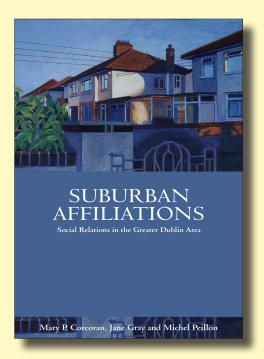
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Drawing on four case studies –Lucan, Co. Dublin; Leixlip, Co. Kildare, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath and Ratoath, Co. Meath – the authors offer a wealth of sociological insights into the contemporary suburban experience. The authors re-visit and robustly challenge the mainly negative assessment that has been made of the suburban social fabric. The title Suburban Affiliations, summarizes the book's main conclusions. Residents in suburban estates are not disaffiliated: they are in fact connected with the place where they live and with each other in many different ways.

The book maps the nature, quality and focus of these affiliations in terms of attachment to place, prevalence of social support networks and levels of civic and social participation. The study will be of interest not only to social scientists but also to architects, planners, policy makers and the general public.

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