

Child Maltreatment Law: Foundations in Science, Practice and Policy (Law Casebook Series)

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[Levesque's] book is well-written and the cases closely edited. It successfully combines key social science findings with law and policy. -- Bimonthly of Law Books, Jan/Feb 2003
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