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Geared toward baby boomers who will turn 40, this analysis offers a look at the experiences and feelings of 38-42 year-olds on such topics as sex, family, popular culture, religion, work, money, and health The goal of this volume is to examine development in middle age from the perspective of baby boomers -- a unique cohort in the United States defined

as those individuals born from 1946 to 1962. This is the largest cohort ever to enter middle age in Western society, and they currently represent approximately one-third of the total U.S. population. The Baby Boomers Grow Up provides contemporary and comprehensive perspectives of development of the baby boomer cohort as they proceed through midlife. Baby boomers continue to exert a powerful impact on the media, fiction, movies, and even popular music, just as they were an imposing force in society from the time of their entry into youth. As these individuals enter the years normally considered to represent midlife, they are redefining how we as a society regard adults in their middle and later years. This volume features several unique aspects. First, the literature reviewed focuses specifically on research relevant to baby boomers and their development as adults, rather than a global perspective on middle age. Second, the volume takes into account the diversity within the boomer cohort, such as social class, race, and education. In addition, quantitative and qualitative developmental changes occurring from the forties to the fifties and the sixties are considered. Differences in leading and trailing edge boomers are likewise addressed. Ideal for researchers in adult development and graduate seminars on adult development, The Baby Boomers Grow Up will also appeal to adult educators, human resource personnel, health professionals and service providers, and clinical psychologists and counselors. Baby boomers are an incredibly lucrative market. But in their rush to appeal to youth, many companies have lost contact with baby boomers as they mature. The experts who contributed to this book find that boomers refuse to think of themselves as old even as they seek some of the comforts of mid-life. As they move through their peak earning years and into retirement, they still have a sense of fun and self-confidence. As perpetual learners, boomers continue to be information hungry and

willing to adopt new technologies. Moreover, they recognize that good health will keep them young and they work to stay healthy. Leading authorities in the fields of leisure and travel, financial services, apparel, fast food, technology, and health care tell you what boomers want from these industries. You will find: Details of today's boomer demographics compared with the generations before and after and data on their attitudes based on several representative surveys in the past year Advertising campaigns that have worked for leisure companies and destinations What mature Boomers are demanding of fast food How technology fits into their lives Why apparel companies need to rethink their designs for boomer women What boomers expect of their financial advisors Insights into their drugs of choice for combating high cholesterol and high blood pressure Don't write them off just yet! Place your order now to make sure you stay ahead of the generation that has at times been referred to as, A pig moving through a python. This book gives you the information you need to sell to boomers After Fifty. First published in 2010, this book explores the legacy of the baby boomers: the generation who, born in the aftermath of the Second World War, came of age in the radical sixties where for the first time since the War, there was freedom, money, and safe sex. In this book, Francis Beckett argues that what began as the most radical-sounding generation for half a century turned into a random collection of youthful style gurus, sharp-toothed entrepreneurs and management consultants who believed revolution meant new ways of selling things; and Thatcherites, who thought freedom meant free markets, not free people. At last, it found its most complete expression in New Labour. The author argues that the children of the 1960s betrayed the generations that came before and after, and that the true legacy of the swinging decade is in ashes. The acclaimed author of 100 Predictions for the Baby Boom meets the

challenge of predicting the daunting future of this most singular of generations and shows why members of the Baby Boom generation, born between 1946 and 1964, have always embraced their independence and individualism. Women of the 1960s come of age. After more than six decades of breaking the rules established by their elders, the Baby-Boom generation and older Americans are one and the same. In 2014, Boomers spanned the ages from 50 to 68, accounting for 24 percent of the total U.S. population and 71 percent of the population aged 50 or older. The eighth edition of *The Baby Boom: Americans Born 1946 to 1964* includes in its pages, for the first time, a statistical profile of the U.S. population aged 50 or older—absorbing the New Strategist reference book *Older Americans: A Changed Market* into one volume. Boomers already dominate the older... Without the baby boom, the United States would be a different place. The Vietnam War would have lasted longer. Rock and roll would be less pervasive. The civil rights movement would have changed laws and attitudes more slowly. But women might be further ahead in job status and pay if there had been no baby boorr.. Housing would be cheaper. The economy would have done better in the 1970s, and people now in their 20s, 30s, and 40s would be making more money. For the past 30 years, the baby boom generation all those born between 1946 and 1964—shook American economics, politics, and culture. But the full impact of 7 8 PREFACE the baby boom is yet to come because the generation is just now gaining the economic and political power to de termine events. Though the baby boom is a diverse generation linked only by its date of birth, that link is critical. The gener ation spans 19 years, which means many boomers ex perience the same things at the same time—going to col lege, getting a job, marrying, divorcing, buying a house, starting a family. Because of this, the baby boom in fluences what America's businesses produce, what the media write

