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Pestisation, Women and Misuse of the Law - Holen - Jief - 2004-08-02

This is an examination, from a feminist historian's standpoint, of the background to the present system of registering and investigating Britain in the 1950s. It demonstrates that the legal system has been integral to the development of the modern system of pestisation and that the penalty meted out to those found guilty is lenient. The book also raises the question of the level of law enforcement and the legal and political consequences of pestisation. It questions the belief that pestisation is a necessary and beneficial means of controlling insects. The book shows that pestisation is a form of social control that has been used to reinforce the power of the state and the dominance of the British class system. It also challenges the belief that pestisation is a form of social control that has been used to reinforce the power of the state and the dominance of the British class system.


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