

New books

The Clearinghouse Library has recently added two new books to its collection addressing the sexual abuse of boys.



Young Men Surviving Child Sexual Abuse: Research Stories and Lessons for Therapeutic Practice, by Andrew Durham, Wiley, 2003. Price \$68.

In this book, Andrew Durham, a consultant social work practitioner, describes his original research undertaken with young men close to or in the adolescent years. The book features extensive narrative, as the life-story approach taken allows the young men to theorise their own experience and to understand how and why child sexual abuse has had a harmful and long-lasting impact on their day-to-day lives.

Alongside the research stories the author presents a theoretical framework for understanding male sexual abuse, as well as a wide range of accessible practice materials. This book will be valuable for those working with children and young people who are recovering from child sexual abuse.



Don't Tell: The Sexual Abuse of Boys, by Michel Dorais, translated by Isabel Denholm Meyer, McGill-Queens' University Press, 2002. Price \$35.

The author, Michael Dorais, suggests that nearly one male in six has been the victim of sexual abuse during childhood or adolescence – and yet this abuse remains a taboo subject, even among victims. In *Don't Tell*, Dorais gives the victims a voice, providing a sensitive analysis of their traumas and self-questioning, and offering strategies for coping.

Don't Tell examines the effects of sexual abuse on the emotional and sexual life of men, including their sense of self and their personal relationships. Using the first-hand accounts of victims Dorais shows that certain reactions are specific to male victims of abuse as they attempt to preserve a sense of physical integrity and masculinity. He also provides innovative strategies for both prevention and treatment that will be of use to those who have suffered abuse as well as to their families and all those who are trying to help them – spouses, friends, social workers, and therapists.