**Synopsis**

Violence in the home is one of the most damaging and widespread of social problems. It is an issue that cuts across all socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, gender, and age boundaries. This important book reviews the most current theoretical explanations of family violence and then links theory to practice. It looks at the systems and institutions that interact with families, which are mandated to provide protection and services, and explores the current debates surrounding family violence and public policy. In addition, Kurst-Swanger explores the role of power in abusive relationships and considers the short- and long-term consequences of abuse. This insightful book will be a practical resource for professionals and of interest to all those concerned with the far-reaching impact of family violence.

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This text provides detailed and sobering statistics on the prevalence of family violence in the home. This book is especially useful for social workers and counselors who provide direct services to families in crisis. I highly recommend this text for students and professionals who desire to understand the dynamics of family violence. You will be greatly informed.
As educators, we are seeing more elementary students displaying aggression that disrupts teaching and learning. Reading this book will enable us to intervention early and often.

This book was well written and imparted the information in a manner that was easily understood. The case vignettes at the beginning of each chapter were a helpful.

Great resource for the professional. Promotes academic as well as professional discussion about a topic that requires professional, political and social attention.

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