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- "Grillo has begun a new chapter in African women's, gender and sexuality studies.... Among its many achievements, *An Intimate Rebuke* is a long overdue phenomenology of embodied ethics, ontology and political thought. Grillo has gifted the field with a substantive intervention, a new narrative of the matri-archive that cannot be ignored in the future of African studies and African diaspora studies as well."

- **Dianne M. Stewart**, *Emory University*

- "[*An Intimate Rebuke*] leaves the reader breathless with its erudition, relevance, and scope.... The complex world of the Mothers' invention will no doubt continue to reward inquiries as brilliant, pathbreaking, and profound as Laura Grillo's by generating further knowledge and questions for decades to come."

- **Joseph Hellweg**, *Florida State University*

- "If any scholar is tempted to underrate the power of ritual in influencing politics, governance, and the state, this book offers an effective antidote. Grillo shows how women produce efficacious rituals that challenge the patriarchy in a variety of social domains."

- **Jacob K. Olupona**, *Harvard University*

- "Beyond the eloquent rendering of the central ethnographic account, Grillo offers us a radical rethinking of those theoretical constructs and categories that have been so dominant in the contemporary and critical study of religions, such that the Global South becomes a compelling source and site of critical intervention and conceptual/political innovation. .... *An Intimate Rebuke* is a timely work of hope in troubled times and I would urge readers get a copy, read it, take it into your classrooms, welcome it into your homes and communities."

- **Sian Melvill Hawthorne**, *SOAS University of London*

"*An Intimate Rebuke* develops a highly innovative and critical theoretical approach, and it carefully navigates the methodological challenges inherent to a project like this. Truly multidisciplinary in its approach, the book builds on, and considerably expands, current debates in fields and disciplines as wide-ranging as African studies, anthropology, gender studies, postcolonial studies, religious studies, and ritual studies."

- **Adriaan van Klinken**, *University of Leeds*