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# **Gun Violence And Public Life**

*More than any other advanced  
industrial democracy, the United  
States is besieged by firearms*

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*violence. Each year, some 30,000 people die by gunfire. Over the course of its history, the nation has witnessed the murders of beloved public figures; massacres in workplaces and schools; and epidemics of gun violence that*

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*terrorize neighborhoods and claim  
tens of thousands of lives.*

*Commanding majorities of  
Americans voice support for stricter  
controls on firearms. Yet they have  
never mounted a true national  
movement for gun control. Why?*

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*Disarmed unravels this paradox. Based on historical archives, interviews, and original survey evidence, Kristin Goss suggests that the gun control campaign has been stymied by a combination of factors, including the inability to secure*

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*patronage resources, the difficulties in articulating a message that would resonate with supporters, and strategic decisions made in the name of effective policy. The power of the so-called gun lobby has played an important role in*

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*hobbling the gun-control campaign,  
but that is not the entire story.*

*Instead of pursuing a strategy of  
incremental change on the local and  
state levels, gun control advocates  
have sought national policies. Some  
40% of state gun control laws*

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*predate the 1970s, and the gun lobby has systematically weakened even these longstanding restrictions. A compelling and engagingly written look at one of America's most divisive political issues, **Disarmed** illuminates the*

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*organizational, historical, and policy-related factors that constrain mass mobilization, and brings into sharp relief the agonizing dilemmas faced by advocates of gun control and other issues in the United States.*



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*Crimes against humanity were one of the three categories of crimes elaborated in the Nuremberg Charter. However, unlike genocide and war crimes, they were never set out in a comprehensive international convention. This book represents an*

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*effort to complete the Nuremberg legacy by filling this gap. It contains a complete text of a proposed convention on crimes against humanity in English and in French, a comprehensive history of the proposed convention, and fifteen*

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*original papers written by leading experts on international criminal law. The papers contain reflections on various aspects of crimes against humanity, including gender crimes, universal jurisdiction, the history of codification efforts, the*

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*responsibility to protect, ethnic  
cleansing, peace and justice  
dilemmas, amnesties and  
immunities, the jurisprudence of the  
ad hoc tribunals, the definition of  
the crime in customary international  
law, the ICC definition, the*

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*architecture of international  
criminal justice, modes of criminal  
participation, crimes against  
humanity and terrorism, and the  
inter-state enforcement regime.*

*Overcoming Grief Through the  
Humanity of Others Fred*

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*Guttenberg loved watching Mr. Rogers with his daughter and his son when they were little. Their favorite piece of wisdom was: In the midst of tragedy and catastrophe, find the helpers. “Always look for the helpers. There will always be*

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*helpers. Because if you look for the helpers, you'll know there's hope.”*  
*?Fred Rogers, interview with  
Television Academy, 1999 Life  
changed forever on Valentine's Day  
2018. What was to be a family day  
celebrating love turned into a*

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*nightmare. Thirty-four people were shot at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Jaime Guttenberg, a fourteen-year-old with a huge heart, was the second to last victim. That she and so many of her fellow students were*



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*struck down in cold blood  
galvanized many to action,  
including Jaime's father Fred who  
has become an activist dedicated to  
passing common sense gun safety  
legislation. Fred was already  
struggling with deep personal loss.*

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*Four months earlier his brother Michael died of 9/11 induced pancreatic cancer. He had been exposed to so much dust and chemicals at Ground Zero, the damage caught up with him. Michael battled heroically for*

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*nearly five years and then died at age fifty. This book is not about gun safety or Parkland. Instead, Find the Helpers tells the story of Fred Guttenberg's journey since Jaime's death and how he has been able to get through the worst of times*

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*thanks to the kindness and  
compassion of others. Good things  
happen to good people at the hands  
of other good people?and the world  
is filled with them. They include  
everyone from amazing gun violence  
survivors Fred has met around the*

