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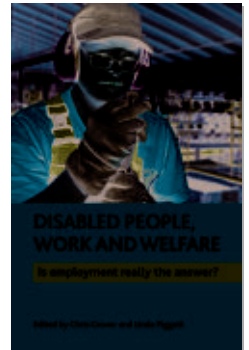
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“Grover and Piggott offer a compelling challenge to those who view paid work as the only route out of poverty for disabled people. Their book should be essential reading for scholars of disability studies and social policy, and for policy makers interested in supporting disabled people.”

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This is the first book to challenge the concept of paid work for disabled people as a means to 'independence' and 'self-determination'. Recent attempts in many countries to increase the employment rates of disabled people have actually led to an erosion of financial support for many workless disabled people and their increasing stigmatisation as 'scroungers'. Led by the disability movement's concern with the employment choices faced by disabled people, this controversial book uses sociological and philosophical approaches, as well as international examples, to critically engage with possible alternatives to paid work. Essential reading for students, practitioners, activists and anyone interested in relationships between work, welfare and disability.

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