

The authors collectively are to be complemented on their use of a calm tone and soothing style of writing, which presents (to the non-professional), quite horrendous evidence and explanations, in a bearable manner. Much is made of assuaging the survivors, that the crime or experiences are NOT their fault (and not just children).

The book is to be highly recommended for its practical use as a medical work, although written for the American legal and health systems, but readers might wish such publications were not required.

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Terrorism, 2013-2015: A Worldwide Chronology

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Online chronologies on terrorism abound. The National Counterterrorism Center, the US government agency charged with coordinating all information on terrorism, publishes timelines of significant terrorist events worldwide (www.nctc.gov/site/timeline.html). The *RAND Database of Worldwide Terrorism Incidents* (www.rand.org/nsrd/projects/terrorism-incidents.html) is a similar compilation. The *Global Terrorism Database* maintained by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland (www.start.umd.edu/gtd/) dates back to 1970 and is richly detailed. The list of terrorist incidents cited in the leading US government publication on the subject, the US Department of State's annual *Country Reports on Terrorism* (formerly known as *Patterns of Global Terrorism*) (www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/crt/) goes back to 1995 and is another frequently cited source.

With so many free, regularly updated online sources available, the need for a print source on the subject is questionable. To be sure, only a handful of commercially published works exist: *Chronology of World Terrorism, 1901-2001* (Mattox, 2004) (RR 2005/181), which is effectively this book's predecessor and *Chronologies of Modern Terrorism* (Rubin and Rubin, 2008). Both pale in comparison with Mickolus' book which, it should be noted, follows his earlier *Terrorism 2008-2012* (Mickolus, 2014) (RR 2014/256). Indeed, even

when compared to Internet resources, this work by a former CIA analyst and recognised expert stands out for its thoroughness.

Adopting a sweeping definition of terrorism as "the use or threat or use of force by an individual or group for political purposes" and drawing entirely on publicly available material, the author has painstakingly and meticulously chronicled virtually every terrorist incident foreign and domestic since the late 1960's. This book, as the latest in a series, follows the same structure as its predecessors. The first 500 pages comprise the chronology, entries ranging in length from a sentence to several paragraphs. A supplementary section updates events cited in previous volumes from 1971 to 2012. A five-page bibliography precedes indices to the countries and places in which the terrorist acts have occurred.

Along with its antecedents, the sheer comprehensiveness of this work is a staggering achievement. Primarily useful as a quick reference source, it is an obvious purchase for libraries which have the prior volumes, as well as those building collections devoted to terrorism.

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The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies is reviewed here in its electronic

version accessible via the *Wiley Online Library*. A five-volume print version is also available.

The encyclopedia would be suitable for any students studying or seeking an introduction to sexuality, gender, queer theory, feminism or women's studies, masculinity or the methodologies used in these fields. It is a good reference source for general students or faculty, although it is also recommended for scholars in the above-mentioned fields. Students taking a survey course in gender and human sexuality will find it useful. Librarians would be able to use it for answering basic reference questions; public libraries as well as academic libraries should also consider it for purchase.

After logging onto the *Wiley Online Library* and locating the encyclopedia, a page appears with general information about the encyclopedia. To actually locate an article or entry the user has to click on the left side on either Topics A-Z or the Topic list. There is a search box on the right side, but this search box will search the entire online library, not just within the encyclopedia if you use the default search box. Users can click below on Search Within This Book and a separate search form will come up. As a new user, I found this search format slightly confusing at first. Once familiar with the format it is easy to search through the full-text of the encyclopedia. A search for "queer theory" came up with five very relevant search results at the top of the list.

Searching aside, the entries are all very well-written and in plain language. They include an appropriate amount of information so as not to overwhelm the user, but also give a good overview of each topic. For example, the entry Gender, Politics, and the State: Indigenous Women is about six pages long, and includes references and further reading at the end. This is a typical, standard encyclopedia entry for this work. There are also sections at the end of each entry with helpful recommendations for other entries.

The Topic List option for the encyclopedia also proves useful when searching through the online resource. There is about a webpage length list of topics that expand when clicked to view the various entries under each topic. After exploring it a little, this seemed like the best way to get at appropriate entries for a query. For each topic covered, the user can view an abstract, see the full-text via html, or download a .pdf file. Coverage includes art, literature, and

culture, economics, gender politics, immigration and globalization, methodologies, movements, psychology, sexuality, theory, and violence. Entries are updated to include the Don't Ask, Don't Tell movement in the USA, Gender, Politics, and the State entries in thirteen different world regions, all of the different types of feminism including Islamic, French, and Latina feminism, and newer family structures including Families of Choice, Parenting in Prison, and Lesbians as Community Other Mothers. Anthropology topics such as polygamy, polyandry, monogamy, kinship, and matriarchy are all covered. There is also a very interesting topic list on the Environment/Ecology including entries on climate change and gender environment and gender. The entries in the encyclopedia that include intersectional theory are very strong.

Of course, one of the greatest benefits of having access to this encyclopedia is that it is online and searchable. It will make a good addition to an online reference collection for any university where human sexuality or gender studies are offered, along with print resources such as *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality* (Whelehan and Bolin, 2015) (RR 2015/294) and the *Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender* (Malti-Douglas, 2007) (RR 2008/342). The other strength of this reference work is its interdisciplinary nature. Editors have backgrounds in women's studies, gender studies, sociology, anthropology, English literature, and cultural and religious studies. Women's studies topics including entries on feminist authors, NGO's, events and legislation are also featured. I was surprised at the breadth of topics that were covered in the resource. It proves hard to put it in any one category as a reference material, so it will be useful for many types of users and answering many different queries.

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