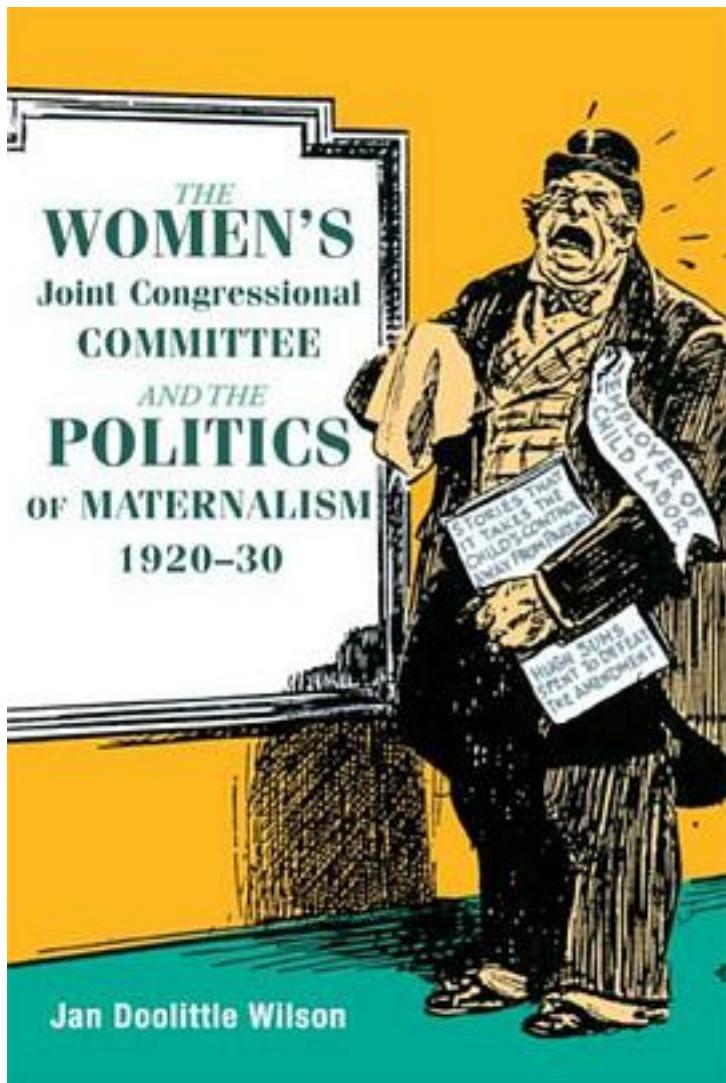


# The Women's Joint Congressional Committee and the Politics of Maternalism, 1920-30



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