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Violence against women is a global problem and despite a wealth of knowledge and inspiring action around the globe, it continues unabated. Bringing together the very best in international scholarship with a rich variety of pedagogical features, this innovative new textbook on violence against women is specifically designed to provoke debate, interrogate assumptions, and encourage critical thinking about this global issue.

This book presents a range of critical reflections on the strengths and limitations of responses to violent crimes against women and how they have evolved to date. Each section is introduced with an overview of a particular topic by an expert in the field, followed by thoughtful reflections by researchers, practitioners, or advocates that incorporate new research findings, a new initiative, or innovative ideas for reform. Themes covered include:

- advances in measurement of violence against women;
- justice system responses to intimate partner violence and sexual assault;
- victim crisis and advocacy;
- behavior change programs for abusers; and
- prevention of violence against women.

Each section is supplemented with learning objectives, critical thinking questions, and lists of further reading and resources to encourage discussion and to help students to appreciate the contested nature of policy. The innovative structure will bring debate alive in the classroom or seminar and makes the book perfect reading for courses on violence against women, gender and crime, victimology, and crime prevention.

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“This is a timely and extremely valuable edited collection on violence against women (VAW). The contributions provide insight into and promote debate about many of the assumptions underlying responses to VAW, as well as outlining some inspiring approaches for tackling [it]. The collection’s innovative structure, including learning objectives, questions, and readings for each section, make it essential for all courses and people interested in violence against women.”

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“Violence against women is a universal and now recognized problem, as this volume attests. For over three decades research has addressed some key forms of violence women face around the globe. I recommend that in the first instance young scholars start here with this volume, and think creatively about how to move forward our initiatives and challenges to violence against women. In this volume researchers share their insight, the state of the art in thinking about confronting violence against women.”

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Abbreviations

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AFL	Australian Football League
AIAN	American Indian and Alaskan Native
ALRC/NSWLRC	Australian Law Reform Commission and New South Wales Law Reform Commission
ATSWTFV	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Taskforce on Violence (Queensland, Australia)
BJS	Bureau of Justice Statistics (US)
BME	black and minority ethnic
CAADA	Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (UK)
CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (UK)
CBIM	Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) program
CBT	cognitive behavioral therapy
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Against Women
CIFSR	Culturally Integrative Family Safety Response
CJS	criminal justice system
CMC	Crime and Misconduct Commission (Queensland, Australia)
CORT	Coordinated Organization Response Team (MRCSSI, London ON, Canada)
CTS	Conflict Tactics Scales
DAIP	Duluth Abuse Intervention Program
DHS	Demographic and Health Surveys
DV	domestic violence
DVC	domestic violence court
DVO	domestic violence order
DVPP	domestic violence perpetrator program
EC	European Commission
EHRC	Equality and Human Rights Commission (UK)

EO	exclusion order
ESM	experience sampling methods
EU	European Union
EVAW	End Violence Against Women Coalition (UK)
FAST	Four Aspects Screening Tool (MRCSSI, London ON, Canada)
FRA	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
GLA	Greater London Authority (UK)
IAFN	International Association of Forensic Nurses
IMAGES	International Men and Gender Equality Survey
IPSA	intimate partner sexual assault cases
IPV	intimate partner violence
IRIS	Identification and Referral to Improve Safety program (UK)
ISS	integrated support services
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (UK)
MOST	Men of Strength (MOST) program
MRCSSI	Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (London ON, Canada)
MVP	Mentors in Violence Prevention
NCRVAWC	National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children (Australia)
NCS	National Crime Survey
NCVS	National Crime Victimization Survey
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIJ	National Institute of Justice (US)
NISVS	National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey
NOU	Norges offentlige utredninger (Norway)
NTDPP	Northern Territory Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Australia)
NVAWS	National Violence Against Women Survey
NWS	National Women's Study
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (US)
OWP	Office of Women's Policy (Queensland, Australia)
PAR	Partner Assault Response (PAR) program
PB	police ban
PFVO	police family violence order (Australia)
PO	protection order
PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
RDD	random digit dialing
SANE	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
SCREAM	Students Challenging Realities and Educating Against Myths (SCREAM) Theater

SEEDS	Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety
SES	Sexual Experiences Survey
SIP	Safe Integration Program (MRCSSI, London ON, Canada)
SV	sexual violence
TBP	Towards Better Practice (Australian Study)
TRO	temporary restraining order
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
US	United States
VAW	violence against women
VAWA	Violence Against Women Act (US)
VAWG	violence against women and girls
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government (UK)
WHO	World Health Organization
WNC	Women's National Commission (UK)
WWD	women with disabilities

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