about, and what the politicians support. It focuses the nation's attention on itself; its concerns become the nation's concerns. Whatever age the baby boom is becomes the nation's age. In his "remarkable" (Men's Journal) and "controversial" (Fortune) book -- written in a "wry, amusing style" (The Guardian) -- Bruce Cannon Gibney shows how America was hijacked by the Boomers, a generation whose reckless self-indulgence degraded the foundations of American prosperity. In *A Generation of Sociopaths*, Gibney examines the disastrous policies of the most powerful generation in modern history, showing how the Boomers ruthlessly enriched themselves at the expense of future generations. Acting without empathy, prudence, or respect for facts--acting, in other words, as sociopaths--the Boomers turned American dynamism into stagnation, inequality, and bipartisan fiasco. The Boomers have set a time bomb for the 2030s, when damage to Social Security, public finances, and the environment will become catastrophic and possibly irreversible--and when, not coincidentally, Boomers will be dying off. Gibney argues that younger generations have a fleeting window to hold the Boomers accountable and begin restoring America. The oldest members of the huge baby boom cohort (born 1946-1964) will be facing retirement in the next 10 years. Because of its large size, particularly in relation to the cohorts that preceded it, the baby boom cohort has distended every social institution that it has come in contact with including the housing market. Will the baby boomers also have a disproportionate impact on the retirement housing landscape? There has been a great deal of discussion and speculation about this group of pre-retirees, yet little empirical research has been conducted on the plans of aging baby boomers. The research described in the two articles that comprise Chapters III and IV addressed this need by examining the housing and locational preferences and plans

of early baby boomer pre-retirees (born 1946-1954) for the first 10 years of retirement. The concept of cohort uniqueness was integral to the model tested in the two articles. The data were collected as part of a telephone survey of metropolitan and non-metropolitan Oregon and Utah residents conducted by the Western Regional Agricultural Experiment Station Committee (W-176). Statistical analyses included Chi-square tests of significance and logistic regression. Weighted data were used so that the results would be representative of the populations of the two states. In Chapter IV, "Retirement Housing and Locational Preferences of the Depression and Early Baby Boom Age Cohorts," the early baby boomers were compared with another cohort of pre-retirees, the Depression cohort (born 1930-1939). Although some significant differences were found there were also many similarities between the two cohorts (N=836). Intra-cohort differences based on gender and marital category of early baby boomers (N=476) were examined in Chapter IV, "Retirement Housing and Locational Preferences: Differences Within the Early Baby Boom Age Cohort." Planners, policy makers, developers, and builders will need to understand these inter-cohort and intra-cohort differences and similarities in order to produce acceptable retirement housing alternatives for aging baby boomers. Born during the Great Depression and World War Two (1929-1945) an entire generation has slipped between the cracks of history. These Lucky Few became the first American generation smaller than the one before them, and the luckiest generation of Americans ever. As children they experienced the most stable intact parental families in the nation's history. Lucky Few women married earlier than any other generation of the century and helped give birth to the Baby Boom, yet also gained in education compared to earlier generations. Lucky Few men made the greatest gains of the century in schooling, earned veterans benefits like the

