

Book Review: 'Female Sexual Offenders: Theory, Assessment and Treatment'

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Edited by Theresa A. Gannon and Franca Cortoni, this book presents the results of the latest research, clinical evaluation and treatment techniques of female sexual offenders into one volume. The opening chapters of this book provide a general context and background information covering issues such as the prevalence of sexual abuse of women-made, juvenile offenders and the current theoretical perspectives to explain this phenomenon. Subsequent chapters featuring essays practitioners who examine and evaluate strategies current assessment, treatment needs, effectiveness, processes for sexual offenders women, an assessment of the risk of recidivism, initiatives treatment of international and discussion of the latest research results on the use of polygraph with sex offenders women. The book concludes with a call to redouble our efforts, especially, gender-informed in research if we are to make significant progress in the knowledge of evaluation and treatment of female sexual offenders. This book opens the way for future practitioners and researchers in this field.

The book is divided into two main parts. In the first part, contextual and background information is presented (for example, the prevalence of sexual abuse of women, the theoretical explanation of sexual abuse of women, information about sexual offenders and female juvenile mental health do with female sexual offenders). In the second part, the information becomes more practical to study the assessment, treatment and service needs, issues the treatment process and the use of polygraph with female sexual offenders. Certain chapters have been chosen to be the main guide in providing ideas that are useful to researchers, policy makers and practitioners. The author hopes that the professionals who read this book will find the information contained useful for the future of their research, the generation of theory and for the implementation of evidence-based practice. The author believes that the contributions in this book draws us to the questions outlined earlier, namely the extent to which sexual offenders women equal to or different from sexual offenders man and the extent to which sexual offenders women equal to or different from women who offend non-sexual.

Chapter 2 was written by Jacqui Saradjian which examines the prevalence of sexual abuse of women committed and the impact of the abuse on the victim. She prevalence study examines various types of formal and informal as well as the main factors that limit the conclusions drawn from the study. In Chapter 3, Danielle Harris describes and assesses the typology and theoretical perspectives available to explain the abuse of women-made. In Chapter 4, Lisa Frey provides a comprehensive summary and assessment of the characteristics, research, assessment and treatment strategies available to juvenile female sexual offenders. Chapter 5 outlines the available evidence on the characteristics of the mental health of female sexual offenders.

Franca Cortoni in Chapter 6 provides the reader with important information on the risk assessment of recidivism among female sexual offenders. Hannah Ford in Chapter 7 presents the reader with a thorough assessment of the needs of potential treatment of female sexual offenders and compares each of the needs identified by the current knowledge about male sexual offenders. Kelley Blanchette and Kelly Taylor in Chapter 8 focuses on the treatment of various international initiatives that is available for female sexual offenders. Peggy Heil, Dominique Simons and David Burton in Chapter 9 presents the results of research critical for those who like to use the polygraph with female sexual offenders. Sherry Ashfield, Sheila Brotherston, Hilary Eldridge and Ian Elliot in Chapter 10 present some of their most valuable experience when having therapeutic work with female sexual offenders. The last chapter of this book which was written by Theresa Gannon, Mariamne Rose and Franca Cortoni that is about research and treatment of female sexual offenders are summarized. The last chapter concludes the book with a clear message, that we cannot take the easy way by adjusting male model informative and assessment to be used for female sexual offenders. By doing so could jeopardize the investigation against women sexual offenders and empirical treatment based on this population.

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