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*country to former VP Joe Biden, who spent time talking to him about finding mission and purpose in learning to grieve. If you have read books such as Eyes to the Wind, Haben, The Beauty in Breaking, The Book of Rosy, or We Are Not Here*

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*to Be Bystanders; then you'll love  
Find the Helpers.*

*The new edition of this classic text  
covers the latest developments in  
American gun policy including the  
most recent shooting incidents that  
persist in plaguing the American*

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*landscape. Continuing a multi-decade trend, crime generally remains low throughout the US, but mass shootings have increased in both number and lethality, stoking greater support for gun laws among the public. Two seismic political*

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*events are highlighted in the eighth edition. The first is the ascendance of the gun safety movement, culminating in numerous electoral victories for gun law supporters in 2018 congressional and state races around the country. This outcome,*



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*which contributed to the Democrats' capture of the House of Representatives for the first time since 2008, also demonstrates that support for stronger gun laws could be a winning issue for proponents in 2020 and beyond. The second*

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*political development featured is the financial, political, and legal crises that beset the nation's oldest and most powerful gun group, the National Rifle Association. These crises are sufficiently grave that they may pose an existential threat*

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*to the organization's traditional dominance in the realm of gun politics. Author Robert J. Spitzer has long been a recognized authority on gun control and gun policy. His even-handed treatment of the issue--as both a member of*

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*the NRA and the Brady  
Center--continues to compel  
national and international interest,  
including appearances on major  
media such as the PBS NewsHour.  
The eighth edition of The Politics of  
Gun Control provides the reader*

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*with up-to-date data and coverage of gun ownership, gun deaths, school shootings, border patrols and new topics including universal background checks, limits on large capacity ammunition magazines, and "red flag" laws. New to the*

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*Eighth Edition Covers the ascendance of the Second Amendment sanctuary and gun safety movements, resulting from heinous shootings in Las Vegas and Parkland, Florida. Tracks the financial, political, and legal crises*

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*that threaten the dominance of the  
National Rifle Association.*

*Examines new policy measures  
including universal background  
checks, limits on large capacity  
ammunition magazines, the bump  
stock controversy, and "red flag"*

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*laws, among others.*

*Report*

*The Violence Project*

*The Real Costs*

*Gun Violence*

*Fighting for Our Lives and Our*

*Rights*



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*Promising Strategies to Reduce Gun  
Violence*

*An American Crisis*

100 billion dollars. That is  
the annual cost of gun  
violence in America  
according to the authors of

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this landmark study, a book destined to change the way Americans view the problem of gun-related violence.

Until now researchers have assessed the burden imposed by gunshot injuries and deaths in terms of medical

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costs and lost productivity. Here, economists Philip Cook and Jens Ludwig widen the lens, developing a framework to calculate the full costs borne by Americans in a society where both gun violence and its ever-

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present threat mandate  
responses that touch every  
aspect of our lives. All of  
us, no matter where we  
reside or how we live, share  
the costs of gun violence.  
Whether waiting in line to  
pass through airport

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security or paying taxes for the protection of public officials; whether buying a transparent book bag for our children to meet their school's post-Columbine regulations or subsidizing an urban trauma center, the

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steps we take are many and the expenditures enormous. Cook and Ludwig reveal that investments in prevention, avoidance, and harm reduction, both public and private, constitute a far greater share of the gun-

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violence burden than previously recognized. They also employ extensive survey data to measure the subjective costs of living in a society where there is risk of being shot or losing a loved one or neighbor to

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gunfire. At the same time, they demonstrate that the problem of gun violence is not intractable. Their review of the available evidence suggests that there are both additional gun regulations and targeted law



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enforcement measures that will help. This urgently needed book documents for the first time how gun violence diminishes the quality of life for everyone in America. In doing so, it will move the debate over

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gun violence past symbolic  
politics to a direct  
engagement with the costs  
and benefits of policies  
that hold promise for  
reducing gun violence and  
may even pay for themselves.  
A complete guide to the

