

## Stalking

Although significant attention has been devoted to adult perpetrators and victims of stalking, there is persuasive evidence that stalking begins at a much younger age. *Stalking in Children and Adolescents* offers mental health professionals and attorneys a review of current research on stalking and related forms of obsessional harassment as well as recommendations for assessment and treatment of young stalking victims and perpetrators.

Introduced in *The Monkey's Raincoat*, L.A. private eye Elvis Cole has a smart mouth, a flair for martial arts, a passion for truth, and a borderline sociopath for a partner. When a ruthless hotel magnate hires Cole to find a priceless Japanese manuscript, Cole heads into a nest of notorious Yakuza in the heart of L.A.'s Little Tokyo.

This is a print on demand edition of a hard to find publication. Stalking is defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. The Supplemental Victimization Survey identified seven types of harassing or unwanted behaviors consistent with a course of conduct experienced by stalking victims. The survey classified individuals as stalking victims if they responded that they experienced at least one of these behaviors on at least two separate occasions. In addition, the individuals must have feared for their safety or that of a family member as a result of the course of conduct, or have experienced additional threatening behaviors that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. This report presents information on stalking victimization. Illustrations.

*Stalking, Threatening, and Attacking Public Figures* is a comprehensive survey of the current knowledge about stalking, violence risk, and threat management towards public figures. With contributions from forensic psychologists, clinicians, researchers, attorneys, and current and former law enforcement professionals, this book is the first of its kind, international in scope, and rich in both depth and complexity.

Offering statistical data, case studies, interviews with experts, and social analysis, the real story behind a growing crime epidemic suggests actual solutions for victims, explains the legal process, and considers various self-defense options. Original.

An imaginative approach to cooking, offering numerous recipes for main dishes and accompaniments made from wild berries, roots, nuts, and leaves.

Although stalking is an age-old phenomenon, it is only recently receiving due attention. In a span of just ten years, all fifty states have passed anti-stalking legislation. For the first time, *Stalking Crimes and Victim Protection: Prevention, Intervention, Threat Assessment, and Case Management* brings together in one source all the research done by professionals in various fields since 1990. It covers all the angles, from the psychological aspects of stalkers to the legal ramifications of stalking. This comprehensive work emphasizes a multidisciplinary concept and approach. It compiles and assesses studies of law enforcement, legal counsel, medical professionals, forensic mental health professionals, security personnel, and criminologists. These authors combine their academic research and clinical knowledge to provide you with helpful guidelines and suggestions in the areas of victim assistance and predatory stalking including: Intervention Prevention education Risk analysis Threat assessment Case management. Editor Joseph A. Davis, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert in the field of public safety psychology, with a background in both psychology and law, has assembled a team of experienced professionals who have contributed to this comprehensive text, which educates, informs, and raises public awareness of this growing phenomenon. Including several case examples for study and clinical-forensic comparison, *Stalking Crimes and Victim Protection* will help you provide better services to victims, evaluate the mental state of the stalker, provide assessments of potential threat, and consult on security issues, case management, and safety planning.

It is estimated that a quarter of all women will be stalked in their lifetime. Stalkers put

their victims in danger of losing their jobs, their support system, even their lives; and subject them to dangerously high levels of fear and stress. This book examines the multiple aspects of partner stalking from the victim's perspective. Female survivors share their personal stories of partner stalking, and the authors provide an extensive look at the latest stalking research providing readers with the new most relevant implications for practice and future research.

"Stalking the Stalker empowers you to take charge. You'll learn.

Bran Nicol chronicles the history of stalking, showing how acts of extreme obsession have created a public fixation of their own.

If the world of the paranormal were a house, *Stalking Shadows* would be its wicked basement. And like a basement full of sinister energy, this collection of true stories is powerful enough to snuff out your flashlight, leaving you trembling in the darkness. Join psychic medium and paranormal investigator Debi Chestnut as she explores twelve terrifying true encounters with ghosts, dark beings, and negative entities. Discover an abandoned house of horrors that becomes more evil with every victim it claims. Follow a tortured spirit trapped in a forsaken mirror. Feel the savage pain of a distraught ghost that screams out in agony. Once you descend into the paranormal basement, you'll uncover the true lives of the dead—in thrilling ways you never expected.

