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This book, which "grew out of" the author’s 1983-86 dissertation, presents some hard-to-find demographic data about working women in Bahrain (although the data are a little dated at this point). The author begins by describing how Bahrain came to import foreign labor. She then suggests that one way to decrease the number of foreign workers in the country would be to bring more Bahraini women into the workforce to replace foreign workers. The latter part of the book, chapters 4-7, present the outline of a plan how this could be accomplished through developing day care systems and improving education and vocational training for women. Personally, I wasn’t completely convinced that the system of day care development that she advocates would be appropriate for the situation in the Gulf. The book was written before Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait, so it is mildly interesting in a historical aspect in that a reader can garner a flavor of pre-invasion attitudes within Gulf society concerning gender and the role of government.

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