



## Red Dirt Women At Home on the Oklahoma Plains

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By Susan Kates

University of Oklahoma Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 152 pages. Dimensions: 8.4in. x 5.4in. x 0.4in. For many people who have never spent time in the state, Oklahoma conjures up a series of stereotypes: rugged cowboys, tipi-dwelling American Indians, uneducated farmers. When women are pictured at all, they seem frozen in time: as the bonneted pioneer woman stoically enduring hardship or the bedraggled, gaunt-faced mother familiar from Dust Bowl photographs. In *Red Dirt Women*, Susan Kates challenges these one-dimensional characterizations by exploring and celebrating the lives of contemporary Oklahoma women whose experiences are anything but predictable. In essays both intensely personal and universal, *Red Dirt Women* reveals the author's own heartaches and joys in becoming a parent through adoption, her love of regional treasures found in junk stores, and her deep appreciation of Miss Dorrie, her son's unconventional preschool teacher. Through lively profiles, interviews, and sketches, we come to know pioneer queens from the Panhandle, rodeo riders, casino gamblers, roller-derby skaters, and the Lady of Jade, a former boat person from Vietnam who now owns a successful business in Oklahoma City. As she illuminates the lives of these memorable Oklahoma women, Kates traces her own journey to Oklahoma with clarity and insight. Born...



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