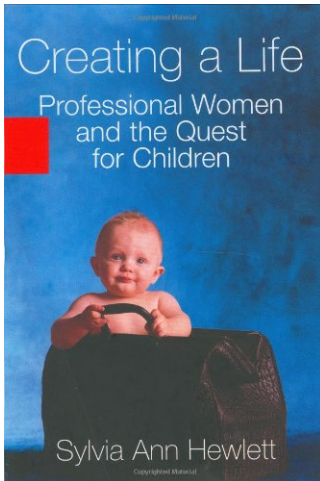


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From Publishers Weekly "Between a third and a half of all high-achieving women in America do not have children" and "the vast majority yearn" for them, says Hewlett, founder of the National Parenting Association. In this study of baby lust, Hewlett portrays the anguished hand-wringing by middle-aged women who were career-obsessed throughout their 20s and 30s, only to wake up single at 40, biological clocks all petered out. Infertility treatment is not a solution, she says; it's expensive, dangerous to women's health and unlikely to produce a pregnancy, much less a live, healthy baby. Moms and potential moms from playwright Wendy Wasserstein to a 46-year-old single woman who traveled to China to adopt illustrate Hewlett's thesis that "some of the most heartfelt struggles of the breakthrough generation have centered on the attempt to snatch a child from the jaws of menopause. A few succeed; most do not." Hewlett attests that "if high-altitude careers inevitably exact a price, it's profoundly unfair that the highest prices... are paid by women." "Self-indulgent"

women might try to have a child and a career by hiring a nanny, but for Hewlett, it's more "courageous" for a woman to forgo childbearing if a career is her real goal. Hewlett's advice to young women is strangely retro: get married you'll be happier and healthier. She counsels them to give "urgent priority" to finding a marriage partner fast, "have your first baby before 35" and look for work at a family-friendly corporation. Though ardently argued, her case is unconvincing.

From Founder of the National Parenting Association, Hewlett reports on new data showing nearly half of the most successful women in corporate America are childless, mostly contrary to their heartfelt desires. Hewlett begins with interviews of high-powered women--lawyers, journalists, scholars, doctors, businesswomen--who wanted children but ran out of time to begin their families. She reviews recent data on career women and their odds of marrying and raising a family, noting that despite promising medical technology, most women over the age of 40 aren't able to conceive and deliver healthy babies. According to the author, "most of the heartfelt struggles of the breakthrough generation have centered on the attempt to snatch a child from the jaws of menopause." Finally, she presents strategies on how young women can avoid the fate of the previous generation and what corporations can do to support women who want both careers and families. *Vanessa Bush*

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Creating a Life Summary by Sylvia Ann Hewlett explain the consequences of women turning away from families and focusing on their careers. "Creating a Life" had a controversial start in the U.S. It got known as the book who condemned career women as waiting too long to start families. However, aside from the talks that surrounded it, the author's opinion was not correctly interpreted. Hewlett does not attack career women: she is one herself. Instead, inspired by her own experience connected to fertility problems, she studies the reasons why so many successful women stay alone all their lives and never have kids. We recommend this book to all career women, as well as their partners. Do not listen to the rumors. The obvious reason for the poor sales of "Creating a Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children" is overexposure (front page, May 20). Why would anyone pay \$22 for this book when its premise and theories are being discussed ad nauseam in the media? This is one case where the public relations folks did their jobs too well. DAWN CARIELLO. Find many great new & used options and get the best deals for Creating a Life : Professional Women and the Quest for Children by Sylvia Ann Hewlett (2002, Hardcover) at the best online prices at eBay! Free shipping for many products! So why is the age-old business of having babies so very elusive for this generation of high-achieving women? Why is it that all the new power and prestige does not translate into easier choices on the family front? It seems that women can be astronauts, CEOs, Secretaries of State, but increasingly, they cannot be mothers. Sylvia Hewlett's powerful book looks at the hard and disturbing facts and goes on to advocate a new way of approaching the question of motherhood vs. career for a new generation of women. Product Identifiers. Publisher. "Hewlett reaches out to young women and shows them how to create rich, multidimensional lives." - - Cornel West, author of Race Matters. "She presents strategies on how young women can avoid the fate of the previous generation." She is the founder and chair of the National Parenting Association and lives in New York City with her husband and children. Read more. Product details. Births to women in their forties and early fifties were also up for 2000. The number of births to unmarried women, the birth rate, and the percent of births that were to unmarried women rose 1 to 3 percent, but birth rates for unmarried teenagers declined. Smoking by pregnant women was down again. The cesarean delivery rate rose 4 percent to 22.9, the fourth consecutive increase; the primary cesarean rate was up and the rate of vaginal births after a previous cesarean was down. The number and rate of twin births continued to rise, but the triplet/+ birth rate declined for the second year in a ... Hewlett S. Creating A Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children. 2002. New York: Talk-Miramax. MA Dept of Vital Statistics.