Contents

Acknowledgments ix

- 1 Situating Anti-Victim Discourse 1
- 2 Shaming the Victim: The Anti-Victimist Campaign 20
- 3 Victims on a Pedestal: Anti-"Victim Feminism" and Women's Oppression 47
- 4 Blue Lester: Two Faces of Victimhood 79
- 5 Therapeutics of Blame: Blaming Victims and Victims as Blamers 109
- 6 9-1-1: The Nation as Victim 144

Epilogue 169

Notes 181

Index 233