Greatest Generation but served mostly in peacetime with only a fraction of the casualties, came closest to full employment, and spearheaded the trend toward earlier retirement. Even in retirement/old age the Lucky Few remain in the right place at the right time. Here is their story, and the story of how they have affected other recent generations of Americans before and since. Good Baby gets a banana for pudding and, this time, he eats it all up. Boom-biddy-boom-biddy-yum-yum-yum! 'HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!' Frank Cottrell Boyce 'Hilarious' Tim Minchin 'Danny Wallace and Jamie Littler's books contain all the wit and warmth of Dahl and Blake at their best. Irresistible.' Phil Earle 'Like David Walliams, Danny Wallace is a comedian turned children's author. Of the two, Wallace's writing is funnier' The Sunday Times, Children's Book of the Week Get ready for another hilarious adventure from bestselling author Danny Wallace brought to life with illustrations from Jamie Littler, perfect for fans of David Walliams, Roald Dahl, David Baddiel and David Solomons! Beware the Babies ... they CRY ... they POO ... they ATTACK! Hamish and the PDF have been left in charge of Starkley while his dad and the rest of the Belasko agents are off hunting down the universe's second-most dangerous villain - Axel Scarmarsh! But nothing bad will happen while he's gone, right? WRONG! Suddenly the babies of Starkley are on the rampage and causing chaos - but only Hamish and his friends seem to be worried about the odd behaviour. What's behind the baby uprising and can the mini mutiny be stopped before EVERY BABY ON EARTH rises up?! Now in paperback: the landmark portrait of the baby boomers' search for meaning and values in an uncertain world--as profiled in Time and USA Weekend cover stories. "(Roof) displays an engaging sense of humor, a profound compassion for the spiritual yearnings of his subjects, and an ecumenical spirit".--Los Angeles Times. Between 1965 and 1985, the Western world

and the United States in particular experienced a staggering amount of social and economic change. In *Birth Quake*, Diane J. Macunovich argues that the common thread underlying all these changes was the post-World War II baby boom—in particular, the passage of the baby boomers into young adulthood. Macunovich focuses on the pervasive effects of changes in "relative cohort size," the ratio of young to middle-aged adults, as masses of young people tried to achieve the standard of living to which they had become accustomed in their parents' homes despite dramatic reductions in their earning potential relative to that of their parents. Macunovich presents the results of detailed empirical analyses that illustrate how varied and important cohort effects can be on a wide range of economic indicators, social factors, and even on more tumultuous events including the stock market crash of 1929, the "oil shock" of 1973, and the "Asian flu" of the 1990s. *Birth Quake* demonstrates that no discussion of business or economic trends can afford to ignore the effects of population. A look at the contributions of the Baby Boom generation describes how, with their involvement in the civil rights movement, protesting Vietnam, advocating women's and gay rights, and pursuing Watergate, they became in many ways as great if not a greater generation than those before them in their profound and lasting influence on American society. Reprint. 25,000 first printing. "Philip Bump helps us understand that no matter the troubles of our days, the future of this nation rests with what we do now. And that means all of us—not just Baby Boomers." —Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor, Princeton University

A popular Washington Post columnist takes a deep dive into what the end of the baby boom means for American politics and economics. Philip Bump, a reporter as adept with a graph as with a paragraph, is popular for his ability to distill vast amounts of data into accessible stories. THE AFTERMATH

is a sweeping assessment of how the baby boom created modern America, and where power, wealth, and politics will shift as the boom ends. How much longer than we'd expected will Boomers control wealth? Will millennials get shortchanged for jobs and capital as Gen Z rises? What kind of pressure will Boomers exert on the health care system? How do generations and parties overlap? When will regional identity trump age or ethnic or racial identity? Who will the future GOP voter be, and how does that affect Democratic strategies? What does the Census get right, and terribly wrong? The questions are myriad, and Bump is here to fight speculation with fact. Writing with a light hand and deft humor, Bump helps us navigate the flood of data in which our sense of the country now drowns. He fits numbers into a narrative about who we are (including what "we" really means), how we vote, where we live, what we buy—and what predictions we can make with any confidence. We know what will happen eventually to the baby boomers. What we don't know is how the boomer legacies might reshape the country one final time. The answers in this book will help us manage the historic disruption of the American state we are now experiencing. This book traces the history of the baby-boomers, beginning with an explanation of the cause of the post-war baby boom and ending with the contemporary concerns of ageing boomers. It shows how the baby-boomers challenged traditional family attitudes and adopted new lifestyles in the 1960s and 1970s. Drawing on 90 interviews conducted with baby boomers living in London and Paris, the book demonstrates how their aspirations for leisure and consumption converged with family responsibilities and obligations. It shows how the baby boomers emerged from an authoritative upbringing to challenge some of the traditional assumptions of the family, such as marriage and cohabitation. The rise of feminism led by the baby-boomers is examined,

