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Each year, more than two million children around the world fall victim to commercial exploitation. The numbers of children abused for non-commercial purposes are even higher. Put simply, the growing, increasingly-organized epidemic of child exploitation demands a coordinated response. The aim of this book is to bring some fresh thinking to this complicated area of the law, and to help erase some of its counterproductive mythology. The book provides the first comprehensive, practical introduction to the history and present-day reality of child sexual exploitation, as well as to the interconnected web of domestic and transnational federal laws and law enforcement efforts launched in response thereto. It is written from the distinctive perspective of those who have spent their careers in the trenches investigating, prosecuting, and adjudicating these intricate and commonly emotional cases. Relying on real-world examples, the authors offer proscriptive and descriptive practical advice and reform proposals aimed at those involved at all levels in this difficult area. Serving as a “first-line” resource for clear, practical thinking on the range of complex, and often misunderstood, investigative, prosecutorial, and rehabilitative issues surrounding child exploitation cases, this work is a must-have for anyone with interest in the protection of children from sexual exploitation and trafficking.

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“This critically important book offers an essential, foundational element to a coordinated approach to end child sexual exploitation and trafficking.”

—**Helen Stacy**, Director, Stanford University Program on Human Rights

“[A] milestone on the road to improved policy in this difficult and important

area, this book will be an invaluable resource to judges, prosecutors, police, policy makers, criminologists, and the defense bar. I know that it will be of great value to me in dealing with the many appeals that my court receives from convictions and sentences in cases of sex crimes against children.” —**Richard A. Posner**, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Author of *Sex and Reason*

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