Public figures require attention, whether from a constituency who votes them in or out of office, shareholders who decide their economic benefit to the corporation, or fans who judge their performances. However, on the periphery of this normal attention resides a very real risk; that of a much smaller group of individuals who lack the ability to discriminate between their own private fantasies and the figure's public behavior. They may be personally insulted by perceived betrayal, fanatically in love due to a perceived affectionate or sexual invitation, or simply preoccupied with the daily life of the public figure. Such individuals may fixate and do nothing more. Others communicate or approach in a disturbing way. A few will threaten. And on rare occasions, one will breach the public figure's security perimeter and attack. *Stalking, Threatening, and Attacking Public Figures* is a comprehensive survey of the current knowledge about stalking, violence risk, and threat management towards public figures. With contributions from forensic psychologists and psychiatrists, clinicians, researchers, attorneys, profilers, and current and former law enforcement professionals, this book is the first of its kind, international in scope, and rich in both depth and complexity. The book is divided into three sections which, in turn, focus upon defining, explaining, and risk managing this increasingly complex global reality. Chapters include detailed case studies, analyses of quantitative data, reflections from attachment theory and psychoanalytic thought, descriptions of law enforcement and protective organization activities, mental health and psychiatric categorizations and understandings, consideration of risk assessment models and variables, victim perspectives, and others. Provides multidisciplinary coverage of stalking behavior worldwide from both academic and practical approaches *Psycho-Criminological Approaches to Stalking Behavior: The International Perspective* is a thorough, up-to-date overview of stalking perpetration and victimization in different regions of the world. This authoritative book brings together contributions from a team of leading scholars and practitioners that discuss a diverse range of interrelated topics and issues relevant to stalking and intrusive behavior from both theoretical and practical contexts. Whereas most of the literature on the subject is

written from a Western viewpoint, this unique volume examines empirical research, policies, and practices from Asian and African countries, as well as those from Europe, the Americas, and Australia, to provide a truly global perspective. Divided into three parts, the book first examines theories and research on cross-national differences in stalking among college students, ex-partner stalking in Finland, cyberstalking victimization in Singapore, the heterogeneity of stalking and stalkers in Australia, public familiarity and understanding of stalking/harassing legislation in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and more. The book's second part focuses on national portraits of stalking in a number of understudied populations, including Lithuania, Spain, Denmark, Portugal, and South Africa. Finally in the third section of the book, the chapters largely emphasize policy and best practice, including the Dutch model of policing stalking, risk assessment and management of stalking in Sweden, psycho-legal responses to online interpersonal harm, the German approach to stopping stalking, the United Kingdom response to assessing and managing stalking, and the work of the Danish Stalking Centre. This important contribution to the field: Offers insights from international professionals applicable in other geographical contexts Discusses the factors that influence social awareness and responses to stalking Explores the importance of victim vulnerability factors when managing risk of stalking Presents real-world case studies of stalking behavior, intimate partner violence, stalking victimization, and statutory and law enforcement efforts Reviews the intervention practices of the support institutions and justice systems of different countries

**Criminological Approaches to Stalking Behavior: The International Perspective** is an ideal primary or supplementary text for courses in criminology, criminal justice, forensic psychology, and social and behavioral science, as well as a valuable source of reference for those who deal with offenders or victims of stalking, including law enforcement agents, mental health professionals, legal practitioners, social services personnel, and policy makers.

