacey, Global Perspectives on War, Gender and Health responds to her challenge of ‘why medical sociology had not yet turned its gaze upon the health consequences of war’.

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