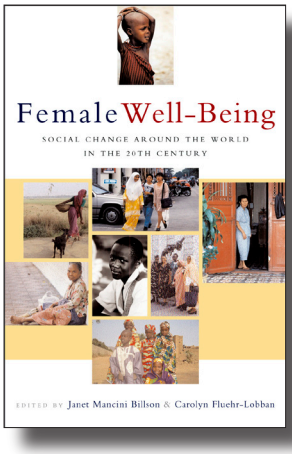

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Toward a Global Theory of Social Change

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