In his exciting and original view of the universe, Itzhak Bentov has provided a new perspective on human consciousness and its limitless possibilities. Widely known and loved for his delightful humor and imagination, Bentov explains the familiar world of phenomena with perceptions that are as lucid as they are thrilling. He gives us a provocative picture of ourselves in an expanded, conscious, holistic universe. Scientific interest exploded after the crime of stalking was created in the early nineties. It is now generally recognised that stalking can result in significant disruption, distress and, for some victims, physical harm or even death. It is thus noteworthy that, while stalking may be distinctively protracted in nature and features well-established links with violence, very little research has been devoted to the issue of repeat offending (recidivism) among stalkers. Nevertheless, the likelihood of continued or repeat offending remains a key concern for forensic clinicians, courts, police and legislators, who are ultimately responsible for minimising the incidence and impact of stalking. As such, it is important to devise appropriate methods by which this risk can be evaluated and managed. Given the paucity of studies specifically examining recidivism among stalkers, existing findings are in need of both replication and expansion. Accordingly, this research project sought to identify the demographic, psychiatric, and offending-related variables related to recidivism among stalkers. The project also set out to evaluate the two extant stalking-specific risk assessment tools with respect to

recidivism. A case-linkage methodology was employed to combine data drawn from state-wide criminal records and forensic mental health records. Participants were clients of a community-based forensic mental health service who were originally recruited as part of other research projects. Each had presented to the clinic for stalking behaviour, either between 2002 and 2007, or between 2010 and 2011. When the index referral related to multiple cases of stalking, each case was evaluated separately. Consequently, analyses were conducted by case ( $n = 163$ ) rather than participant ( $n = 146$ ). Offending follow-up data were unavailable for some cases ( $N = 15$ ); hence, these were excluded from analyses explicitly relating to recidivism outcomes. Altogether, this research project comprised three related studies. The first examined the demographic, historical, clinical and offence-specific variables of stalkers. Analyses were conducted to identify which combinations of these factors best predicted stalking, violent and general recidivism among stalkers. All cases for which recidivism data were available were evaluated ( $N = 148$ ). Overall, stalking recidivism was best predicted by a model that included traits of personality disorder, criminal history, the presence of an Axis I disorder, index stalking duration of no less than two weeks, and the use of proximity-seeking approach behaviours during the index stalking episode. When considering only the original victim, all of these factors except criminal history remained valuable predictors; however, the combination of criminal history, prior stalking and having stalked a stranger during the index episode was most predictive of stalking recidivism against a new victim. General recidivism was best predicted by a combination of criminal history, stranger stalking victim, Axis I disorder, and traits of personality disorder. Using a broad definition of violence that included stalking and threats, violent recidivism was best predicted by traits of personality disorder, criminal history and Axis I disorder. When this was restricted to actual or attempted physical violence, recidivism was best predicted by the use of diverse stalking behaviours during the index episode and the absence of psychotic disorder. While the first study sought to replicate and extend findings from past research on stalking recidivism, the second and third evaluated the properties, predictive and construct-related validity of the two existing stalking-specific risk assessment tools, the Guidelines for Stalking Assessment and Management (SAM: Kropp, Hart, & Lyon, 2008) and the Stalking Risk Profile (SRP: MacKenzie et al., 2009). While the entire sample ( $n = 163$ ) was used for most analyses, only those for whom offending data were available ( $N = 148$ ) were included in predictive validity analyses. Inter-rater reliability (IRR) for the SAM was generally moderate, although this varied depending on the level at which this was evaluated (e.g., conclusory opinions, domain scores or item ratings). Nature of Stalking (N) and Perpetrator Risk (P) domain scores were highly internally consistent, and Lifetime total, domain and item scores were, by and large, modestly related to conclusory opinions for Case Prioritisation, Future Stalking and Serious Physical Harm. Respectively, Case Prioritisation and Future Stalking ratings were modestly and highly accurate for predicting later stalking of index victims. Lifetime total and N domain scores also featured good predictive accuracy, while P scores were only modestly predictive. With respect to construct validity, SAM conclusory opinions were all related to SRP risk ratings in theoretically predictable ways. Like the SAM, IRR for the SRP varied based on the level of evaluation. Agreement was substantial for assignment to motivational typology, Violence and Persistence risk judgements, and moderate for the remaining



