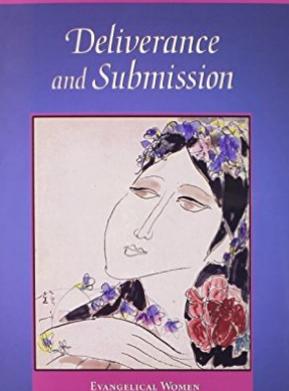
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Synopsis

South Korea is home to one of the most vibrant evangelical Protestant communities in the world. This book investigates the meanings of a "and the reasons behind a" an intriguing aspect of contemporary South Korean evangelicalism: the intense involvement of middle-class women. Drawing upon extensive ethnographic fieldwork in Seoul that explores the relevance of gender and womenâ [™]s experiences to Korean evangelicalism, Kelly H. Chong not only helps provide a clearer picture of the evangelical movementâ ™s success in South Korea, but interrogates the global question of contemporary womenâ [™]s attraction to religious traditionalisms. In highlighting the growing disjunction between the forces of social transformation that are rapidly liberalizing modern Korean society, and a social system that continues to uphold key patriarchal structures on both societal and familial levels, Chong relates womenâ ™s religious involvement to the contradictions of South Koreaâ TMs recent socio-cultural changes and complex engagement with modernity. By focusing on the ways in which womenâ [™]s religious participation constitutesâ "both spiritually and institutionallya "an important part of their effort to negotiate the problems and dilemmas of contemporary family and gender relations, this book explores the contradictory significance of evangelical beliefs and practices for women, which simultaneously opens up possibilities for gender negotiation/resistance, and for womenâ [™]s redomestication.

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