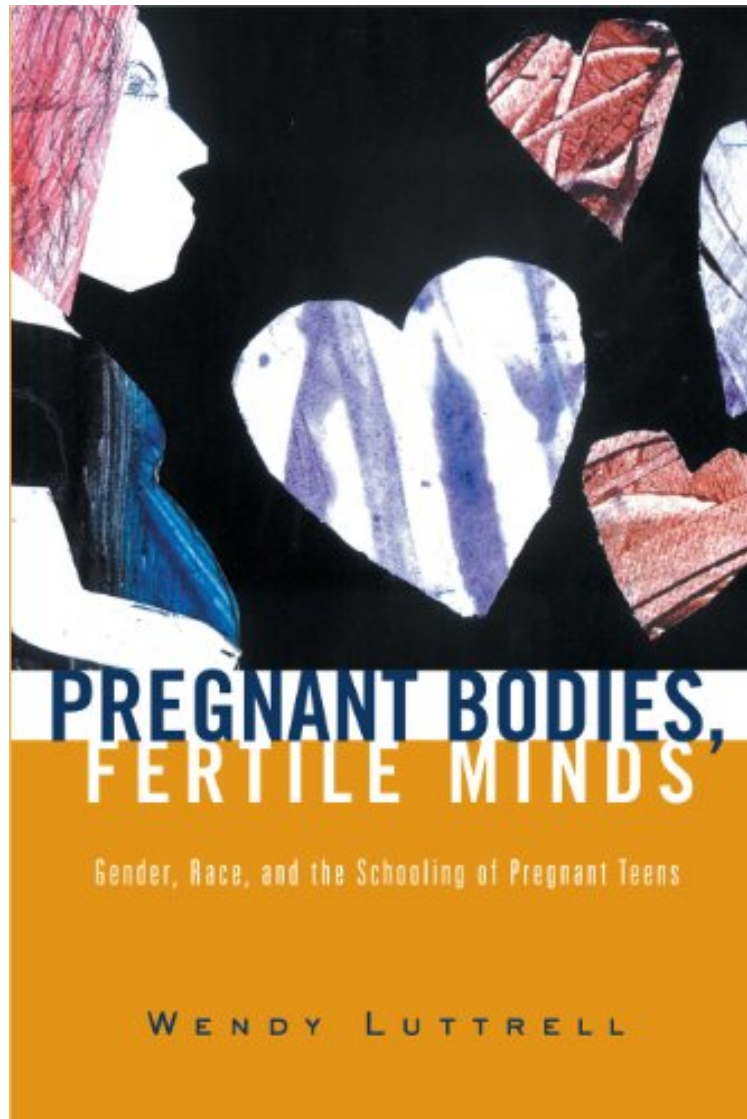


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Wendy Luttrell : Pregnant Bodies, Fertile Minds: Gender, Race, and the Schooling of Pregnant Teens before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pregnant Bodies, Fertile Minds: Gender, Race, and the Schooling of Pregnant Teens:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. better than expected By Dee Dee They said it was in good condition but I think it was in great condition. It had no highlights no marks. Really great. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Ideal for All Teachers By A. Harper I am glad that Wendy Luttrell wrote this book. I enjoyed 'listening'

to the teen girls stories and enjoyed viewing their collages that represented themselves. However, being a black female, I didn't learn anything new about black teenage girls. However, I think it is a GREAT book for people who work in the field of Education and honestly don't understand a) the complex identity process that working class african american girls go through in America (let alone being pregnant) and b) how to be conscious of their own 'whiteness' and Euro-Anglo centric view of 'deviance'. I got the feeling that this book was intended more for white middle class educators who teach or may teach working class african american pregnant teenagers. I am glad that Wendy depicted the pregnant girls in a "positive" light. Wendy clearly states that she doesn't want to stereotype. She explains to the reader that she herself is coming from a white middle class background. That acknowledgement of her 'whiteness' and white privilege are important in understanding who she is as a researcher. I like the fact she explains to the reader how she did her research and her honest directness of telling the audience how she felt while doing her field research and what challenges her own identity created while trying to connect to and understand the 50 individual pregnant girls she interacted with. Overall, it is great to see that she does not construct teenage pregnancy as 'deviant' behavior. The girls in this book are HUMANIZED. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. on point By Kindle Customer I truly wish that I could have read this when I was a fifteen year old and not quite understanding what exactly was going on!

Focusing on fifty girls enrolled in a model public school program for pregnant teens, Luttrell explores how pregnant girls experience society's view of them and also considers how these girls view themselves and the choices they've made. Also includes an 8-page color insert.

A beautiful, moving book about the way in which poor young pregnant women are positioned as objects of shaming and pathologising practices. *Pregnant Bodies, Fertile Minds* is a searing indictment of current social policies. -- Valerie Walkerdine, author of *Growing Up Girl: Psychosocial Explorations of Gender and Class* A breakthrough book...[A] rich ethnographic study...Theoretically sophisticated and beautifully written, this study uses original and innovative methodology to raise and reflect upon issues of gender, race, culture and the institutional structure of schools. -- Kathleen Weiler, editor of *Feminist Engagements: Reading, Resisting, and Revisioning Male Theorists in Education and Cultural Studies* (Routledge) An extraordinary and moving book and a theoretical and ethnographic stunner. It is hard to imagine that anyone other than her subjects themselves could portray their voices and selves with such compelling immediacy and liveliness better than Luttrell. A brilliant contribution to our greater knowledge of the worlds of gender, motherhood, race, and adolescence. -- Nancy Chodorow, author of *The Power of Feelings: Personal Meaning in Psychoanalysis, Gender, and Culture* The triumph of *Pregnant Bodies, Fertile Minds* is that it manages to weave the social worlds of girls, the social stigma of pregnancy, and the social policies that swaddle these young women in and out of school into a compassionate and haunting ethnography. -- Carol Stack, author of *All Our Kin* Luttrell's work...connects the reader to prominent literacy and academic pieces on teenage pregnancy, race and poverty...Luttrell's writing style is casual yet well researched. Her references span sociology, feminist/psychoanalytic theory, and developmental psychology. The range of her citations is impressive and this synthesis of fields broadens the appeal of the book to several academic disciplines. -- *Contemporary Sociology*, Wendy Luttrell About the Author Wendy Luttrell is Associate Professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and author of *School-smart and Mother-wise: Working-Class Women's Identity and Schooling* (Routledge), winner of the 1998 Oliver Cromwell Cox Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.