together with its impact on family forms and structures. The book shows how women's trajectories veered between the two extremes of family and employment, swerving between the models of stay-at-home mother and working woman. It demonstrates how new family configurations such as solo parenting, and recomposed families were adopted by the baby boomers. Today, as they enter into retirement, the baby-boomers remain closely involved in the lives of their children and parents, although relationships with elderly parents are maintained primarily through a sense of duty and obligation. The book concludes that the baby boomers have both been influenced by and actors to the changes and transformations that have occurred to family life. They reconciled and continue to reconcile, individualism with family obligations. As grandparents often with an ageing parent still alive, the baby boomers wish to keep the independence that has been the hallmark of their generation whilst not abandoning family life. Explores the political, economic, and social concerns of the baby-boom generation, arguing for increased interest and commitment in such areas in order to prevent the disintegration of the current way of life Drawing on interviews with American couples from the 1950s to the 1980s, Weiss creates a dynamic portrait of family and social change in the postwar era. She then pairs these firsthand accounts with deft analysis of movies, magazines, and advice books from each decade, providing an intimate look at ordinary marriages in a time of sweeping cultural change. 8 halftones. Fewer than 20% of Baby Boom women will experience a secure retirement. Marriage, education, occupation, home ownership--these variables predict their future. Possession of all four indicates retirement security, and absence of any increases risk of old-age poverty. This riveting sociological study also examines the social relations and structures that will determine the retirement experience, options, and

decisions for more than 40 million Baby Boom women. These women's material base and social status are examined through the use of empirical data, and the key predictors of their retirement are identified. The massive entry of Baby Boom women into the labor force increases the importance of retirement planning for working women. It comes at a time when existing research models and data are outdated and inadequate to effectively predict their future retirement experience. Over the past 30 years, American men and their spouses have benefited from the linear, undifferentiated model of the traditional male retirement. For the Baby Boom generation, however, the nature of work has changed significantly. The current retirement model may not serve Baby Boom men as well as in the past, let alone Baby Boom women. In contrast, this book offers a new, dynamic model that considers the social and work structures influencing women's lives and that accurately reflects the predictors and parameters of Baby Boom women's retirement. Presents an overview of American history and society during the postwar "baby boom" period, covering population, education, economics, culture, politics, the Cold War, television, and technology. This engaging collection of essays explores the many ways Americans of every race, class, gender, and political leaning experienced the Baby Boom. * Separate chapter of primary documents offering insight into the thoughts and experiences of everyday Americans, including excerpts from Dr. Benjamin Spock's *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*, magazine advertisements, and major social movements of the 1960s * A comprehensive chronology of events during the Baby Boom, tracing the generation from 1945 to the present * Testimonies and oral histories from individuals of the Baby Boom generation Examines the economic record, from the educational system to the labor market, the housing market, and the social security system, to

