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Restorative Justice and Violence Against Women

Edited by James Ptacek

“Ptacek has tapped some of the most thoughtful scholars and activists to provide an explicitly feminist analysis of the use of RJ and other new anti-violence strategies in response to violence against women. The result is a book that demonstrates the importance of race, immigration status, and class in understanding women’s experiences of violence and in developing the responses that are necessary to stop the violence. This book is a must-read for violence against women scholars and activists, for community organizers concerned with broad issues of racial and gender justice, and for RJ proponents.”—Donna Coker, J.D., Professor of Law, University of Miami

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“This compelling book will inspire new thinking, new research, and new action for victims, offenders, and communities.”—Lisa Goodman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology, Boston College

Despite significant accomplishments over the past 35 years, antiviolenace activists know that justice for most abused women remains elusive. Most victims do not call the police or seek help from the courts, making it crucial to identify new ways for survivors to seek justice. These informal, dialogue-based practices, referred to as “restorative justice,” seek to decrease the role of the state in responding to crime, and increase the involvement of communities in meeting the needs of victims and offenders. Most commonly used to address youth crimes, restorative justice is generally not recommended for cases of rape, domestic violence, and child sexual abuse.

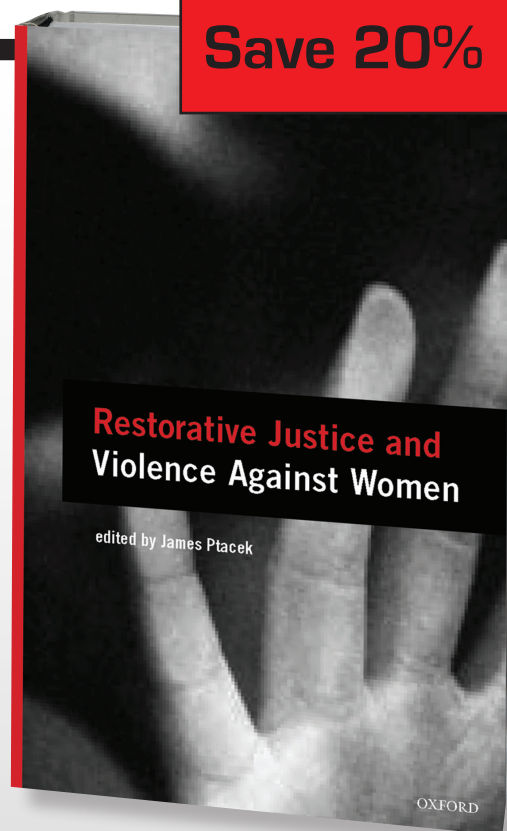
Restorative Justice and Violence Against Women considers both the dangers and potential benefits of using restorative justice in these cases of violence against women. The contributors include antiviolenace activists and scholars from the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, where restorative justice is beginning to be practiced. Their chapters introduce a wide range of perspectives, offering rich descriptions of new programs that combine restorative justice with feminist antiviolenace approaches. Advocates, community activists, and scholars will find the theoretical perspectives and vivid case descriptions presented here to be invaluable tools for creating new ways for abused women to find justice.

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