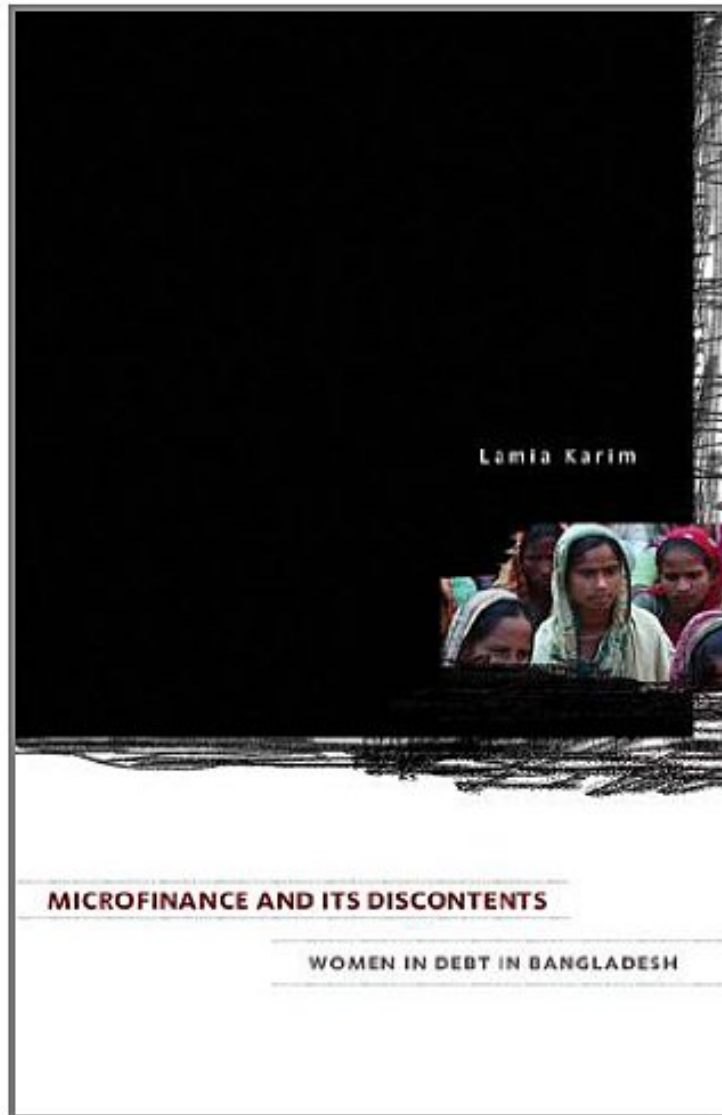


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really served mainly as a way for those who run microfinance institutions to make money and status, while the women who are supposed to be served have found increasing negative pressures on their time and meager resources. Microfinance, rather than helping women, has only reinforced the patriarchal social structures in Bangladesh, leaving women with even more obligations than before and making no real dent in poverty. It's no wonder that Yunus' legacy is being challenged today in Bangladesh. If you want to know about microfinance, buy this book! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The stories of these women's lives will haunt you. By Customer This is an incredible book written for a scholarly audience but accessible and quite powerful for those of us who aren't in the world of academia. Despite her research orientation, the author (full disclosure: a college friend of mine a long time ago) cannot help but use a few choice exclamation marks when the subject calls for it--like the story of the single mother of a toddler whose house was literally dissembled before her eyes and all her belongings carted away to settle a loan with a balance of just over \$2. Karim learns the truth because she speaks the language and knows the terrain since as a native of Bangladesh and Pakistan. Microfinance was meant to inspire women's empowerment but instead harms women, with high interest, often unaffordable loans usually controlled by male family members, and collection procedures from Hell. NGOs promoting these loans should be ashamed; instead they are awarded the Nobel Prize. This is an important book and honestly I could not put it down. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Great Price! Great Product!

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