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for divorce, custody, child support, or alimony, for example, the way that the case is resolved may be influenced by the domestic violence world. Separately, as a citizen and a taxpayer, this book is important for understanding the extent to which the law is working to protect victims of domestic violence. (Short answer: not very well, despite the fact that advocates for domestic violence victims have pretty much gotten everything that they've asked for.) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's a must read for thinking about what we could be doing better in this critical field. By Richard Barth This is an important analysis of where the service and policy design to reduce intimate partner violence should go forward, toward a less coercive, more empowering for women, more helpful to men, approach. It's a must read for thinking about what we could be doing better in this critical field. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Rochelle66 Sad reality but great read that keeps your attention.

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