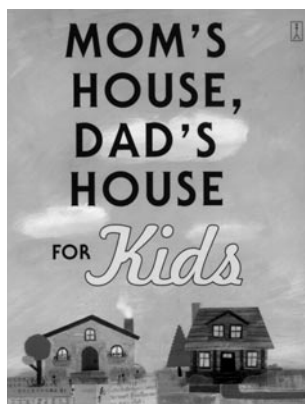


ROSLYN IRONS

The following selection of books on family-related topics are recent additions to the Institute's Library. They are available from the Institute's Library via the Inter Library Loan system, or for purchase from good bookshops. Prices are given as and when supplied.



Mom's house, dad's house for kids. (2006). Isolina Ricci. New York: Fireside.

This practical guide is the children's version of the classic work, *Mom's House, Dad's House*. It is written especially for children ten and older to read alone or with their parent/s or grandparent/s. The book provides useful tips on how children can deal with their parents' separation, divorce, moving homes or staying in more than one home, stepfamilies, family mediation and family law courts. It also includes examples of children's experiences and tips on how to deal with difficult situations, such as parent's dating, family fighting and domestic violence, and dealing with stepsiblings, as well as general hints on coping with change. The text speaks directly to children in language that they can understand. This resource would be helpful for people working directly with children from separated families. It is also a valuable addition to our general understanding of how children experience divorce or separation.



Working with children and people who sexually abuse. (2007). Martin C. Calder (Ed.). Lyme Regis: Russell House.

This book focuses on research, policy and practice dealing with

young people who sexually abuse. Topics covered include: diversity among those who exhibit sexually abusive behaviour; assessment, treatment and supervision of sexually abusive adolescents; personality disorders; rehabilitation, learning disabilities and special needs; risk assessment; attachment theory and its role in understanding young people who abuse; sexual abuse through new technologies; restorative justice; and recidivism. This resource will be helpful to those requiring up-to-date information on working with young sex offenders and those interested in new theories and practice in this field. The material has a US bias, but would have practical application for Australian purposes.



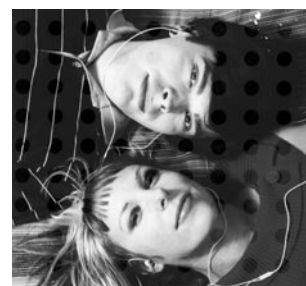
Men in relationships. (2006). Victoria Hilkvitch Beford and Barbara Formaniak Turner (Eds.). New York: Springer.

This book is an interdisciplinary study of men's interpersonal relationships. Sections are allocated to the different relationships men have with their spouses, brothers and friends, and their adult children. American experts in areas such as psychology (clinical and social), masculinities, communication and gender studies contributed to the book. The focus is on middle to old age and the book aims to link psychology and men's studies. The book's goal is to contextualise men's relationships within historical, cultural and demographic change. Most examples are American, with some reference to international cases. This resource is intended for tertiary students, but would also be ideal for those interested in masculinities.



Australian youth: Social and cultural issues. (2007). Pan Nilan, Roberta Julian and John Germov. French's Forest: Pearson Education Australia.

Young people in contemporary Australia are facing different challenges to past generations. This book explores youth as a constructed category in the broader context of historical and cultural specificity. It examines how young people negotiate issues, including culture and race, class and community, spirituality and religion, crime, work, education, sexuality, and health. The authors sympathetically present the experience of young people but also offer differing arguments to allow for a comprehensive understanding of the issues. This text is intended for university students in sociology, social work, social welfare, social psychology and secondary teaching. It should also be welcomed by those working with youth who need to understand the issues they face.



Family separation: A guide for teens. (2007). Canberra: Child Support Agency. Also available from: <http://www.youth.csa.gov.au>

This practical guide is the most recent in a series of booklets published by the Australian Government Child Support

Agency. It is a bright, eye-catching publication designed to help teenagers navigate difficulties surrounding parental divorce. It explores a range of responses and feelings that they might experience. It also discusses their rights, family law courts, parental conflict, living in two households, money, self-respect, communication, self-care, study, time management and personal safety. The guide is written in a direct style appealing to teenagers and includes contact details for agencies that can provide further assistance. It may also prove useful for psychologists, teachers, social workers and counsellors working with young people.



Living with mental illness: Attitudes, experiences and challenges. (2007). Sydney: Wesley Mission. Price: **Gratis.** Further information available from: http://www.wesleymission.org.au/news/research/mental_health/default.asp

A new approach to mental illness, requiring community-wide responses, is urgently needed if progress is going to be made towards establishing a more tolerant society. This new title from the Wesley Mission aims to raise awareness and debunk myths about mental illness in the community. It documents some of the current attitudes towards depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder uncovered through telephone surveys, focus group research, questionnaires and case study interviews. The experiences of living with a mental illness are explored through case studies and survey statistics. This title would be valuable to practitioners in the field, community organisations dealing with mental illness, and policy writers and researchers.



Growing up with risk. (2007). Betsy Thom, Rosemary Sales and Jenny J. Pearce (Eds.). Bristol: Policy Press.

Risk has always been a part of life, but recently there has been a move towards a "culture of caution". This book takes a critical look at how the policies, discourses and perspectives of risk management and assessment impact on children and young people. Each chapter presents a specific policy case study to explore themes of risk-taking. These include: new technologies, drugs, disabilities, sexual behaviour, alcohol and parenting. The child's voice is often omitted from policies on risk-taking and their perceptions filtered through an adult gaze. Children are often conceptualised as a threat, victims or investments, and this title aims to disrupt these categories by looking beyond moral panics to a balanced view on children and risk-taking. It will interest students, policy makers, researchers and practitioners.



Battle scars: Long-term effects of prior domestic violence. (2007). Ilsa Evans. Clayton, Vic.: Centre for Women's Studies and Gender Research, Monash University.

This report presents the long-term effects of domestic

Beyond the death of a child: Social impacts and economic costs of the death of a child. (2007).

Jon Stebbins and Trevor Batrouney. Canterbury: The Compassionate Friends. Price \$40.00. Further information available from: <http://www.compassionatefriendsvictoria.org.au>



This publication fills a gap in literature on child death. The bereavement process following the death of a child is unique and devastating. This report uses experiential knowledge practices to contribute to scholarly and clinical studies on bereavement. It is based on interview studies of people in self-help groups affiliated with the Compassionate Friends. The report explores the aftermath of a

child's death and its effects on financial, physical and psychological health. The combination of statistics, case studies, a literature review and direct quotes from grieving families, illustrates the various experiences of post-death life. This title will be interesting to those working with bereaved parents/families, social workers and psychologists, and to parents themselves.

violence on health, justice, financial security, child support, parenting, and the community. It offers an innovative perspective on post-recovery life, acknowledging that the notion of recovery is problematic and domestic violence survivors carry their experiences throughout their life. It also advises on current government policies and programs, arguing that they continue to impact negatively on women after domestic violence has ceased. The report is based on findings from an Australian study from 2003–2004 of questionnaires and interviews

with people who had been out of an abusive relationship for at least one year. It will be useful for people working with domestic violence survivors, and those contributing to government policy and research in the area.

Roslyn Irons is a Masters of Applied Science (Library and Information Management) student at Charles Sturt University. She undertook her professional placement at the Institute's Library in September/October 2007.