



Women and the Value of Suffering: An Aw(e)ful Rowing Toward God

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Liturgical Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 254 pages. Dimensions: 7.9in. x 5.8in. x 0.6in. Is there a value to suffering for women? Is Christianity a religion that condones the victimization of women? Can Christians' faith, who are called to hope in the midst of despair, respond to experiences of suffering in all their ambiguity and complexity? How can people proclaim the good news in the midst of radical suffering? *Women and the Value of Suffering* explores these questions and offers a critical summary of recent discussions of evil and suffering from a variety of women's theological and spiritual perspectives. It incorporates the insights of feminist theory, cultural studies, biomedical research, psychology, theology, and spirituality. By exploring the complexity of suffering in our times, it reflects on how women of faith can come to terms with the enormity, diversity, and, at times, apparent senselessness of human suffering. Chapter one introduces the search for meaning in suffering. Chapter two defines the experience of pain and suffering from current and historical perspectives. Chapter three surveys how women within a Christian context have spoken about suffering and how these expressions might be similar to or differ from the ways men theologize about suffering. Chapter...



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