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"Zelizer's book does an excellent job in demystifying the intertwining of economic activity and intimacy."--**Xiaoshuo Hou, *Theory and Society***

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"Zelizer offers a perspective that focuses attention on incomplete commensurability, an essential task where markets and supposedly non market realms intersect. In doing so, Zelizer's approach gives judges, academics, lawyers, and lay people a vantage point on markets and intimacy that reflects how people actually live their lives."--**Martha M. Ertman, *Law & Social Inquiry***

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"Here, Viviana Zelizer explores the fascinating interplay of intimate relationships and economic interest, using legal cases as her raw material. Rejecting simplistic interpretations that privilege either economics or culture, she charts a middle course of 'connected lives' that reveals the complexity and richness of her subject matter. Zelizer provides an exhaustively researched, original, and carefully argued analysis that, like her previous classics, is sure to transform the way scholars think about economics and social relations."--**Juliet Schor, Boston College, author of *Born to Buy* and *The Overworked American***

"This terrific book establishes the commodification of intimacy as something that now cannot be ignored."--**Carol Sanger, Barbara Aronstein Black Professor of Law, Columbia University**

About the Author

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