

and the reflections are heavily biased towards the fathering of infants and young children. As a father myself of late adolescent children, it is therefore with a wry smile and a grain of salt that I read regularly recurring comments like the following:

I've always loved children... I think I love them because they accept you without question. You can be as rotten a person as you like and they'll still love you. (p.95)

The lack of representativeness of the interview group is further highlighted by the inclusion of only one father who is definitely of non Anglo-Celtic descent. More seriously however, is the lack of any recognition of non-

custodial fatherhood, a status which affects ever-increasing numbers of men and for which appropriate norms are uncertain, and social roles highly problematic. The book cover suggests that relationships between fathers and their children are mainly, if not solely, warm and cuddly affairs. Conveniently put aside by the editors are the alternative realities experienced by many fathers and their children - realities in part characterised by violence or indifference or sadness or frustration that result from parental separation and divorce, dominant patriarchal norms and social structures, and proprietorial and economic rationalist notions about children.

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