Divided Lives: American Women In The Twentieth Century

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She identifies a central dilemma of 20-century American women—that of "divided lives -- divided between domestic and paid labor, and divided from one another"—and charts its manifestations through a straightforward, chronological narrative. Skillfully interweaving a wealth of secondary sources, including autobiography, scholarly studies, and statistical data, the author moves from the world of Progressive Era reformers through the WW II mobilization of "womanpower," the cold war return to domesticity, the activism of the 1960's, and on to today... If you ever wondered about women's place in American history then read this text. A very good and well written text. Read more. Early histories of women's lives tended to represent women as victims of discrimination. In the 1970s the emphasis was on the sameness of men and women, and the 1980s brought an emphasis of difference. This book argues that several approaches are needed to explain the history of American women.

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