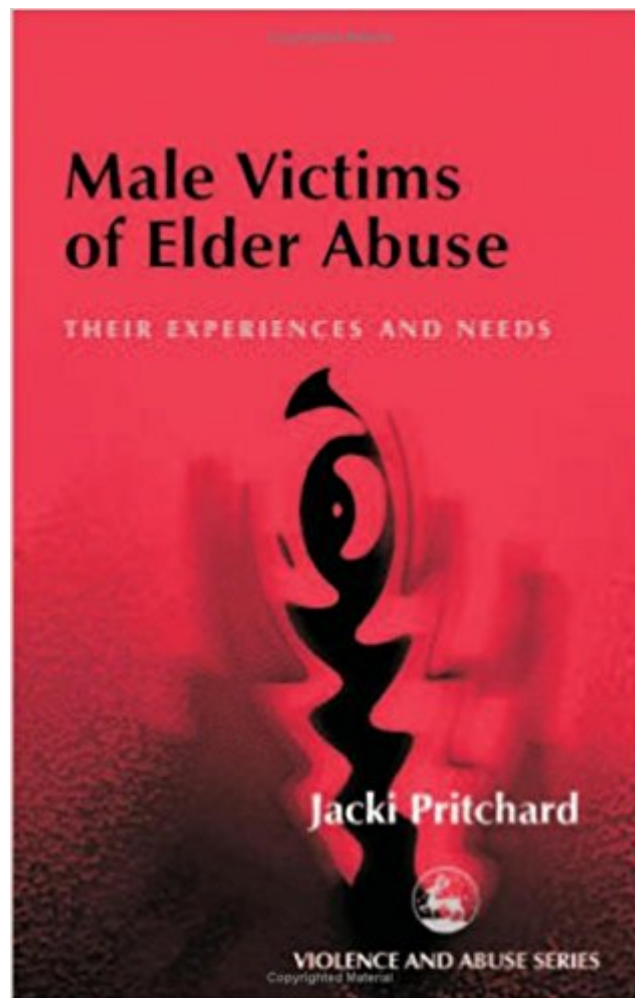




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Synopsis

'The findings from the study are a significant contribution to the growing international body of knowledge on the abuse of vulnerable adults. Pritchard's work is rooted in anti-ageist practice. Her passion and commitment to older people is evident throughout this book and she tackles the assumptions made about older men effectively.' - Social Work Education

'The purpose of this book is to give attention to the problems of elder men in abusive situations, so that those in helping capacities may better understand these men and the help that they need. The use of case illustrations is very effective in the discussion of reactions and responses to abuse. In some cases the, the negligence in follow through is noted for professionals working with the elderly persons. Importantly, too, the author describes her efforts in creating a milieu within focus groups for the men to articulate feelings about their experiences... Jacki Pritchard has written a book that can well be considered an important antecedent effort in identifying a problem that heretofore has not received needed attention... [An] informative and sensitively written book' - Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect

'This is a neat little book, and I recommend it... Jacki Pritchard is clearly an expert in the field. As a former social worker, she brings practicality and a common-sense approach to her research, which 'rings true' to the jobbing clinician. Moreover, Ms Pritchard writes clearly and concisely, and her quantitative and qualitative research techniques pass muster.' - International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry

'This book is a useful addition to our knowledge of the subject, as it covers the abuse experienced by older men, a topic that until recently has received little attention... This is an important book for practitioners working in the field of elder abuse. Whilst the research is not representative, the rich descriptions of the respondents' experiences are full of information and emotion. The book is also useful as a first step from which other, in-depth studies can be undertaken into abuse as experienced by older men... Pritchard's style is conversational and accessible. Material is introduced in a friendly and informal way.' - Ageing & Society

Older men may, like older women, be victims of abuse - yet there has been little in either research or service provision to reflect this. Drawing on in-depth interviews with twelve older men who have experienced abuse, Jacki Pritchard presents much-needed practical guidance for care professionals, managers and policy makers working with this group. She describes the different kinds of abuse experienced by the men, which can include not only financial, physical, emotional and sexual abuse, but also physical and emotional neglect, and goes on to establish in detail the needs of older male victims of abuse and how they should be addressed. As well as having their emotional needs and their need for support over past abuse met, the men need a physical place of safety, medical care and the cultural awareness and continuous support of professional carers.

This book presents clear guidelines for both the initial assessment of need and for good practice in the long term. It will enable all those working with older people to understand better the phenomenon of the abuse of older men and to apply this understanding to effective service provision.

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Customer Reviews

Jacki Pritchard is a qualified social worker who has worked as a practitioner and manager in both fieldwork and hospital settings. She is currently working as a trainer, consultant and researcher focusing on abuse, risk and violence.

The author isn't really trying to say older men are abused more than their female counterparts. She just did a survey with lots of people and was able to extract a lot of info on male elder abuse. She also got to talk to these men and their care providers. She really wants to challenge the idea that elder men are only abused when their caretaking wives or daughters are frustrated or are having a bad day. She also says if you include financial abuse as elder abuse that numbers for older males will go up. Remember, this is a British study and not an American one. With their socialist health care and smaller population, things may not necessarily translate across the pond. She stated that older men were willing to speak of abuse; they didn't hide or work to make sure they always looked in control. However, she said older men are more resigned to the abuse and just take it as their fate in life. Sometimes this was a dry study with pie graphs and such. However, I appreciate that she

gave real examples of abuse. One son broke his father's arm. One man was forced to stay in just one room and never watch TV. Several men were never fed or given fresh clothing. Some had gangrene or skin illnesses because no one would properly wash them, etc. She said social workers, cops, relatives, and the abused elders themselves really need to work together, but too often it doesn't happen.

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