The Hidden Life of Girls: Games of Stance, Status, and Exclusion
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DESCRIPTION

Winner of the Best Book of 2008 from The International Gender and Language Association

In this ground-breaking ethnography of girls on a playground, Goodwin offers a window into their complex social worlds.

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- Examines the stances that girls on a playground in a multicultural school setting assume and shows how they position themselves in their peer groups
- Documents the language practices and degradation rituals used to sanction friends and to bully others
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