risk ratings. Agreement was moderate-to-substantial for domain scores, and ranged between fair and substantial for most items. As expected, due to the intended independence of risk factors, internal consistency was generally modest for SRP domain scores. Typically, domain and item scores were associated with the corresponding risk ratings for all stalker types. Risk ratings for stalking Persistence, Recurrence against index victims and Recurrence involving new victims all featured good predictive accuracy. Interestingly, the discriminatory performance of numerically derived domain scores (versus clinicians' risk judgements) did not differ from chance for any domain or stalker type. Taken as a whole, this research supports the notion that stalkers represent a diverse population, one that poses particular challenges for adequate risk assessment. Indeed, it is clear that an adequate evaluation of stalking-related risks must consider not only past offending, psychopathology and social context, but also specific stalking behaviours and victim selection. Of particular note is the finding that stalking recidivism is associated with somewhat different factors depending on whether the stalker targets their original victim or another. While findings provide support for the utility of the SAM and SRP, it is suggested that both tools would benefit from further validation research and ongoing refinement. Implications of the current results for clinicians, police and legislators are discussed.

Stalking the Stalker Fighting Back with High-tech Gadgets and Low-tech Know-how  
Diane Glass

A gothic YA fantasy debut about a young woman striving to break her sister's curse and stop the killing in her small French town Seventeen-year-old Marie mixes perfumes to sell on market day in her small eighteenth-century French town. She wants to make enough to save a dowry for her sister, Ama, in hopes of Ama marrying well and Marie living in the level of freedom afforded only to spinster aunts. But her perfumes are more than sweet scents in cheap, cut-glass bottles: A certain few are laced with death. Marie laces the perfume delicately--not with poison but with a hint of honeysuckle she's trained her sister to respond to. Marie marks her victim, and Ama attacks. But she doesn't attack as a girl. She kills as a beast. Marking Ama's victims controls the damage to keep suspicion at bay. But when a young boy turns up dead one morning, Marie is forced to acknowledge she might be losing control of Ama. And if she can't control her, she'll have to cure her. Marie knows the only place she'll find the cure is in the mansion where Ama was cursed in the first place, home of Lord Sebastien LaClaire. But once she gets into the mansion, she discovers dark secrets hidden away--secrets of the curse, of Lord Sebastien . . . and of herself.

Discusses stalking and the electronic harassment that goes along with organized stalking.

Alison Hewitt was in the midst of training to be a family doctor when she met Al Amin Dhalla through an exclusive dating agency. He was a seemingly respectable businessman from Canada, so attentive and caring it was easy to ignore the warning signs - until he started, step by step, to take over her life. Six months after they first met Al Amin's web of lies started to unravel and Alison became aware that he had a sinister dark side. When she tried to end the relationship, the unthinkable happened and she found herself the victim of an escalating campaign of terror. Even when Al Amin was found with knives and guns, the police had no powers to detain him. Nobody could have imagined the events that were to follow, as Alison was left fearing for her life. It

would take all her strength to survive. Brave and gripping, *Stalked* tells of one young woman's fight against the man who terrorized her, and her determination to defeat the fear and live a normal life.

This book explores the nature and impact of stalking and criminal justice system responses to this type of abuse based on the experiences and lived realities of victims. Drawing on in-depth interviews with 26 self-defined victims of stalking in England and Wales, it explores the psychological and social effects of this hidden and misunderstood form of interpersonal violence. Korkodeilou's work seeks to improve understanding regarding this type of abuse, contribute to feminist criminology and gender-based violence literature, and expand scholarly knowledge with her research's theoretical, methodological and practical implications. *Victims of Stalking* will appeal to academics in the fields of victimology, victimisation, gender-based and interpersonal violence, criminal justice system responses to victims and to criminal justice system professionals (e.g. police officers, probation officers, and lawyers).

