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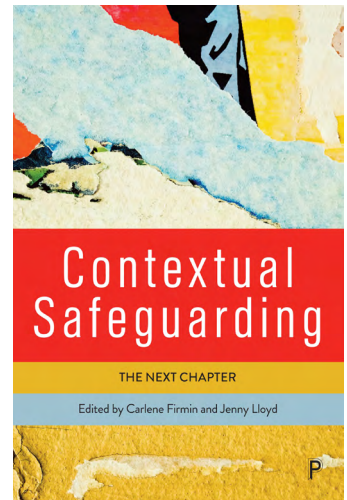
*"One of the best books about social work that I have read. It brings together theory and practice in new and creative ways to help us think about how to help individuals, change contexts and challenge structural issues. Essential reading for anyone interested in Contextual Safeguarding, contemporary safeguarding or family help."*

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How do we respond to harm faced by young people beyond their front doors? Can practitioners keep young people safe at school, in their neighbourhoods or with their friends when social care systems are designed to work with families?

The Contextual Safeguarding approach has transformed how policy makers, social care leaders, practitioners and researchers understand harm that happens to young people in their communities and what is required to respond. Since 2015 it has been tested across the UK and internationally. This book shares stories from child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation and peer violence about what has been learnt on this journey.

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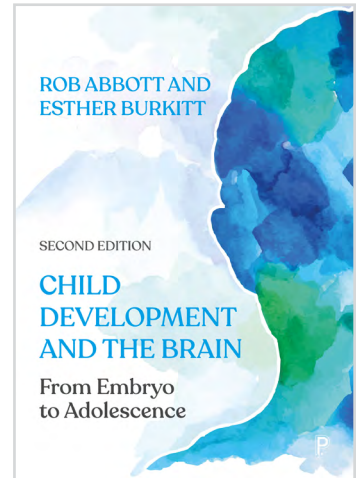
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This bestselling textbook provides social science students with an accessible introduction to neuroscience and the implications for our understandings of child development, considering the links between brain development and social and cultural issues.

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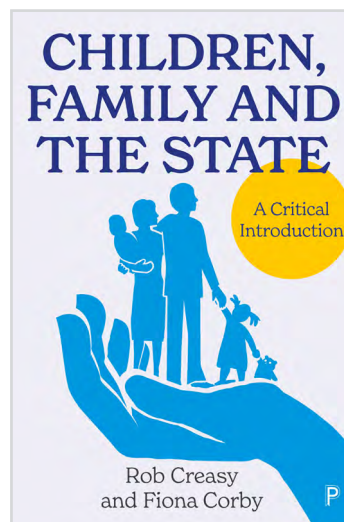
**DAWN LAWRENCE, STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY**

For anyone studying childhood or families, a consideration of the state may not always seem obvious, yet a good critical knowledge of politics, social policy and social theory is vital to understanding their impacts upon families' everyday lives. Accessibly written and assuming no prior understanding, this book shows how key concepts, including vulnerability, risk, resilience, safeguarding and wellbeing are socially constructed.

Carefully designed to support students, it provides students with clear guidance on how to use what they have read when writing academic assignments alongside questions designed to support the development of critical thinking skills.

Covering issues from what the family is within a multicultural society, through issues around poverty, social mobility and life chances, this book gives students an excellent grounding in matters relating to work with children and families. It features:

