

Adolescent-to-parent abuse

Current understandings in research, policy and practice

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"The abuse of parents by young people has until recently been a hidden topic. This book breaks new ground by describing the extent of the problem, and by providing a thoughtful review of the research, policy and practice in this area. The book includes resources for professionals as well as for parents themselves. I recommend this book as an outstanding text for all interested in families and in family dysfunction." **Dr John Coleman, Department of Education, University of Oxford**

"Amanda Holt has produced a compelling and pioneering study of an issue that is often overlooked. She shows how parent abuse can be better understood and, by situating its dynamic of intimate violence within a wider social and cultural context, she shows why it must be addressed more effectively."

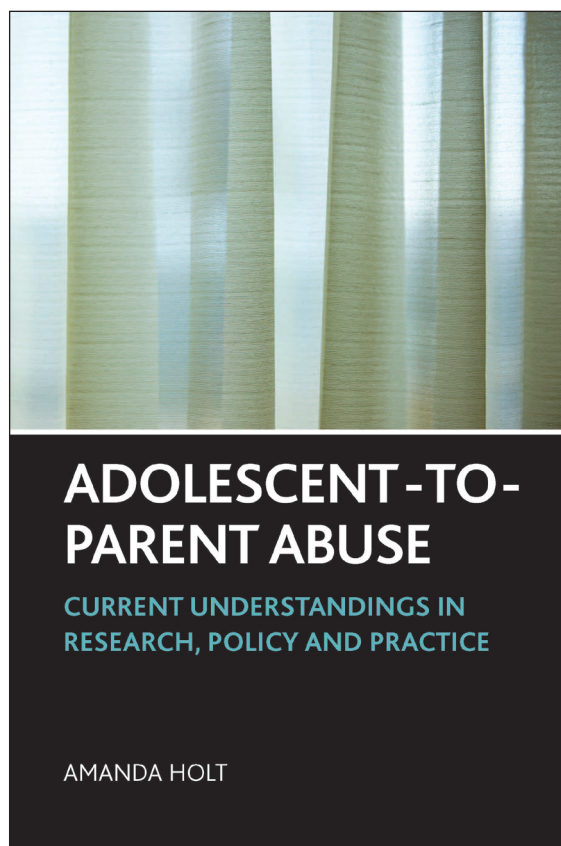
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While much has been written about the problematic behaviour of young people and their families, there has been silence on the problem of young people behaving abusively towards their parents, which may take the form of physical, economic and/or emotional abuse. This is the first academic book to focus on adolescent-to-parent abuse and brings together international research and practice literature and combines it with original research to identify and critique current understandings in research, policy and practice. It discusses what we know about parents' experiences of adolescent-to-parent abuse and critically examines how it has been explained from psychological, sociological and sociocultural perspectives. It also outlines how policy makers and practitioners can usefully respond to the problem. This unique book adopts a range of theoretical and practice perspectives. Written in an accessible style, it is an essential tool for academics, policy makers and professionals with an interest in domestic violence, child protection and youth offending.

Contents :Introduction; Abuse in families: commonalities, connections and contexts; Experiences of parent abuse; Explaining parent abuse; Parents, children and power relations; Frontline service responses to parent abuse; Working with parent abuse; Adolescent-to-parent abuse: future directions for research, policy and practice; Resources.

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