Dark legends come to life With the execution of a serial killer known as the Artiste, Cheyenne Donegal thinks a grim part of her past is finally put to rest. Her cousin had been the twisted killer's final victim, and then-teenage Cheyenne was integral in bringing him to justice. That tragedy drove her to become an FBI agent. And now she's back in Louisiana because someone is murdering young women in the same manner as the Artiste. Krewe of Hunters agent Andre Broussard has deep ties in New Orleans and Cajun country beyond. He knows that more than one monster has stalked the bayou. Has a deadly threat been resurrected, or does someone have a dark inspiration? With the life of a missing woman on the line, Cheyenne and Andre have to set aside their doubts about each other and work to discover the truth. The case is too close and too personal—but they can't let it go, especially now that a ruthless killer has turned the tables and is hunting them.

The author won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of Washington Post articles about his daughter, a promising young art student killed by a jealous ex-boyfriend. Writing love letters, making phone calls, and sending gifts, these are all seemingly innocuous or even romantic behaviours. This changes, however, when the love expressed in the letters remains unrequited, when the phone calls amount to hundreds a night, or when the gifts consist of bullets and funeral wreaths. When attempts to contact another person happen with a certain duration, nature, and frequency, the behaviour can be qualified as stalking and it can have a detrimental impact on the life of the person subjected to the unwanted attention. The phenomenon of stalking has not been the topic of much research and this goes all the more for stalking in the Netherlands. In this book, an account is given of the nature and prevalence of the problem, of the effectiveness and the (dis)advantages of resorting to the police, and of the pros and cons of two alternative anti-stalking measures: hiring the services of a private investigation and protection agency and obtaining a civil restraining order. Suzan van der Aa (Tilburg, 1982) studied criminal law at Tilburg University. In September 2005, she started working as a Ph. D. candidate at the International Victimology Institute Tilburg (INTERVICT). In addition, she conducted several applied research projects for third parties, such as the Dutch Ministry of Justice

and the European Commission. Recently, she has accepted a position as senior researcher (Universitair Docent) at INTERVICT. This book is her doctoral thesis. *Stalking and Violence: New Patterns of Obsession and Trauma* provides new perspectives on the prevalence, causes, and effects of stalking in intimate and non-intimate relations. Drawing on the results of a large random survey of restraining orders, this book found that stalking is highly prevalent in a variety of relationships and is a pattern of behaviors that is routinely regulated by the demographic and social characteristics of the victims and offenders. This book demonstrates that it is possible to develop reliable stalker profiles to help better detect and respond to the threat of stalking. These findings differ from previous studies that considered stalking limited to severely disturbed persons. Covering a wide range of topics from offender profiling, the dangers of stalking, cyberstalking, traumatic health effects, and the responses of the police and courts to stalking, this book will be relevant to a wide range of professionals and students in the fields of mental health, criminal justice, law, social work, medicine, nursing, public health, security/safety, and internet technology.

1997 Winner Walt McDonald First-Book Prize in Poetry "A quest, not for fickle happiness, whose pursuit is unworthy, but joy, more durable and much harder won." Robert A. Fink "A wild, wild ride. Fierce and chancy, passionate and bawdy, Margaret Benbow's exuberant first book is nothing short of rapturous, enrapturing. . . . She's drawn to the hot, the dangerous, the lush, the profuse. Given the choice of angel or bogeyman, she'll take the bogeyman every time." Ronald Wallace *How to Tell a Bird of Prey* Girls weighing less than a hundred pounds, girls who look as though they were raised on milk veal and summer wine, can chew down through the roof and devour whole families. This one wants the man: rank and sexy as an old bobcat. She likes his face, that mess of big prize vegetables with rooty beard and spud chin, red onion cheeks and hot toad tongue: Wonderful things might happen, she reflects, if I kiss a toad. She doesn't see his nose, that crackbrain crackheart beak. She doesn't mark his gaze, beautiful blood in the raptor's eye."