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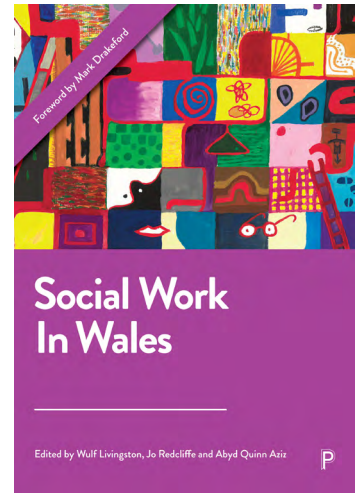
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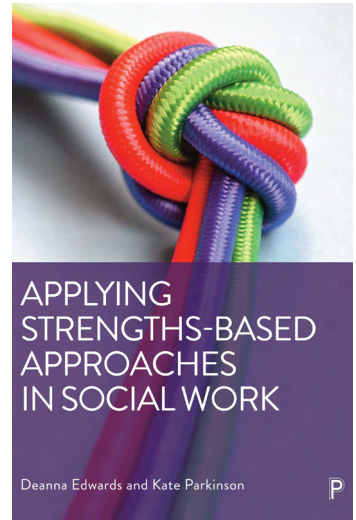
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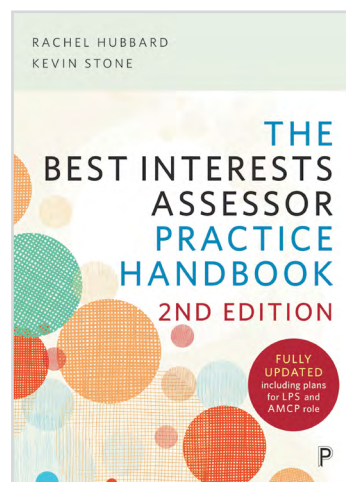
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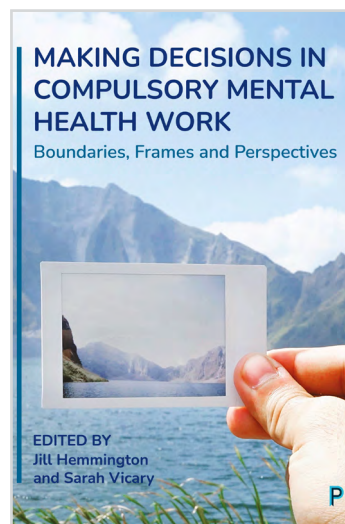
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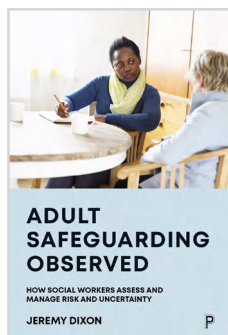
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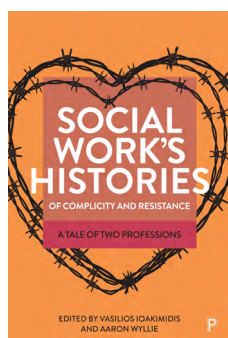
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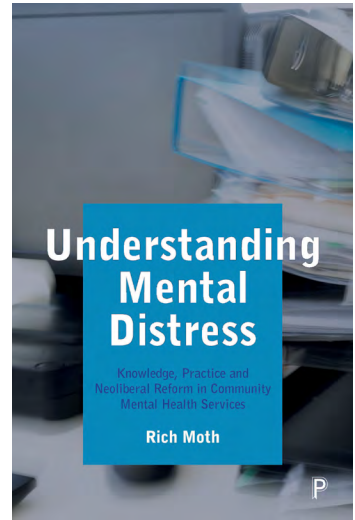
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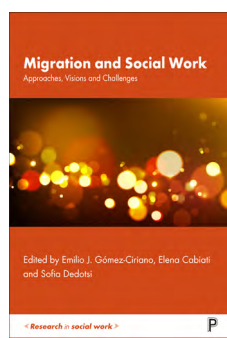
