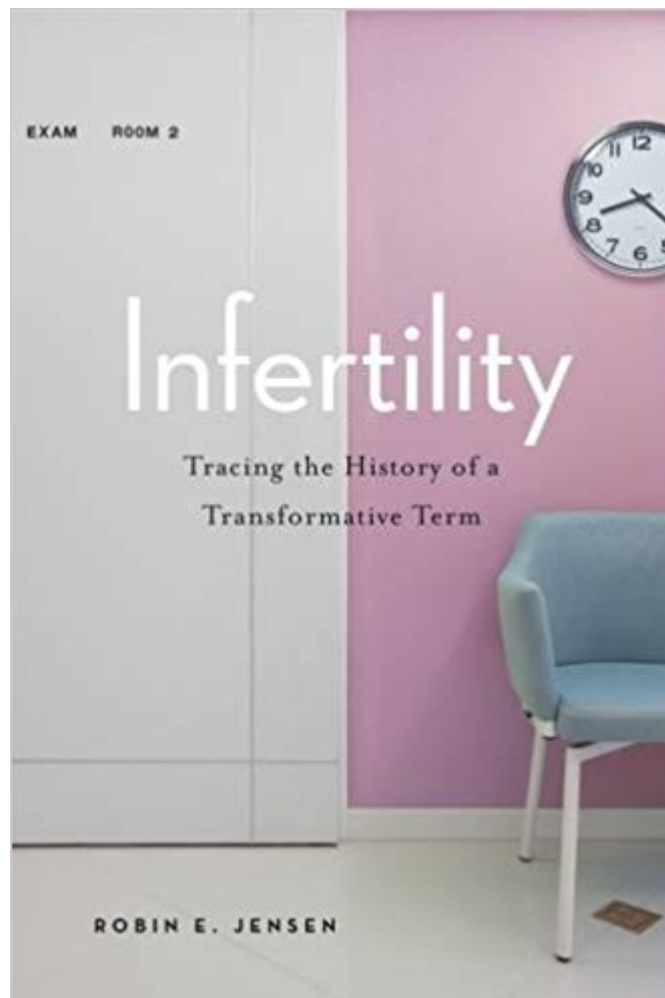




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Infertility: Tracing The History Of A Transformative Term (RSA Series In Transdisciplinary Rhetoric)



Synopsis

This book explores the arguments, appeals, and narratives that have defined the meaning of infertility in the modern history of the United States and Europe. Throughout the last century, the inability of women to conceive children has been explained by discrepant views: that women are individually culpable for their own reproductive health problems, or that they require the intervention of medical experts to correct abnormalities. Using doctor-patient correspondence, oral histories, and contemporaneous popular and scientific news coverage, Robin Jensen parses the often thin rhetorical divide between moralization and medicalization, revealing how dominating explanations for infertility have emerged from seemingly competing narratives. Her longitudinal account illustrates the ways in which old arguments and appeals do not disappear in the light of new information, but instead reemerge at subsequent, often seemingly disconnected moments to combine and contend with new assertions. Tracing the transformation of language surrounding infertility from "barrenness" to "(in)fertility," this rhetorical analysis both explicates how language was and is used to establish the concept of infertility and shows the implications these rhetorical constructions continue to have for individuals and the societies in which they live.

Book Information

Series: RSA Series in Transdisciplinary Rhetoric (Book 3)

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: Penn State University Press; 1 edition (October 10, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0271076208

ISBN-13: 978-0271076201

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.7 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #603,194 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #170 in Books > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Diseases & Physical Ailments > Infertility #329 in Books > Textbooks > Medicine & Health Sciences > Medicine > Special Topics > History #783 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Social Policy

Customer Reviews

"In *Infertility*, Robin Jensen examines how discourses of infertility change over time, deftly revealing how these discourses do not follow a linear progression but instead shift, overlap,

disappear, and re-emerge. Scholars of the rhetoric of science and medicine, medical and health humanities, and science and technology studies will marvel at her insightful, fine-tuned analysis, which beautifully illustrates how medicalized discourses continue to moralize, positioning infertile women as degenerate, noncompliant, or untimely despite ever greater technological and medical advances.

• Jordynn Jack, author of *Autism and Gender: From Refrigerator Mothers to Computer Geeks*

“Robin Jensen asks, What is human infertility? How do we understand that involuntary childlessness, known at different times, and within different rhetorical ecologies, as barrenness and sterility? She constructs her answer by weaving a rhetorical-historical account that is informed and engaging, layered and complex: no linear narrative here. The book is a shining example of what critical rhetoricians do, and how and why we do it.”

• Judy Segal, author of *Health and the Rhetoric of Medicine*

“Robin Jensen’s thoughtful and engaging study interrogates a complicated matrix of cultural narratives, medical epistemologies, and gender normativities in order to scrutinize the evolution and constitution of infertility. Her investigation of infertility’s medicalization, shaped by metaphors that simultaneously percolate and lurk at particular historical moments, is compelling in its execution and impressive in its scope. Jensen’s sweeping archive and innovative thesis resist narrative simplicity, offering a valuable contribution to the field of rhetorical studies.”

• Jeff Bennett, author of *Banning Queer Blood: Rhetorics of Citizenship, Contagion, and Resistance*

Robin E. Jensen is Associate Professor of Communication at the University of Utah and the author of *Dirty Words: The Rhetoric of Public Sex Education in the United States, 1870–1924* (2010).

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Infertility: Tracing the History of a Transformative Term (RSA Series in Transdisciplinary Rhetoric)

Who Will Care For Us? Long-Term Care and the Long-Term Workforce: Long-Term Care and the Long-Term Workforce

Tracing is FUN : Tracing Activity Book For Preschool (Vol.3) (Kids Fun Activity Book Series)

Tracing Is Fun (Tracing Activity Book For Preschool) - Vol. 4 (Kids Fun Activity Book Series)

The Infertility Companion: Hope and Help for Couples Facing Infertility (Christian Medical Association)

Obstetrics, Gynecology and Infertility (Pocket Size): Handbook for Clinicians. (Gordon, Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility)

Clinical Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility (Clinical Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility (Speroff))

Long-Term Dynamics of Lakes in the Landscape: Long-Term Ecological Research on North Temperate Lakes (Long-Term

Ecological Research Network Series) Letter Tracing Book for Preschoolers: Letter Tracing Book, Practice For Kids, Ages 3-5, Alphabet Writing Practice Number Tracing Book For Preschoolers: Number Tracing Book, Practice For Kids, Ages 3-5, Number Writing Practice Number Tracing Practice Workbook: Preschool Tracing Numbers Book, Ages 3-5 (Preschool Workbooks) Preaching Politics: The Religious Rhetoric of George Whitefield and the Founding of a New Nation (Studies in Rhetoric and Religion) The Mark of Criminality: Rhetoric, Race, and Gangsta Rap in the War-on-Crime Era (Albma Rhetoric Cult & Soc Crit) Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment, Second Edition (TPBA2) Handbook of Research on Human Cognition and Assistive Technology: Design, Accessibility and Transdisciplinary Perspectives World History, Ancient History, Asian History, United States History, European History, Russian History, Indian History, African History. (world history) Term Sheets & Valuations - A Line by Line Look at the Intricacies of Term Sheets & Valuations (Bigwig Briefs) Term Sheets & Valuations: A Line by Line Look at the Intricacies of Term Sheets & Valuations (Bigwig Briefs) The Business of Flipping Homes: Short-Term Real Estate Investing for Long-Term Wealth Who Will Care For Us? Long-Term Care and the Long-Term Workforce

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)