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shows how men negotiate the prevailing cultural values about fatherhood, marriage, employment, and home ownership that he

conceptualizes as a ""package deal."" Townsend identifies the conflicts

and contradictions within the gendered expectations of men and fathers, and analyzes the social and economic contexts that make emotionally involved fathering an elusive ideal.Drawing on the lives and life stories of a group of men in their late forties who graduated from