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the struggles for interpretive power which underlies international development. Questions why the insights from years of feminist gender and development research are so often turned into 'gender myths' and 'feminist fables': women are more likely to care for the environment; are better at working together; are less corrupt; have a seemingly infinite capacity to survive Explores how bowdlerized and impoverished representations of gender relations have simultaneously come to be embedded in development policy and prac