

# **Holding Space by Anna Bunting-Branch**

## **Glossary**

### **Childless**

Being without children, by choice or by circumstance. Some people prefer the term "childfree", which frames the experience in more positive terms.

### **Climate Emotions**

Feelings stirred up by the climate emergency, which can range from anger, anxiety and despair to gratitude and empowerment.

### **Counternarrative**

An alternative account that challenges an existing story.

### **Environment**

The surroundings that create the conditions in which we live, which shape how we think and feel. The natural, built, and imaginative worlds that we inhabit.

### **Extraction**

The act of removal. As in the extraction of natural resources.

### **Fertile**

Producing or capable of producing an abundance of feelings, ideas, and/or new life.

### **Futurity**

Future time.

### **Generative**

The ability or condition of originating, creating, or producing.

### **Inspiration**

To breath in. Also, to be moved to act by a feeling or idea.

### **Pronatalism**

Ideology promoting reproduction as a central objective of human life. Policies and practices that aim to increase birth rates.

### **Reproductive Justice**

Activist movement founded by Black women in the United States, founded on the belief in fundamental human rights: the right to have children; the right to not have children and; the right to nurture the children we have in a safe and healthy environment.

### **Reproductive labour**

Care giving and domestic work (often unpaid) that sustains human life.

**Reproductive refusal**

Commitment not to bring children into the world for personal and/or political reasons.

**Social reproduction**

The maintenance and continuation of existing social structures, systems and relations.