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### **Review**

"The book is provocative, compelling and theoretically sophisticated, yet clear. It would be excellent for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses." (Margot Weiss)

### **About the Author**

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