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This comprehensive reference will be a valuable resource to both battered women and their caregivers. Wilson, who went underground for a few years to escape a dangerous relationship, draws on her experience as director of the Austin Center for Battered Women to provide immediate aid to victims and guidelines for helpers. She discusses the indicators of an abusive relationship; its effects on children and teens; substance abuse; how the workplace, medical, and religious communities can help; treatment programs for batterers; anti-burnout tips for helpers; and advice on living underground. A final chapter presents a history of misogyny. Wilson is sensitive to cultural differences and their impact on women from various backgrounds. An appendix offers myriad resources in the form of support groups and print materials. Full of practical advice from someone with extensive experience in the field of domestic violence, this is strongly recommended for all collections. — **Valerie Diamond, Univ. of Maryland Sch. of Law, Baltimore, *Library Journal***

About the Author

K. J. Wilson, Ed.D., is both an advocate for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and a social change activist. She has over sixteen years experience in the field of violence against women. Co-founder, and past co-chair, of the Austin (Texas) Metropolitan Ministries Task Force on Family Violence, Dr. Wilson also served for 5 years on the Texas Council on Family Violence Conference Committee which organizes and implements a yearly statewide conference on family violence.

Currently serving as an adjunct professor with the University of Maryland (University College), Dr. Wilson is also a consultant and trainer for various universities, grassroots and non-profit programs throughout the U.S. Dr. Wilson provides presentations and workshops on a variety of topics including violence against women, self-care, advocacy, and empowerment, and is a contributing author in *Family Violence: Current Controversies* (Greenhaven, 2001.)

A devoted advocate for survivors of violence, Dr. Wilson is herself a survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault. Her presentations, workshops, and writing reflect almost two decades of work and research, as well as her own intimate understanding. She lives in Texas.

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