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—James Garbarino, Ph.D., author of *Parents Under Siege*

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Synopsis

For the last ten years Betsy Groves has been working with children traumatized by witnessing violence. In this book she shows how children understand, respond to, and are affected by violence, especially domestic violence. Groves makes the powerful case that traumatic events carried out by family members carry the most severe psychological risks for very young children. She uses clinical case studies to show that being young does not protect against the lasting effects of witnessing violence, and she offers ways adults can help.

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Whether you know a little or a lot about the impact of exposure to violence on children, this book is a compelling and powerful read. "Children Who See Too Much" is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to recognize and understand how we can help children impacted by violence, whether we are their teachers, social workers, mental health professionals, child welfare workers, other professionals, friends, or family members. Ms. Groves has woven together a compelling tapestry of children's stories, research findings, professional experience working directly with children, and thoughtful policy and practice recommendations. The information on how to talk to your children about terrorism and war makes this book particularly relevant in the complex world that children and their parents must now negotiate. Ms. Grove's extensive experience as a pioneer in the field of helping children exposed to violence has provided an invaluable resource and a must-read for those who care about the well-being of children and their families.

I needed to have this book for one of my college classes. It is a very good book for learning about children who have been through traumatic events.

Excellent book for professionals who deal with children or domestic violence and for parents who have been in domestic violence situations with their children. I read it several years ago when I checked it out of the library and decided it was definitely worth having in my library at work. I am a family law attorney and want to have it available for any clients that might want a closer look at what domestic violence can do to children and how they can help reduce the negative impact of what has already happened.

Although it was fairly easy to read and understand in laymen terms it was not relevant to my needs at this time.

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