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Australians watched in amazement as the Anglican Church tied itself in legal and theological knots over the ordination of women in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Since 1992 more than 500 women have been ordained as priests and some have gone on to become bishops, despite trenchant opposition from the Diocese of Sydney.

In this book, key supporters of women's ordination, including church leaders and decision-makers, campaigners and women at the centre of the debate recount the power plays and passion of the controversy and examine its impact on and beyond the Anglican Church. With women among its leadership, the Anglican Church now looks and sounds very different. But are these hard-won changes fundamental or only cosmetic?

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