This is a print on demand edition of a hard to find publication. Describes the experience of intimate partner stalking, as it occurs over time. The study had six objectives: (1) Describe the stalking behaviors the participants experienced over the course of the study; (2) Describe participants' stalking-related experiences in terms of perceived safety and stalking-related distress; (3) Describe participants' physical and mental health status over the course of the study; (4) Describe the relationships among these experiences and their relationship to stalking behavior over time; (5) Describe the extent of participants' contacts with criminal justice and victim assistance sources over the course of the study; (6) Describe the relationships between stalking and contacts with criminal justice and victim assistance sources. Illus.

**YULETIDE STALKING** After moving to the Smoky Mountains at Christmastime, Cheyenne Cassidy is ready for a fresh start--until danger from her past follows

her to her new home. Cheyenne believed the stalker who killed her parents was dead, but somehow he's back and determined to kill her. And her only hope for survival is relying on Deputy Sheriff Luke Conrad. The lawman wants to help Cheyenne face down the obsessive madman, but he can't protect her if he doesn't know the full story. And Cheyenne has no choice but to trust him with a secret she's never revealed about her stalker. Armed with the knowledge of her tragic past, Luke will put his life on the line to keep her alive...but will that be enough to save her?

With writing hailed as "masterful," "engrossing," "compelling," and "marvelous," Kerri Maniscalco presents her wholly addictive and incredibly suspenseful, #1 bestselling mystery series in a complete gift set. Gorgeously packaged with an exclusive poster signed by the author, it's the perfect present for readers who love heart-pounding thrills, twists, and romance. *Stalking Jack the Ripper* In this spine-chilling gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, a resourceful lord's daughter named Audrey Rose Wadsworth and her brilliant friend Thomas Cresswell find themselves inescapably embroiled in the investigation of a ghastly serial killer known as Jack the Ripper. *Hunting Prince Dracula* In this haunting sequel, Audrey Rose and Thomas uncover bizarre murders deep in the castle of Prince Vlad the Impaler, otherwise known as Dracula. Could it be a copycat killer...or has the depraved prince been brought back to life? *Escaping From Houdini* In their third harrowing adventure, Audrey Rose and Thomas find themselves aboard a luxurious ocean liner that becomes a floating prison of scandal, madness, and horror when passengers are murdered one by one...with nowhere to run from the killer. *Capturing the Devil* In the shocking finale to the bestselling series, Audrey Rose and Thomas are on the hunt for the elusive, sickening killer known as the White City Devil. A deadly game of cat-and-mouse has them fighting to stay one step ahead of the brilliant serial killer---or see their fateful romance cut short by unspeakable tragedy.

*The Psychology of Stalking* is the first scholarly book on stalking ever published. Virtually every serious writer and researcher in this area of criminal psychopathology has contributed a chapter. These chapters explore stalking from social, psychiatric, psychological and behavioral perspectives. New thinking and data are presented on threats, pursuit characteristics, psychiatric diagnoses, offender-victim typologies, cyberstalking, false victimization syndrome, erotomania, stalking and domestic violence, the stalking of public figures, and many other aspects of stalking, as well as legal issues. This landmark text is of interest to both professionals and other thoughtful individuals who recognize the serious nature of this ominous social behavior. *First scholarly book on stalking ever published* Contributions from virtually all major researchers in field Discussion of what to do when being stalked Uses examples from recent publicized cases

Each year an estimated 3.4 million men and women become victims of stalking. While a man in a black coat following a girl in a dark alley is the media's



stereotypical portrayal of stalking, there is actually a wide range of behavior that can be defined as such. Stalking—characterized by harassment, repeated calling, sending inappropriate letters or gifts, unsuitable use of social media, confrontation, and other unwanted behaviors—is a worldwide problem that is on the rise, especially the incidence and prevalence of cyberstalking. This book presents a collection of prominent articles published in the peer-reviewed journal *Violence and Victims*, written by experts on stalking from a variety of social science disciplines. Authors present research related to stalking victims and perpetrators, cyberstalking, how to identify stalking, and stalking in a variety of settings with a focus on college campuses. College students, many of whom are relatively new to intimate relationships, are especially prone to becoming stalked or perpetrating stalking. Several articles in this collection address stalking within the college population, including an empirical study of stalking victimization in men and women and a discussion of coping strategies at a Finnish university. Authors examine varying perceptions and attitudes toward stalking on campus, and discuss how to draw the line between courtship behavior and stalking. Personality attributes of stalkers include, according to one study, less social competence and a greater tendency to display borderline behaviors. Studies also address the relationship between stalking and gender, the stalking experiences of battered women, and the growing incidence of cyberstalking. This book will provide a solid research foundation toward understanding and controlling stalking behaviors, which can potentially lead to more serious abuse. Key Features: Disseminates the most acclaimed research articles on stalking from the peer-reviewed journal *Victims and Violence* Authored by well-known stalking experts from varied social science disciplines Explores stalking in numerous settings including college campuses Presents research on perpetrators and victims of stalking Examines cyberstalking

