**Chapter Summary**

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Chapter 13: Feminism and Care Ethics

The opening of Chapter 13 introduces caring as an important moral value that may at times be at odds with justice. This conflict is evidenced in women’s experiences, which spurred feminist ethics (as described in optional §II). Feminist ethics has helped distinguish the justice and care perspectives, with the latter leading to the particularist theory of care ethics based upon interpersonal relationships. §III introduces care ethics, which is then elaborated in §IV. §V explores some problems with care ethics, nature vs nurture, exploitative relationships, the effects of prioritizing relationships, and the problem of reconciling caring with justice. The succeeding optional section compares care and virtue ethics, shows how they are distinct, and considers deriving one from the other. The final optional section looks at the beginnings of feminism’s fourth wave, its key concept of intersectionality, and some implications of this wave for care ethics.