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Sommario/riassunto	<p>COVID-19 turned the world as we knew it upside down, impacting families around the world in profound ways. Seeking to understand this global experience, Family Life in the Time of COVID brings together case studies from 10 countries that explore how local responses to the pandemic shaped, and were shaped by, understandings and practices of family life. Carried out by an international team during the first year of the pandemic, these in-depth, longitudinal, qualitative investigations examined the impact of the pandemic on families and relationships across diverse contexts and cultures. They looked at how families made sense of complex lockdown laws, how they coped with collective worry about the unknown, managed their finances, fed themselves, and got to grips with online work and schooling to understand better how life had transformed (or not). In short, the research revealed their everyday joys and struggles in times of great uncertainty. Each case study follows the same methodology revealing experiences in Argentina, Chile, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the USA. They show how local government responses were understood and responded to by families, and how different cultures and life circumstances impacted everyday life during the pandemic. Ultimately the analysis demonstrates how experiences of</p>

global social upheaval are shaped by international and local policies, as well as the sociocultural ideas and practices of diverse families.

Praise for Family Life in the Time of COVID

'Family Life in the Time of COVID takes us into homes that, worldwide, became the total worlds of people ordered to 'stay at home'. These poignant, evocative and engaging accounts illustrate how, in the confusion and frustration of COVID's first two years, people found bravery and inspiration - to navigate breaking points, wrestle with boredom, cook and clean, educate and mediate, and care for others and for self.' Professor Lenore Manderson, Distinguished Professor of Public Health and Medical Anthropology, School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

'This wonderful book tackles a topic of vital importance. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed huge stresses on families across the world as people are faced with fears about loved ones' health, managing children's education, caring for older family members, and attempting to avoid infection or cope with illness while continuing to support the family financially. All these topics and more are covered in depth, highlighting both the shared and context-specific dimensions of these experiences across diverse nations and cultures.' Deborah Lupton, SHARP Professor, Centre for Social Research, Health and the Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales Sydney, Australia

'This is a really excellent collection. It will be a marker in the broad field of the impact of major upheavals on family lives and relationships beyond the COVID pandemic itself. The extent of international contributions goes beyond the cross-national reach of other collections on family lives.' Rosalind Edwards, Professor of Sociology, University of Southampton

'The book is a marker in the field for thinking about, collaborating and investigating the impact of major upheavals on family lives and relationships in the future. A marker that can usefully be followed by other teams of researchers in the future. The book is also an important historical documentation of our family lives in the time of COVID, one that will inform this and future generations of scholars' reflections, providing insightful understandings of an unprecedented period'

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