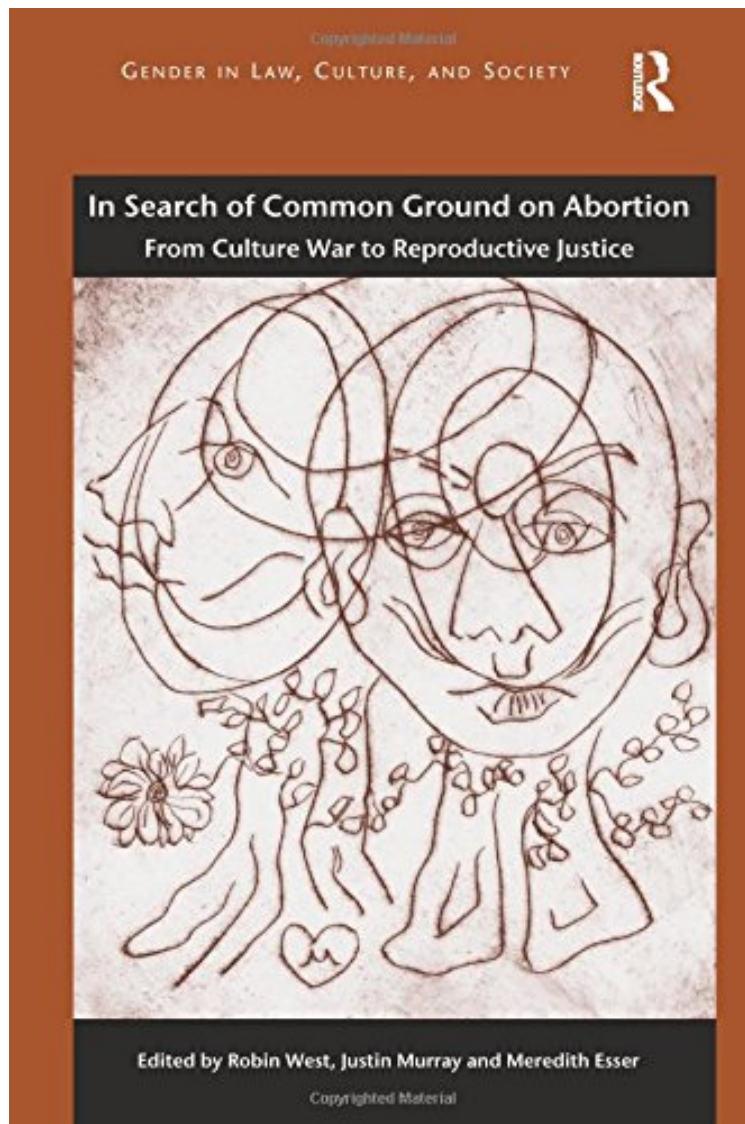


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'Introduced by Robin West's brilliant articulation of the limits of a rights-based strategy for assuring reproductive justice for women, this powerful collection of essays by women with differing views on the pro-choice/pro-life spectrum will deepen the national dialogue on how to actually bring about full sexual and economic equality for women while reducing unwanted pregnancy and abortion. Taken together, these essays model a path out of the superficiality of the "culture war" on this subject and towards a new, engaged political culture of care, respect, and compromise that will improve the lives of women and deepen the moral thoughtfulness of our entire society.' Peter Gabel, Editor-at-Large of Tikkun magazine, co-founder of the Critical Legal Studies Movement, and author of *Another Way of Seeing: Essays on Transforming Law, Politics, and Culture*

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