

Recommended Reading on Dating Violence

Boys Will Be Men: Raising our Sons for Courage, Caring and Community

Paul Kivel, © 1999 New Society Publishers

The author imagines a world in which our sons, not at the expense of our daughters, are successful in school, active participants in the life of their families, and responsible members of society --- not only able to get by but get ahead, and not only get ahead but get together with others to improve society.

Dating Violence - Young Women In Danger

Barrie Levy, © 1998 Seal Press

The aim of this book is to give readers an understanding of dating violence and to stimulate readers to be creative in reaching out to young women to order to prevent, identify and assist their extrication and healing from dating violence. Sections include: Teens & Parents Tell Their Stories; The Context of Dating Violence; Intervention Strategies; Education and Prevention Projects.

Dilemmas of Desire: Teenage Girls Talk about Sexuality

Deborah L. Tolman, © 2002 Harvard University Press

A unique look into the world of adolescent sexuality, this book offers an intimate and often disturbing, sometimes inspiring, picture of how teenage girls experience, understand, and respond to their sexual feelings, and how society mediates, shapes, and distorts this experience. In extensive interviews, we listen as actual adolescent girls -- white, black, and Latina, urban and suburban -- talk candidly about their confusion and curiosity, their pleasure and disappointment, their fears, defiance, or capitulation in the face of a seemingly imperishable double standard that smiles upon burgeoning sexuality in boys yet frowns, even panics, at its equivalent in girls.

The Domestic Assault of Women: Psychological and Criminal Perspectives

Donald G. Dutton, © 1999 UBC Press, Vancouver

This book is a comprehensive study of twenty years of experience with batterers, battered women, police, and academic researchers. By looking at its root causes, the author argues that domestic assault is a public health issue. It includes new chapter on the abusive personality, on traumatic bonding and the battered woman syndrome, and the dramatic increase in dating violence.

Ending Violence in Teen Dating Relationships: A Resource Guide for Parents & Pastors

Reverend Al Miles, © 2005 Augsburg Fortress Press

The author, a nationally recognized expert in the field of domestic and teen relationship violence awareness, teaches parents, educators, and pastors about the abuse tactics being used against their teens. He helps readers understand how offenders use popular culture and Christian traditions to excuse and justify their violence. And most important, this book offers parents and pastors key strategies to build bridges with the teens in their lives and protect them, in order to end violence in teen dating relationships.

Family and Friends' Guide to Domestic Violence

Elaine Weiss, © 2003 Volcano Press

This book is about how to listen, talk and take action when someone you care about is being abused. It offers practical answers to extraordinarily complex questions raised by abuse by connecting the vision of a better world with the imperfect day-to-day reality that is abuse. Included are special sections on understanding psychological abuse, pregnancy, disability, and teen dating violence.

Getting Free

Ginny NiCarthy, © 2004 Seal Press

This pioneering work continues to be a valuable tool for battered women. Thousands of women in support groups

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have found this book to be a source of hope and practical assistance. It includes an excellent and informative chapter on teen dating violence.

Helping Teens Stop Violence, Build Community and Stand for Justice

Allan Creighton & Paul Kivel, © 2011 Hunter House

The authors, veteran youth educators and community activists, have revised their classic book on violence prevention for today's youth without losing the powerful positive message of their successful first edition. Also included are detailed suggestions for connecting to the components of the Making the Peace Program. This new edition addresses issues of class, race, gender and sexual orientation, with new sections on ability and access, immigration and religion.

In Love and In Danger: A Teen's Guide to Breaking Free of Abusive Relationships

Barrie Levy, © 2006 Seal Press

This book is for teenagers and for parents of teens who have questions about abusive dating relationships, and it is a book that teens can share with friends, family members, teachers and counselors. This updated edition includes: new interviews with teens, advice on recognizing and dealing with abusive relationships, and many suggestions on how to have healthy relationships.

May I Kiss You?

Mike Domitrz, © 2003 Awareness Publications

This book is an in-depth at the realities of dating and intimacy. While most people "make their move" on a date, the author reveals why *asking first* makes all the difference, and he provides candid advice, real-life scenarios, and interactive exercises that will revolutionize a teens approach to dating while adding romance, building respect, and heightening one's awareness of sexual misconduct and assault. Students, educators, parents, and professionals are experiencing success with this innovative and fun approach to dating.

Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls

Mary Pipher, © 1994 Ballantine Books

According to the author, a clinical psychologist who has treated girls for more than twenty years, we live in a look-obsessed, media-saturated, "girl-poisoning" culture. Despite the advances of feminism, escalating levels of sexism and sexual harassment cause girls to stifle their intelligence and creative spirit, which, ultimately, destroys their self-esteem. Parents, advocates, teachers, and therapists, as well as girls themselves, will profit from this knowledge.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Lundy Bancroft & Jac Patrissi, © 2011 Berkley Books

This book is a guide to knowing if your relationship can -- and should -- be saved. It addresses the issue of finding out if one's intimate relationship is beyond hope, really not working, and how to realistically take stock and move forward.