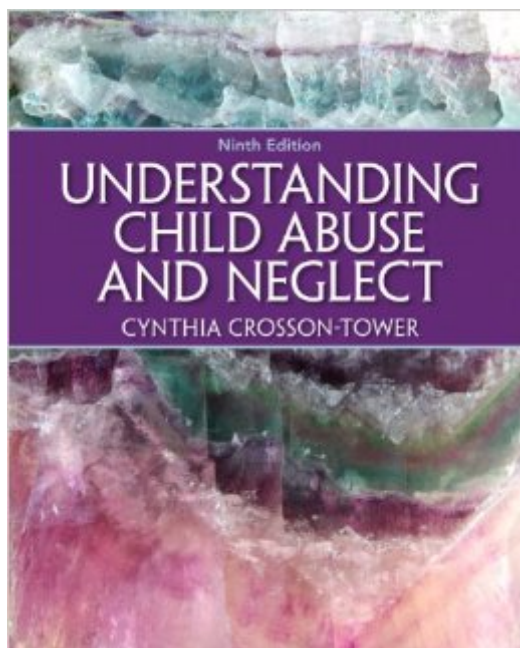


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# Understanding Child Abuse And Neglect (9th Edition)



## Synopsis

A comprehensive look at child maltreatment.   Â   Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect, 9/e provides a comprehensive look at childrenâ€™s services.Â This titleÂ explains case management procedures and focuses on how various professionals become involved in the child protection process and in turn how treatment is undertaken. This title concludes with an overview of functional and dysfunctional families, and contrasts healthy child development with development hampered by abuse.   Â   Learning Goals   Upon completing this book, readers will be able to: Be familiar with the full range of services for children from the least intrusive to the most comprehensive. Understand the effect that various services will have on children and families. Have a sense of what it might be like to serve children in various agency settings.

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I agree that this is a very comprehensive text, presented in an easy-to-follow style. Chapters are logically laid out and interesting for the student of the subject. However, (and this is a big however) this edition does not seem to be very updated for practice in 2004. It also is very American, so the sections on law have less applicability for Canadian students. Some examples of dated information can be found on page 238, which talks of the use of anatomically correct dolls for child interviews. The use of these dolls (in Canadian child welfare anyway) peaked in the early 1990's. Dolls are generally seen in the field as leading and interviews that still use them would be questionable in court. Also on page 238, there are some interviewing tips that could be seen as somewhat leading.

Page 216, makes passing reference to the "emergence of ritual abuse". Ritual abuse actually emerged in the 1980's and early 1990's and is not accepted as widespread, as originally had been thought. The ritual abuse panic of that period is a bit of an embarrassment for the field. Since the late 1990's there has been a re-definition of practice in child protection (within Canada and in parts of the USA) that has re-focused child welfare on early intervention, early planning and permanency for children. This is in contrast to earlier attempts at family preservation at-all-costs and foster care drift. I think that this text book, although well written, has not been fully updated in this fifth edition. I see 1989 as the first edition date and 1993 as the second edition. I would hazard a guess that this text was very current in 1989 and 1993.

The book had all the answers that I was looking for, I liked how easy it was to maneuver around the book and how some of the things I needed to write about was either on the same page or on the next page when I needed it. I'm a criminal justice student and I had to have this book for exams and obvious reasons. I won't say I loved the book because whenever I stumbled across something difficult it was not in the book, some of the things were rephrased and written differently than on the assignment or exam. But I must say it was easy for me to pass the class using this book, the book didn't have much of a scent except for used-book smell and it smelled like someone had cleaned it off with Windex cleaner, which is okay because I'd rather it smell like a cleaner than cigarette smoke or something else. But the book was easy to read and there were index pages and chapter pages where the stuff I needed was located. Good luck to anyone who needs this book, hopefully its the right one and you can use it and have as great of luck as I had. You can learn a lot from this book even if you're not studying child abuse this is still something that you can just read to get an understanding about people and life. It's an advantage you can take a full opportunity on and hopefully learn new things without feeling left out of the world.

This is such an informative book. I am using for a class, and learning so much new information on the topic. This is a must have psychology book and I would recommend it for all people who work with children on a daily basis. This book gives information on what signs to look for as well as how to work with children who have been abused or neglected.

I rented this for a class as the required text. It has a lot of information in each chapter, so you may want to read it slow. Despite the sad nature and content of the book, it is extremely resourceful and a must read for those going into social work or education.

This purchase was a required text book for a Human Development course. I thought it summarized main ideas nicely, but also too frequently stated the obvious. I would find an alternative text rather than purchasing this book on my own to learn about child abuse and neglect.

Great book!! Lots of important material covered with tons of scenarios to better explain things. I was required to get this book for class and it was more than I expected, its hard to put down.

I bought this for a class and it worked well enough. It was informative as well as attention-grabbing, Worth the money.

Information is presented in a clear manner that's easy to understand. I'm only half-way through but so far it does not seem like the author gets into great depth or reviews specific treatment approaches for this population. Rather it seems it is a summary of the different types of child maltreatment and the theories behind why it occurs.

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