**Synopsis**

The most comprehensive research-based text on family violence “now more accessible and visually inviting than ever before” Streamlined and updated throughout with state-of-the-art information, this Third Edition of the authors’ bestselling book gives readers an accessible introduction to the methodology, etiology, prevalence, treatment, and prevention of family violence. Research from experts in the fields of psychology, sociology, criminology, and social welfare informs the book’s broad coverage of current viewpoints and debates within the field. Organized chronologically, chapters cover child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; abused and abusive adolescents; courtship violence and date rape; spouse abuse, battered women, and batterers; and elder abuse.

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**Customer Reviews**

This was purchased for a social work summer class at my university. It will keep you reading. The information is invaluable and statistics are abundant. An ideal addition to my library for future reference. But, as I said, it will keep you busy reading in a ten week summer course. I recommend using it for a full semester course.

PLEASE! IF YOU ARE READING THIS AND YOU ARE IN ANYWAY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MATERIAL CHOSEN TO BE USED AS COURSE MATERIAL, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT USE THIS BOOK.I can’t believe there are so many people giving this book 4 or 5 stars. It is so
over saturated with contradicting statistics and uses such extremely overly complicated words that I don’t even understand half of it. Another issue making the text near impossible to read is that every other sentence has a huge reference placed after it. What ever happened to putting the references at the bottom of the page or end of the book. Please do not think I am just a idiot who does not understand how college textbooks look. I already have two degrees and am working on my third and forth. I am kind of a college junkie who just can’t get enough knowledge in my head. However, out of the literally hundreds of text books I have read this one ranks up in the top 5 of my most worthless reads.

The description said it was in "good" shape. I would say it is fair. Highlighting on almost every page and pages are turned in. The description also said like new. Now that is a complete lie. It was priced adequately. however, the description should be fair to the buyer. I was disappointed.

mostly stats, boring to most incl. the instructor of the course the book was used for! done done done well?

Family Violence Across the Lifespan is a Sage book (Sage publishes peer reviewed text-book quality books) and as such it is not for an evening of fireside reading purely for enjoyment (Unless you are me), it is a serious compilation of current, diverse and multicultural domestic violence data that links to pioneering landmark research, with a focus of progressive learning. If you are an undergraduate or graduate Student, a Professional in the field desiring to stay up to date or a progressive learner, this book will be an excellent resource. The research is gathered by experts from experts in the field, via studies and meta-analyses of data and it is cross referenced with nationally accepted standards, information gathering systems and scientific tools of the behavioral health profession. A few examples include the MCTS Scale (The Modified Tactics Scale) and NIBRIS (National Incident Based Reporting System used by law enforcement to track violence incidents. The behavior of domestic violence falls into a range of degrees, and types of abuse, with a complicated array of underlying dynamics of the abusers, abuse-EEs and those who experience the abuse as secondary victims. The entire family dynamic is affected as family systems theorists explain; affecting families across the lifespan. This would be a great addition to libraries of domestic violence related service providers, Trainer’s and Speakers.

Although I am only into the second chapter of this textbook, I have been quite disappointed and
distracted by the way it has been written and edited. I have to admit I am a stickler for grammar and word usage, but the convoluted/inappropriate wordage, errors, and tense changes would make it difficult for anyone to read. Chocked full of information so far and there are paragraphs that do flow coherently. Unfortunately, I become so distracted trying to figure out what they actually meant to say at times, that I was tempted to underline the errors instead of paying attention to the main points.

Having grown up in a family which had violence I was appalled with what was in this book. This is why victims have been set back decades because people who have no business writing books. Its sad that money is more important rather than truth and fact. This book is more about blame rather than why and how. There are far better books written about the subject. When people write books for a personal agenda or for their own hate of a sex it sends the wrong message to the reader. I sent the book back and demanded a refund. When a person lives in their own world and wants to validate that life they just write a book which they think now means what they did was correct. When a book is written based on a single side, sex or experience it does not have the value needed to form a neutral overall image. These are all the faults of this book and why it made no sense to me or other family members who were devastated by violence in our family. What needs to be in the book is people who changed and won the battle. People from both sides and sexes not just one sided stories and accounts of a few. Having lived this kind of life I could not go along with what was written and the fact that is appeared more made up rather than factual. This book feeds hate for one sex and why one should stay abused. That itself is a crime.

Really good book. It covers pretty much everything, and I like the way it is written. Only thing is that it’s a bit old. I don’t know if there is a new edition, if there is, I highly recommend.

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