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These 16 papers and an introduction offer a wealth of information and analysis about the social, cultural, and legal conditions subjecting women to various forms of violence under the name of family honor. Historically, honor killings have been associated with Muslim societies, and theoretical debates about the issue were found in newspapers and academic journals. While highly critical of the practice and suggesting practical and legal corrective approaches, contributors problemize both the Western colonial focus on this practice and relativistic approaches to the issue. Though authors give primacy to laws either perpetuating or preventing these crimes, they are conscious of the necessity of initiating changes in varied local social norms and practices by civil society and NGOs, of a global response to these crimes, and of international cooperation and networking. In addition to discussing diverse meanings of crimes of honor and the UN approaches to the issue, chapters discuss the specifics of these crimes in the contexts of Iraqi Kurdistan, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, the UK, Italy, Norway, Denmark, and Brazil. An important feature is that most contributors are practitioners in the field, and their analyses and suggestions are guided by case experiences. Summing Up: Highly recommended. A great resource for lawyers, policy makers, and practitioners dealing with the issue at all levels. All libraries.

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