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Explorations in the Sociology of Consumption George Ritzer,2001-06-04 In this book one of the leading social theorists and cultural commentators of modern times turns his gaze on consumption George Ritzer author of the famous McDonaldization Thesis demonstrates the irrational consequences of the rational desire to consume and commodify He examines how McDonaldization might be resisted and situates the reader in the new cultural spaces that are emerging in society shopping malls casino hotels Disneyfied theme parks and Las Vegas the new cathedrals of consumption as he calls them The book shows how new processes of consumption relate to globalization theory In illuminating discussions of the work of Thorstein Veblen and the French situationists Ritzer unearths the roots of problems of consumption in older sociological traditions He indicates how transgression is bound up with consumption through an investigation of the obscene in popular and postmodern culture *The Sociology Book* Sarah Tomley,Mitchell Hobbs,Megan Todd,Marcus Weeks,DK,2019-12-12 Learn about how we organize our society in The Sociology Book Part of the fascinating Big Ideas

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Made from Scratch Jean Zimmerman, 2012-11-13 A stunning celebration and reappraisal of the importance of women's work Made from Scratch addresses the tug that many Americans feel between our professional and private lives In this stunning celebration and reappraisal of the importance of women's work acclaimed journalist Jean Zimmerman poignantly addresses the tug that many Americans of the twenty first century feel between our professional and private lives With sharp wit and intelligence she offers evidence that in the current domestic vacuum we still long for a richer home life a paradox visible in the Martha Stewart phenomenon in the continuing popularity of women's service magazines such as Better Homes and Gardens Family Circle and Ladies Home Journal whose combined circulation of over 17 million is nearly twice the combined circulation of Time Newsweek and U S News World Report and the booming business of restorations where onlookers get a hands on view of domestic life as it flourished in past centuries This book is about the ways home traditions passed from one generation to the next baking a birthday cake from scratch cherishing family heirlooms or discovering the satisfaction of piecing a quilt sustain our souls especially in our ever more processed synthetic world where we buy homemade goods and fail to see the irony in that Made from Scratch tells the story of the unsung heroines of the hearth investigating the history of female domesticity and charting its cultural changes over centuries Zimmerman traces the lives of her own family's homemakers from her tiny but indomitable grandmother who managed a farm strangled chickens with her bare hands and sewed all the family clothing to her mother who rejected her country upbringing yet kept a fastidious suburban home where the gender divide stayed firmly in place to her own experiences as a wife and mother weaned on the Women's Movement of the 1970s with its emphatic view that housework was a dirty word and that the domestic sphere was to be fled rather than cherished In this book Zimmerman questions the unexamined trade off we have made in a shockingly brief time span as we've progressed from home raised chickens to frozen TV dinners to McNuggets from the food court at the mall What is lost when we no longer engage as individuals and as a community in the ancient rituals of food craft and shelter

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