
CONTENTS

1	INTRODUCTION	1
2	“THE CRUELTY”: CHILD PROTECTION, 1880-1910	27
3	THE PROGRESSIVE-ERA TRANSFORMATION OF CHILD PROTECTION, 1900-1920	59
4	SINGLE MOTHERS AND THE CONTRADICTIONS OF CHILD-PROTECTION POLICY	82
5	“SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN NOW, SO LITTLE BEFORE”: CHILD NEGLECT AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY	116

xii / CONTENTS

6	“ONLY TO BRING MY CHILDREN UP GOOD”: CHILD ABUSE AND SOCIAL CHANGE	168
7	“BE CAREFUL ABOUT FATHER”: INCEST, GIRLS’ RESISTANCE, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FEMININITY	204
8	“THE POWERS OF THE WEAK”: WIFE-BEATING AND BATTERED WOMEN’S RESISTANCE	250
9	CONCLUSION: SOCIAL CONTROL AND THE “POWERS OF THE WEAK”	289
	APPENDIX A RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS METHODS	301
	APPENDIX B CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS	307
	NOTES	313
	INDEX	373