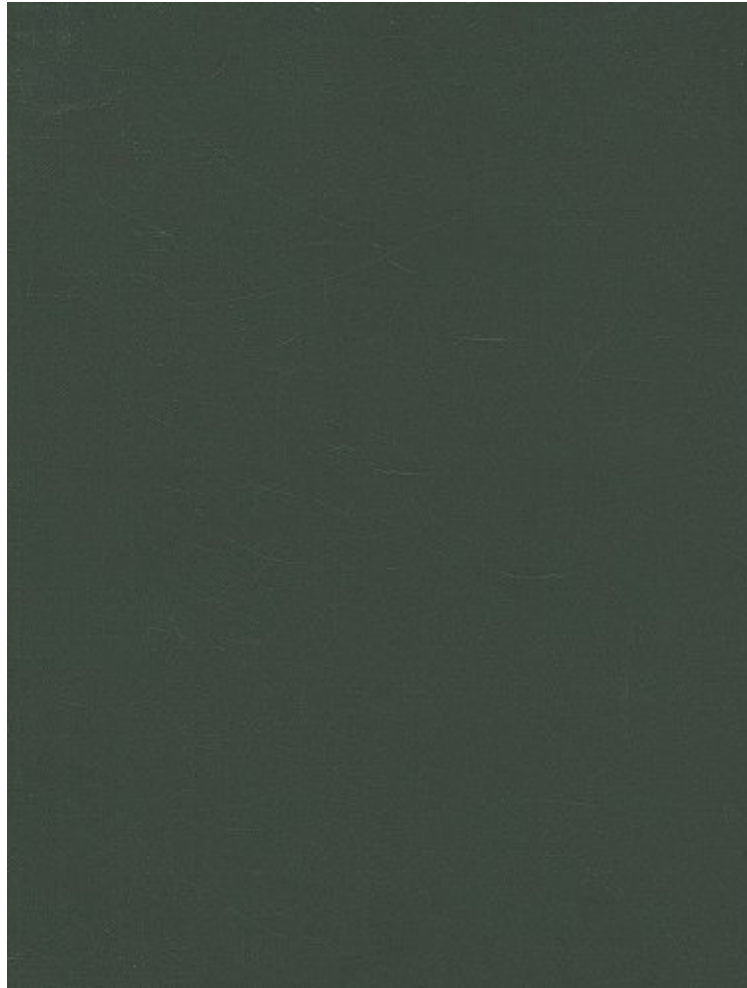


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issues that may arise. There is an emphasis on the specific legal and procedural framework that operates within England and Wales, yet readers from other jurisdictions will still find much that is relevant. Part Two examines the issue of child maltreatment and its consequences, and includes chapters on definitions of the various forms of child abuse and neglect, the special vulnerabilities of disabled children and a discussion of both physical and psychological harm. The controversial issue of ritual abuse is also given a brief mention. Part Three goes on to consider the question of when and why abuse and neglect occurs, appropriate responses and associated external factors. It also includes chapters discussing the issues of parental mental illness and substance abuse, parents with learning difficulties, domestic violence and the effects of poverty and social exclusion. In Part Four, the problems and dilemmas facing the child-protection system are discussed, including the real-world restraints that can limit professionals' ability to detect and respond effectively to every incidence of child abuse. The author courageously questions some of the assumptions inherent within the current child-protection system and argues that an acknowledgement of its actual limitations may be a pre-requisite for the development of what he refers to as "an environment that is conducive to strong, imaginative, constructive child protection work" (p. 212). Each chapter includes reflective exercises based on actual case histories to encourage the reader to relate the text to the real-life situations that might be encountered in their own professional practice, and concludes with a useful bullet-point summary of the main learning points. The book is written in a clear and engaging style throughout and would certainly provide a thought-provoking reference point for anyone involved in the challenging field of child protection.

Praise for the First Edition: "All readers will be drawn to the style of the book as well as its content. The structure will make sure that it is not just a "one-off", being read as part of a course of study, but a book which is used frequently as a source of reference - Child Abuse Review The Second Edition of this best-selling textbook provides students and practitioners with a broad introduction to, and critical analysis of, the complex issues involved in child protection work. Chris Beckett's approachable style presents these issues in a clear and engaging way, all the time encouraging reflection and debate through such features as case examples and interactive exercises. The book is fully comprehensive, considering key topics such as: the consequences for children of abuse and neglect; the reasons why some adults abuse and neglect children; the personal challenges involved in doing child protection work; and the organizational framework within which child protection work takes place. Other key features of this thoroughly revised Second Edition include: " Fully updated content: the book has been revised to incorporate new literature, research, legal and policy developments, including the recent Working Together guidelines " Two new chapters: these comprise a chapter on families where there is domestic violence, and a chapter on promoting strategies for bringing about change " Interprofessional appeal: the author addresses the book to all the professionals involved in child protection work, ensuring wide interdisciplinary appeal The new edition of this highly successful textbook will be required reading for students studying social work and allied subjects, and an essential resource for all professionals involved in child protection work. Chris Beckett is based at the Division of Social Work and Social Policy, Anglia Ruskin University. He is the author of three best-selling Sage textbooks: Human Growth and Development; Values and Ethics in Social Work (with Andrew Maynard); Essential Theory for Social Work Practice. Find out more about Chris Beckett at the Anglia Ruskin University website

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