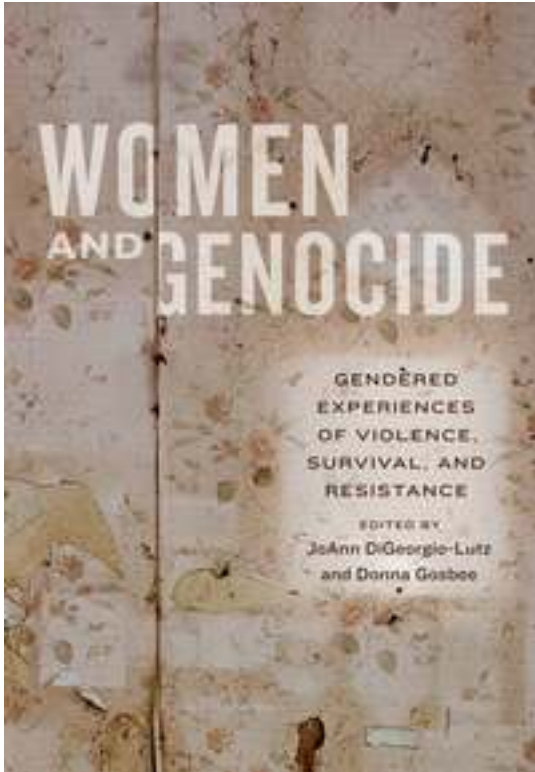


# Women and Genocide

## Gendered Experiences of Violence, Survival, and Resistance



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