Family Stories of Care and the Limits of Love in Vietnam

By Le Thi Diem Thuy

In Family Stories of Care and the Limits of Love in Vietnam, author Le Thi Diem Thuy explores the complex and often contradictory experiences of caregiving in the context of Vietnamese families. Through a rich and nuanced analysis of interviews with caregivers, Thuy reveals the ways in which caregiving can be both a source of love and connection and a source of stress and strain.



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Thuy's research is based on interviews with 40 caregivers in Hanoi, Vietnam. The caregivers ranged in age from 20 to 80 and provided care for a variety of family members, including parents, spouses, children, and siblings. Thuy's interviews reveal that caregiving is a complex and demanding experience that can have a profound impact on the lives of both caregivers and care recipients.

On the one hand, caregiving can be a source of love and connection. Caregivers often report feeling a deep sense of satisfaction and purpose in providing care for their loved ones. Caregiving can also be a way to strengthen family bonds and to create lasting memories.

On the other hand, caregiving can also be a source of stress and strain. Caregivers often have to juggle multiple responsibilities, including work, family, and caregiving. They may also have to deal with the emotional and physical challenges of caring for a loved one who is ill or disabled.

Thuy's research sheds light on the challenges and rewards of caregiving in a rapidly changing society. In Vietnam, as in many other countries, the traditional family structure is changing. More and more women are working outside the home, and families are becoming smaller and more dispersed. These changes are putting new pressures on caregivers, who are increasingly expected to provide care for their loved ones without the support of extended family members.

Family Stories of Care and the Limits of Love in Vietnam is an important book that offers valuable insights for anyone who has ever provided or received care. Thuy's research provides a nuanced and compassionate understanding of the challenges and rewards of caregiving, and her book offers valuable lessons for how to provide care in a way that is both loving and sustainable.

Reviews

"Family Stories of Care and the Limits of Love in Vietnam is a must-read for anyone who has ever provided or received care. Thuy's research is insightful and compassionate, and her book offers valuable lessons for how to provide care in a way that is both loving and sustainable."

- Barbara Ehrenreich, author of Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America

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- Arlie Hochschild, author of *The Managed Heart: Commercialization of Human Feeling*

About the Author

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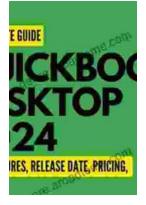
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