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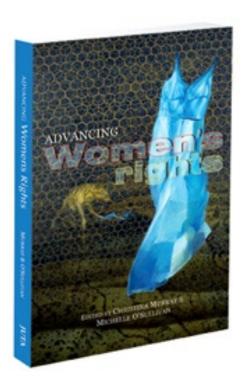
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Gender equality is both a significant right and founding value in South Africa's Constitution. This volume of essays explores the meaning and implications of gender equality in South Africa today. It includes studies on issues central to the transformation of gender relations in post-apartheid South Africa: violence against women, family law, land rights, customary law, the right to equality, and institutions to advance gender equality.

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