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Based on extensive interviews and oral histories as well as archival sources, *Women and the Islamic Republic* challenges the dominant masculine theorizations of state-making in postrevolutionary Iran. Shirin Saeidi demonstrates that despite the Islamic Republic's nondemocratic structures, multiple forms of citizenship have developed in postrevolutionary Iran. This finding destabilizes the binary formulation of democratization and authoritarianism that has not only dominated investigations of Iran but also regime categorizations in political science more broadly. As non-elite Iranian women negotiate or engage with the state's gendered citizenry regime, the Islamic Republic is forced to remake, oftentimes haphazardly, its citizenry agenda. The book demonstrates how women remake their rights, responsibilities, and statuses during everyday life to condition the state-making process in Iran, showing women's everyday resistance to the state-making process.

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