A World Full of Women, Sixth Edition, addresses the lived experiences of women throughout the globe. The text combines descriptive ethnography with gender theory and international statistics to present a comprehensive picture of the lives of women in societies and cultures both present and past. The ethnographic and chronological depth of the text offers students the opportunity to better comprehend and contextualize women’s issues and experiences in today’s world. World Full of Women, sixth edition, addresses a broad range of topics, including the multifaceted experiences of work in a globalizing world; the bodily and ritual experiences of the life cycle and healing; sexuality and the construction and performance of gender; family structures and cross-cultural marriage practices; social and political organization, accommodation, and resistance; and the complexities of exploitation and physical abuse, as well as women’s own forms of power, authority, and agency.

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This sixth edition of A World Full of Women builds upon previous editions with up-to-date information incorporated into every chapter. We have refined the organization of some chapters in order to present information more clearly. Several new sections cover significant topics that have risen to the forefront of Anthropology, Women’s Studies, and Gender Studies in recent years. These changes are highlighted below:

• Introduction: reorganized to place women’s agency at the forefront, clarify the concept of gender, and introduce the ethnographic method.
• Chapter 1 (“What’s for Dinner Honey?”: Work and Gender): restructured and streamlined to clarify the concepts of women’s work and gendered divisions of labor.
• Chapter 3 (Blood and Milk: Biocultural Markers in the Lives of Women): expanded with new material on menstrual rituals, reproductive technologies and surrogacy, breastfeeding, and aging cross-culturally.
• Chapter 4 (Patterns of Partnering from Romance to Resistance): updated with new sections on single motherhood and same-sex partnerships and families.
• Chapter 5 (Everyday Power: Women’s Agency, Authority, and Influence): enhanced with a new opening vignette illustrating the use of women’s power in a Free Trade Zone in Malaysia.
• Chapter 7: (Third Sex?: Gender as Alternative or Continuum): updated with clarification of the terms “transgender” and “cisgender” and expanded discussions of same-sex relationships and sexuality in different cultures, including new sections on female–female relationships (“mati work”) in the Surinamese diaspora and tomboi–femme relationships in Indonesia.
• Chapters 9: (Who Owns Her Body?: Challenges to Cultural Relativism): revised tables and charts reflecting the latest in international statistics and analysis addressing physical violence, female genital cutting, and daughter discrimination.
• Chapter 10: (Invisible Workers: Women as the Earth’s Last Colony): added new tables and charts based on the most up-to-date approaches to gathering and interpreting data about paid and unpaid labor and maternal mortality, as well as updated information on the progress being made by women’s grassroots movements and international development agencies.
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