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DES Daughters

Embodied Knowledge *and the* Transformation of
Women's Health Politics

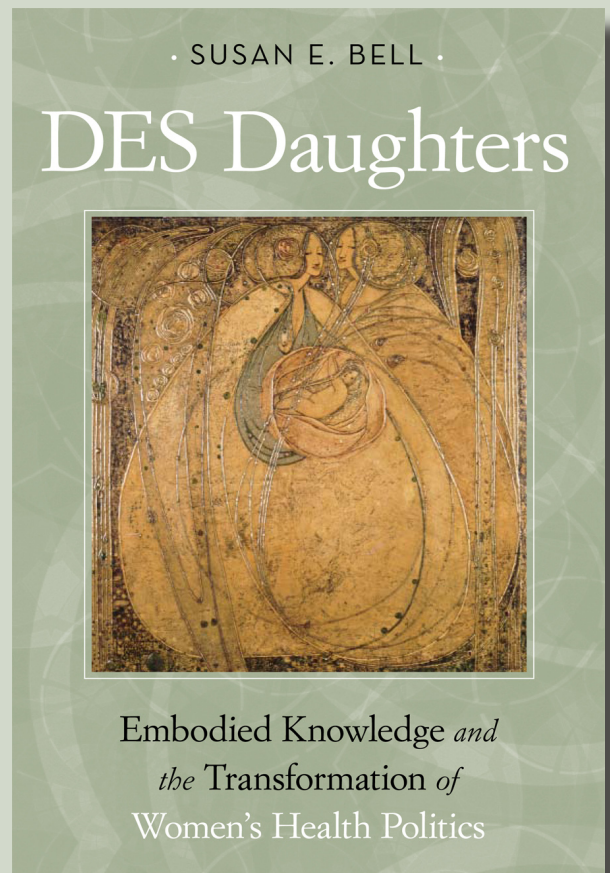
• SUSAN E. BELL •

"In this wise and well-researched book, Susan Bell uses a narrative analytic strategy to both present and make sense of the 'embodied social movement' that arose among 'DES Daughters'—women (and later some men) whose mothers had been given a 'wonder drug' to prevent miscarriage in the 1940s, 1950, and 1960s that only from the 1970s forward was understood to produce devastating reproductive-tract results. Bell shows us how their experiences changed, as did the women's movement, health care activism, and scientific and biomedical practices. The result enables us to understand not only what women have to say about taking action to preserve and protect their own lives and the lives of others but also how both U.S. health movements and those who want to understand them evolve over time" —RAYNA RAPP, Professor of Anthropology, New York University, and author of *Testing Women, Testing the Fetus: The Social Impact of Amniocentesis in America*

In *DES Daughters*, Susan Bell recounts the experiences of this generation of "victims." In moving, heartfelt narratives, she presents the voices of those women who developed cancer, those who were cancer-free but have concerns about becoming pregnant, and those who suffered other medical and/or reproductive difficulties.

Bell examines the hierarchy of knowledge and power of scientists, doctors, and daughters, tracing the emergence of a feminist health movement. The "embodied knowledge" of these DES daughters prompted them to become advocates and form a social movement that challenged reproductive medical knowledge specifically, but also the politics of women's health in general. Bell's important book chronicles the history and future of these grassroots activists born out of illness, suffering, and uncertainty.

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