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There are good reasons to believe that grandparents figure more prominently in family life than ever before. Grandparents are often still alive when grandchildren arrive and share a long period of time with grandchildren. Yet, little is known about grandparent - grandchild relationships in the Netherlands. Are today's grandparents really important in family life more than before? Does the extended period of shared time also mean continuation of the relationship into the grandchild's adulthood? And what happens to the relationship when grandchildren move out of the parental home and take up adult roles? Do childcare activities of grandparents affect support received from children later in life? These questions are central in this study, and the theoretical framework accompanying these questions advances our understanding of grandparent - grandchild relationships. This book thereby sheds light on the position of the intergenerational relationship in contemporary families in terms of connectedness and care-potential.

Grandparent - Grandchild Relationships in the Netherlands

# GRANDPARENT - GRANDCHILD RELATIONSHIPS IN THE NETHERLANDS

A Dynamic and Multigenerational Perspective



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