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Markets have become a fashionable topic of conversation both in public and academic discourse. While public attention perhaps has focused on financial markets in particular as a result of the turmoil in these markets in recent years, academics of many different disciplines have shown an interest in a wide variety of market contexts and organizing issues. In this book we emphasize the organizing of ‘concerned markets’. We present a collection of ten chapters that cover a variety of highly topical ‘concerned’ market settings, such as health care, education and environmental markets, but which share one key similarity: they are all based on rich empirical material illustrating powerfully the many conflicts of values and interests inherent in these markets.

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