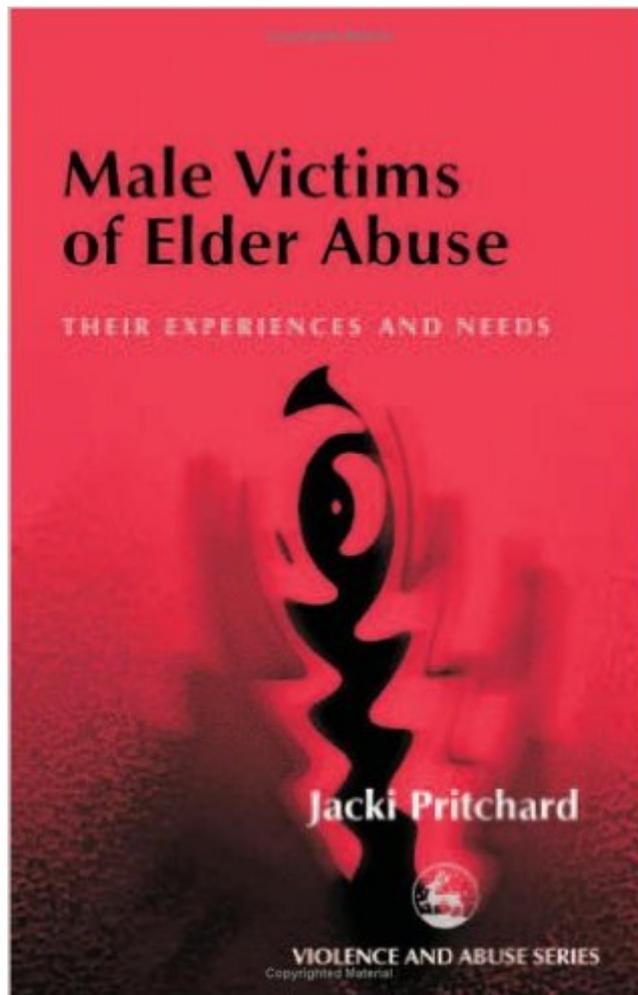


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# Male Victims Of Elder Abuse: Their Experiences And Needs (Violence And Abuse Series)



## Synopsis

Older men may, like older women, be victims of abuse - yet there has been little in either research or service provision to reflect this. Drawing on in-depth interviews with twelve older men who have experienced abuse, Jacki Pritchard presents much-needed practical guidance for care professionals, managers and policy makers working with this group. She describes the different kinds of abuse experienced by the men, which can include not only financial, physical, emotional and sexual abuse, but also physical and emotional neglect, and goes on to establish in detail the needs of older male victims of abuse and how they should be addressed. As well as having their emotional needs and their need for support over past abuse met, the men need a physical place of safety, medical care and the cultural awareness and continuous support of professional carers. This book presents clear guidelines for both the initial assessment of need and for good practice in the long term. It will enable all those working with older people to understand better the phenomenon of the abuse of older men and to apply this understanding to effective service provision. This new series forms a set of accessible books for practitioners, managers and policy makers working in social and health care, probation and criminology. Each book draws on a key piece of research or current practice relating to violence and abuse to give practical guidance on new ways of working with both victims and perpetrators to bring about positive change.

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The author isn't really trying to say older men are abused more than their female counterparts. She

just did a survey with lots of people and was able to extract a lot of info on male elder abuse. She also got to talk to these men and their care providers. She really wants to challenge the idea that elder men are only abused when their caretaking wives or daughters are frustrated or are having a bad day. She also says if you include financial abuse as elder abuse that numbers for older males will go up. Remember, this is a British study and not an American one. With their socialist health care and smaller population, things may not necessarily translate across the pond. She stated that older men were willing to speak of abuse; they didn't hide or work to make sure they always looked in control. However, she said older men are more resigned to the abuse and just take it as their fate in life. Sometimes this was a dry study with pie graphs and such. However, I appreciate that she gave real examples of abuse. One son broke his father's arm. One man was forced to stay in just one room and never watch TV. Several men were never fed or given fresh clothing. Some had gangrene or skin illnesses because no one would properly wash them, etc. She said social workers, cops, relatives, and the abused elders themselves really need to work together, but too often it doesn't happen.

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