The recent increased focus on high profile stalking cases has led to the raising of public awareness and professional concern, however, only recently has there been substantial scientific research into the area. *Stalking and Psychosexual Obsession* represents a showcase of contemporary research and theory never before assembled in one book. The contributions which are drawn from the diverse spheres of psychology, psychiatry, the police and the law provide a comprehensive picture of what is currently known about stalking. Each of the chapters not only takes stock of existing research, but provides ground-breaking new insights. Among the topics covered are victimology, violence risk assessment and case management issues and a new stalker classificatory system is presented which offers advice on how to identify different types of stalkers with different intervention strategies being suggested for each case. \* A comprehensive, global showcase of contemporary thought, ideas, research and practice \* An international team of expert contributors from diverse backgrounds, including, psychology, psychiatry, police and the law

Over the last two decades, stalking has received increasingly widespread

attention. The establishment of anti-stalking legislation has helped to spur interest in stalking research and the forensic assessment of stalkers. Popular representations of stalking have made the public more aware of this phenomenon. It has long been the responsibility of mental health professionals to provide assessments of and treatment for stalkers and their victims, and as criminal cases involving defendants charged with stalking become more common, it is now also the responsibility of legal professionals to be knowledgeable about psychiatric aspects of stalking behavior and the risks that so often must be minimized through legal action or a combination of clinical and legal interventions. This volume provides a thorough overview of current scientific and clinical research about stalking, along with practical guidance and original commentary from the Psychiatry and the Law Committee of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, an organization recognized for its contributions to mental health literature. In addition to covering the most widely discussed scientific topics related to stalking, including classification of stalking behaviors, risk assessment and risk management of stalkers, and the stalking experience from the perspective of victims, this book examines celebrity and special target stalking, cyberstalking, forensic assessment, and juvenile and adolescent stalking. *Stalking: Psychiatric Perspectives and Practical Approaches* provides a novel and comprehensive contribution to a field in need of an up-to-date text, written from the vantage point of forensic psychiatrists who encounter stalkers and their victims in their distinct roles as treatment providers and forensic evaluators. The prism of stalking and the risks involved continue to fascinate and frighten. In pursuit of rounded coverage, the authors have incorporated findings from numerous studies and analyzed these findings from several theoretical perspectives. Every chapter has been written from the vantage point of a committee of nationally recognized forensic psychiatrists who offer their perspectives on this fascinating but complex topic. Mental health professionals, members of the judiciary, law enforcement professionals, media personnel, and the public will no doubt find this text to be an informative and useful resource.

Here is the latest word in scholarship on stalkers and those they terrify... a mandatory reading for anyone wanting to stay ahead of the curve on the flourishing clinical and legal literature about this worldwide and vexing problem.

John Monahan, PhD Doherty Professor of Law, University of Virginia At what point does following a person, or trying to intimidate him or her into accepting one's advances, become "stalking"? How is stalking related to gender? Who is the stalker? What are the long-term effects of stalking? These are among the many issues explored in this groundbreaking empirical investigation. This book based on two special issues of the journal *Violence & Victims* presents in-depth findings on both victim and perpetrator, and includes a new understanding of the categories of stalking behavior: simple obsessional, love obsessional, and erotomaniac.

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