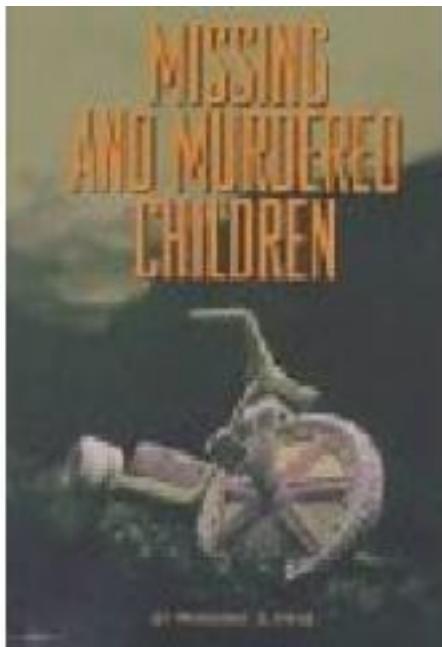


Missing and Murdered Children



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From School Library Journal Grade 7 Up?In her usual competent, direct, factual approach, Hyde presents information about children who have been kidnapped, runaways, throwaways, and those who have died from abuse and neglect and at the hands of strangers and peers. The effects of abductions and runaways on a family, shelters that aim to get children off the streets, and programs designed to get the missing youngsters home are explored. The chapter about death at the hands of strangers and peers chronicles several well-known child abduction/murder cases throughout the world. A section on death by abuse and neglect includes a brief history of infanticide along with recent examples of highly publicized cases. Black-and-white photographs add interest. A list of related organizations with addresses as well as electronic access information is included. This title is similar in approach to Hyde's

now-dated Missing Children (Watts, 1985; o.p.). Notably, most of the agencies listed in the 1985 publication are not listed here. Useful wherever additional information about the subject is needed. *?Lois McCulley, Wichita Falls High School, TX* Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Gr. 9^12. The number of missing children has recently been estimated to have approached one million. While some children are kidnapped by pedophiles or, more often, noncustodial parents, others either run away from abusive families or join the ranks of "throwaways," children literally discarded by their parents as infants or forced to leave homes where they've become emotional or financial burdens. As violence, drug use, and inadequate parenting skills threaten to exacerbate the crisis, advanced computerized networks and high-profile cases such as those of JonBenet Ramsey and Polly Klass have increased public awareness, offering hope where once there was only helplessness. By blending real-life scenarios with generally well documented data, this volume employs a format that helps advance its purpose: to stir the emotions of readers who have been numbed by the overwhelming vastness of the problem. Though initially a bit discordant, the text builds strength and momentum as cited cases become increasingly poignant. An extensive list of helplines and Web sites at the end offers hope that in the future children might be better protected against such tragedy. Roger Leslie See all Editorial Reviews

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