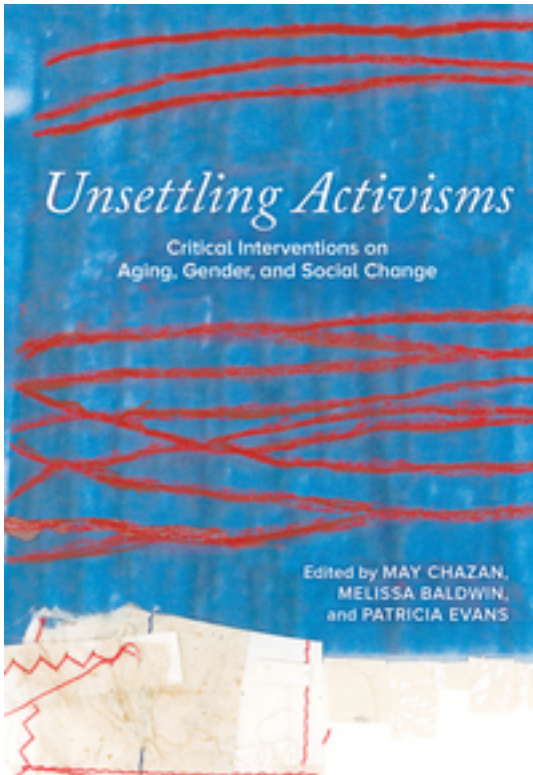


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How and why do “ordinary” women and nonbinary people engage in various forms of social-change work at different times in their lives? What does it mean for these people to age as activists? *Unsettling Activisms* brings together insights from academics and activists in an intergenerational conversation that addresses these questions. Drawing on diverse lived experiences, including contributions from leading feminist and age studies scholars, this volume investigates how powerful, interlocking forms of difference such as gender, class, race, ability, ethnicity, sexuality, and Indigeneity, shape the meaning and experience of both ageing and activism. This vital resource consists of eight analytic chapters and eight vibrant reflective pieces, alongside poignant poetry and photography. This collection is best suited for undergraduate and graduate courses in gender studies, activist and social movement studies, and age and ageing studies.

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