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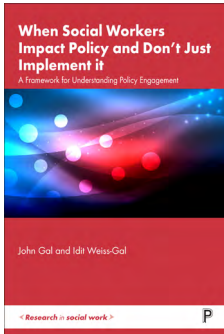
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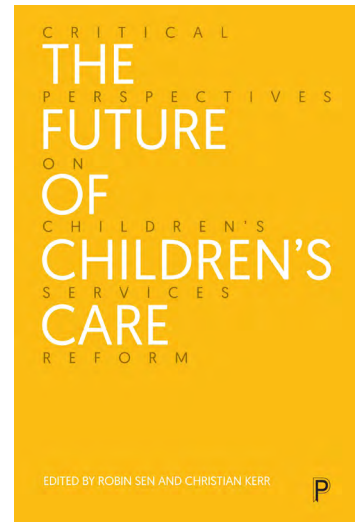
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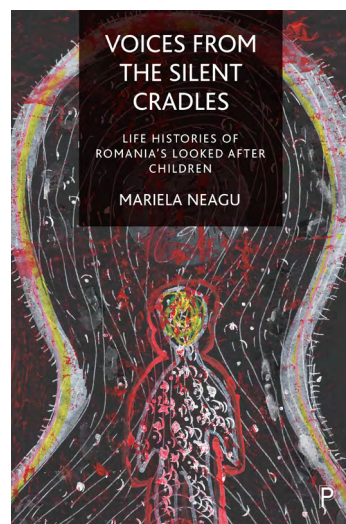
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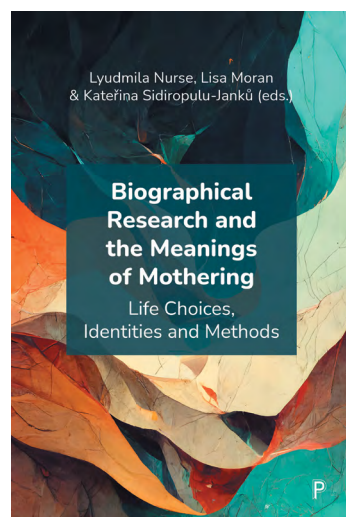
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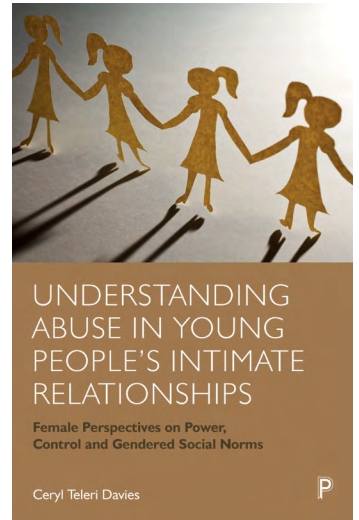
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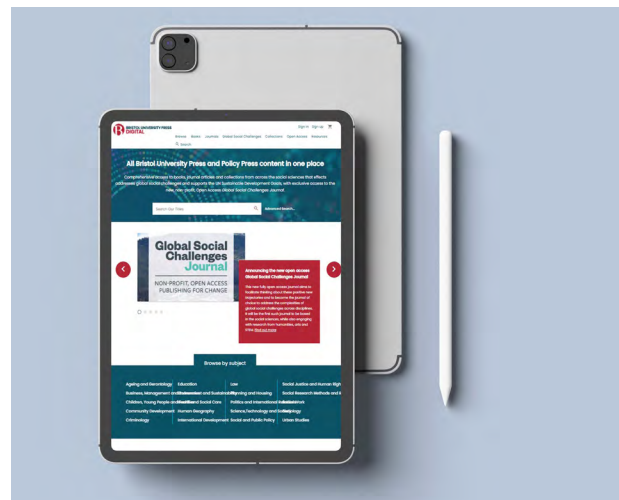
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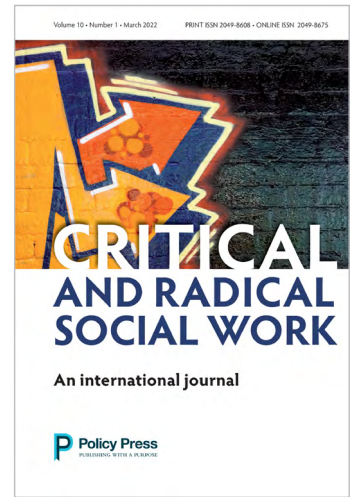
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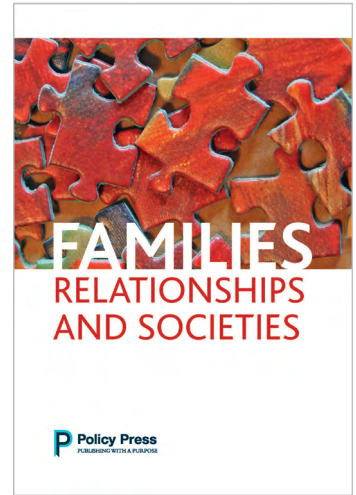
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