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**Child sexual abuse**

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Sexual abuse is a very frequent and complex reality, which involves the attention of experts and operators.

This book proposes important elements and instruments to clear up the different forms of abuse, to analyse risk factors and protective factors in the victim's context and to understand the psychological consequences provoked by these forms of violence in the victim's growth.

The experts have to be prepared to bring out abuse signals, as the diagnosis of similar cases is very difficult and it can cause estimation mistakes. They must be able to listen to the child and to protect him, using the right method.

The author proposes an integrated approach which considers the familiar context and its significant relationships.

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