

Partner Stalking: How Women Respond, Cope, and Survive

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Description: It is estimated that a quarter of all women will be stalked in their lifetime. Stalkers put their victims in danger of losing their jobs, their support system, even their lives; and subject them to dangerously high levels of fear and stress. This book examines the multiple aspects of partner stalking from the victim's perspective. Female survivors share their personal stories of partner stalking, and the authors provide an extensive look at the latest stalking research providing readers with the new most relevant implications for practice and future research.

Special Features: The book informs students, professionals, and researchers about:

- Women's perceptions and definitions of stalking
- The health and mental health problems that co-occur with partner stalking and violent relationships
- Levels of stress caused by and/or exacerbated by partner violence and stalking
- Impacts on financial and employment status, social activities, and relationships
- Victims' access to the justice system and the growing need for better interventions by law enforcement and stronger policies and services to protect victims

Reviews:

"This book makes excellent use of richly textured interview data to illuminate the complexities of partner stalking and its profound consequences for every aspect of victims' lives. The topics covered are comprehensive and closely linked to previous research. This makes a significant contribution to the literature on stalking and intimate partner violence, which is shown to be closely related in this work. Of special interest are the redefinition of stalking to include behaviors that take place during the relationship as well as afterward and the particular difficulties faced by rural women being stalked. The policy recommendations are sensitive and sensible. I recommend this book for scholars and practitioners alike."

-Jennifer L. Dunn

Author, Courting Disaster: Intimate Stalking, Culture, and Criminal Justice Professor, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

"The Logan, Cole, Shannon and Walker book is extensively researched, clearly and accessibly written, and reveals the considerable collective expertise of the authors. It seamlessly traverses the scholarly world of the theoretical and empirical with the more tangible world of women who have been stalked by a partner. The women's narratives are carefully woven throughout the book to illustrate the day-to-day experiential process of relationship stalking victimization. By intersecting the scholarly with the experiential, deep insights are offered into the process of relationship stalking in ways that are carefully connected and responsible to the social scientific research. Individuals come alive in the research, and the research comes alive in the voices of the victims. The writing is lucid and well-organized, and the research is fully up-to-date, making this book an essential examination of relationship stalking for victims, counselors, law enforcement, and researchers."

-Brian H. Spitzberg, PhD

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