Advance Praise for

DEFINING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

“This is a remarkable and fascinating work of exploration and discovery. . . The ‘sexual misconduct’ discourse as explicated here recognizes women as outspeakers of their experience of sexual misconduct. We can learn in and from this book how ‘sexual misconduct’ as a discursive initiative of social media has piece by piece concluded in establishing women’s right to be heard when we speak out of our experience of sexual subjugation. In sum, this book is an exceptionally fine historical study, a model for future explorations of the power of social media.” —DOROTHY E. SMITH, author of Institutional Ethnography: A Sociology for People

“An incredibly nuanced, essential, and important multidisciplinary analysis of the social, cultural, political, and personal aspects of sexual misconduct . . . I have no doubt that this will be the authoritative text on sexual misconduct for many years to come.” —SUSAN FOWLER, author of Whistleblower: My Unlikely Journey to Silicon Valley and Speaking Out Against Injustice

“Defining Sexual Misconduct is essential to understanding the origins of a movement and the many barriers that survivors of sexual violence face when their stories are used as political and media fodder. This book is required reading for anyone who wants to understand how far we have come in recognizing the prevalence of sexual misconduct, and how much work is still left to do in the fight for justice.” —ALYSSA MILANO, actress, author, producer, and activist

“Students will greatly benefit from reading this [book]. . . Scholars will benefit from this investigation and theorization of the emergence of ‘sexual misconduct.’ Among its many contributions, it helps to nuance the claims of social media as a ‘democratic’ space, considering for example, the role of technology, big business and black box algorithms in determining whose perspectives are privileged. The analysis of the complexity of agency and responsibilization is brilliant . . .” —UMMNI KHAN, author of Vicarious Kinks: Sadomasochism in the Socio-Legal Imaginary
“This book really helps to illuminate and clarify the potential harms that can be done in the absence of sexual consent. By walking us through well-known examples from news reports, the authors make us think about the challenges survivors face when disclosing, how hard it is to hold abusers accountable, and the complexities and ambiguities of sexual consent and sexual agency—and the role played by the media, both social and traditional.” —DA N SAVAGE, author of Savage Love and Skipping Towards Gomorrah

“A serious advance . . . in research. This is the first book I have seen tracing media development of the term ‘sexual misconduct’ . . . It’s timely and important.” —TRAC Y EVERBACH, co-author of Mediating Misogyn y: Gender, Technology and Harassment
This book is dedicated to silence breakers everywhere—in recognition of their courage.

And for the very important small humans in our lives: Jonathan, Samuel, Matthew, Owen, Benjamin, Lukas, Rosemary, Tegan, Nathaniel, and Leopold—in hopes that you come of age in a better world.

Teach your children well.
—CROSBY, STILLS, NASH & YOUNG