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Sommario/riassunto	The Brazilian Constitution provides a remarkable set of social rights, including the right to housing. Despite this fact, struggles for decent living conditions have become key issues in the daily urban lives of many people in Brazil. Contesting the differentiated access to housing, social movements occupy empty buildings in the cities to challenge historically-rooted and excluding urban politics. Exploring the occupants' agency, Bea Wittger draws attention to the important role of female actors within the buildings. Through oral histories of participants of two squats in Rio de Janeiro, the book delivers a deep insight "from below" into their own perspectives on citizenship and gender. Besprochen in: C3 - Bibliothek für Entwicklungspolitik, 5 (2017) Fraunhofer IRB, 5 (2017) »Mit ihrem Buch gibt Bea Witters dezidierte Einblicke in die alltägliche Auseinandersetzung darum wie ein Recht auf Wohnen von den Besetzer_innen verwirklicht bzw. verteidigt wird und welche An- und Widersprüche damit verbunden sind.« »Eine lesenswerte, in Teilen gegenüber der eigenen Position als Wissenschaftlerin sehr selbstkritische Studie, die Einblicke in heterogene Lebensentwürfe und Denkweisen zweier Hausbesetzungen in Rio de Janeiro zulässt.«