determine whether the baby boom generation has been a major driving force behind the economic. *Baby Boom or Bust* is a mostly chronological, frequently irreverent memoir that crosses six notable decades. Baby boomers were borne of The Silent Generation, a large group of prolific breeders between the baby boomer and Greatest Generation eras. Following World War II, America evolved at seemingly exponential rates in critical areas such as technology, transportation, and infrastructure. The entire kingdom was ultimately handed off to baby boomers whether they were prepared or not. The Silent Generation is most remembered for a strong work ethic and dedication to family, career, and success. Baby boomers were the original slackers, chock full of idealism and rebellion. Almost everything in society changed as they grew up. This story must be told from the twisted perspective of someone who lived through it. Why not me? Someone HAD to write it. This work archives an adventurous, often out-of-the-ordinary childhood in the heartland of America during the 1950s and 1960s, entry into the workforce during the turbulent decade of the 1970s, and ultimately tackles significant (but generally entertaining) career challenges. Boomers like me often risked it all, across the globe and into a new century. Baby boomers are widely known within contexts of what they invented, exploited, or enhanced. It was the generation of sex, drugs and rock & roll. Chapters are segregated into those three general categories, with emphasis on rock & roll. Along the way are colorful and occasionally famous characters, well-known places, and half a century of tawdry escapades. The story is part *Forrest Gump* and part *Private Parts*. Many colorful adventures may be unique to the author but are easily relatable to most boomers who grew up during the same decades. That generation turned out to be more pivotal in societal evolution than anyone imagined. A concise, irreverent chronicle of the most important parts of the journey

is long overdue. Examines the baby-boom generation whose great expectations helped transform American society A portrait of the baby boom generation celebrates the bad trips, questionable politics, and outrageous styles of the author and his generation while analyzing how the boom shaped contemporary America. There are so many issues concerning baby boomers today it's hard to know where to start. This ebook is going to help you to understand baby boomers and why they are having problems and issues unlike other americans and where they are now, and where they are headed. From Davy Crockett hats and Barbie dolls to the civil-rights movement and the sexual revolution, the concerns of the baby-boomers became predominant themes for all of society. The first Canadian history of a legendary generation. The New York Times–bestselling author looks at the sixties generation, and how he and his seventy-five million accomplices made America what it is today. A onetime editor-in-chief of National Lampoon who also spent years reporting for Rolling Stone and The Atlantic Monthly, P. J. O'Rourke is known as a conservative-minded political humorist and author of such bestsellers as Parliament of Whores. Not everyone knows that he was once a dedicated Marxist hippie type—living up to every stereotype of his postwar generation. In this book, at once a social history and a personal memoir (albeit with some impaired memory involved), he explores, with both fiercely biting wit and fondness, the mess that the baby boomers made, and the impact they've had on our world. "Dry wit that makes every chapter a delight . . . As a cultural analyst, O'Rourke's ability and willingness to simultaneously lampoon and celebrate himself and his generation are unequalled." —Publishers Weekly "A terrific American memoir, in tone a beguiling mix of Jean Shepherd and Animal House." —Christopher Buckley, author of Boomsday "Simultaneously hilarious and brainy . . . holds a

cracked magnifying glass up to the generation of Americans born between the end of World War II and the early 1960s. Sifting through demographic and economic data and combining the results with generous portions of personal memories, O'Rourke finds much to deplore in the boomer character, but even more to cherish and celebrate." —Chicago Tribune "A comedic and caustic cautionary tale for future generations—and, for those of us who are Boomers, a nostalgic and hilarious diversion." —NPR

The Boomers are the generation that changed everything, from economics to politics to popular culture. This book examines the myriad ways and long-reaching consequences of the now fully "grown up" Baby Boomer generation on America. □ Supplies comprehensive, critical analysis of the legacy of the Boomer Generation that examines the benefits and drawbacks of the enormous changes this generation of Americans instituted □ Presents accessible but rigorous, scholarly analysis from a broad range of experts in multiple fields □ Spotlights the ways in which pop culture at large has responded to the Boomers' influence or example—sometimes in vehement opposition and at other times with imitation or flattery Argues that the baby boomer generation have thrived at the expense of their children. This book offers an account of intergenerational relations in Britain. It is suitable for parents and policymakers alike. Between 1965 and 1985, the Western world and the United States in particular experienced a staggering amount of social and economic change. In *Birth Quake*, Diane J. Macunovich argues that the common thread underlying all these changes was the post-World War II baby boom—in particular, the passage of the baby boomers into young adulthood. Macunovich focuses on the pervasive effects of changes in "relative cohort size," the ratio of young to middle-aged adults, as masses of young people tried to achieve the standard of living to which they had become accustomed in

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