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origins and everyday  
experience of gun violence  
in America—and a series of  
solutions to put a stop to  
its destruction once and for  
all. Gun violence is a  
problem with many faces, but  
seemingly no solution. From

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mass shootings to deadly domestic abuse to police officers opening fire, it permeates American life. And yet it feels impossible to address. The lines are firmly drawn and the federal government has not passed

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any legislation to reduce gun ownership in over twenty-five years. That's why it's time to look at the issue differently. In this revelatory collection, gun violence in America is addressed from three angles:

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how gun violence affects us today, how we have gotten to this juncture legally and socially, and finally, what we can do to reduce and end gun violence in America. Too many lives are lost by gun fire--around 15,000 a

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year--but we do have the tools to address this crisis. Top journalists, organizations, and anti-gun-violence advocacy groups are represented here--from Pamela Coloff to Ibram X. Kendi to Everytown for Gun

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Safety and the Giffords  
Organization--to collect the  
most comprehensive,  
thoughtful and practical  
guide on gun violence in  
America. There are no  
deadlocks and no excuses--we  
have the tools to stop gun



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violence now.

From a Harvard scholar and former Obama official, a powerful proposal for curtailing violent crime in America Urban violence is one of the most divisive and allegedly intractable issues

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of our time. But as Harvard scholar Thomas Abt shows in *Bleeding Out*, we actually possess all the tools necessary to stem violence in our cities. Coupling the latest social science with firsthand experience as a

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crime-fighter, Abt proposes a relentless focus on violence itself -- not drugs, gangs, or guns. Because violence is "sticky," clustering among small groups of people and places, it can be predicted

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and prevented using a series of smart-on-crime strategies that do not require new laws or big budgets. Bringing these strategies together, Abt offers a concrete, cost-effective plan to reduce homicides by over 50 percent

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in eight years, saving more than 12,000 lives nationally. Violence acts as a linchpin for urban poverty, so curbing such crime can unlock the untapped potential of our cities' most disadvantaged

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communities and help us to bridge the nation's larger economic and social divides. Urgent yet hopeful, *Bleeding Out* offers practical solutions to the national emergency of urban violence -- and challenges readers to

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demand action.

One of Mashable's "17 books every activist should read in 2019" Twenty years after Columbine, a leading gun control activist offers a radical argument for the gun control movement our country

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desperately needs Ninety-six  
people die from guns in  
America every single day.  
Twelve thousand Americans  
are murdered each year. The  
United States has more mass  
shootings, gun suicides, and  
nonfatal gun injuries than



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any other industrialized country in the world. Gun-safety advocates have tried to solve these problems with incremental changes such as background checks and banning assault style military weapons. They have

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fallen short. In order to significantly and permanently reduce gun deaths the United States needs a bold new approach: a drastic reduction of the 390 million guns already in circulation and a new

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movement dedicated to a future with fewer guns. In *Guns Down*, Igor Volsky tells the story of how he took on the NRA just by using his Twitter account, describes how he found common ground with gun enthusiasts after

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spending two days shooting  
guns in the desert, and lays  
out a blueprint for how  
citizens can push their  
governments to reduce the  
number of guns in  
circulation and make  
firearms significantly

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harder to get. An aggressive licensing and registration initiative, federal and state buybacks of millions of guns, and tighter regulation of the gun industry, the gun lobby, and gun sellers will build safer

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communities for all. Volsky outlines a New Second Amendment Compact developed with policy experts from across the political spectrum, including bold reforms that have succeeded in reducing gun violence

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worldwide, and offers a road map for achieving transformative change to increase safety in our communities.

Rampage Nation

Gunfight

Priorities for Research to

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Reduce the Threat of Firearm-  
Related Violence

Private Guns, Public Health,  
New Ed.

A Public Health Approach  
Gun Violence and Mental  
Illness

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In the past decade, no individual act of violence has killed more people in the United States than the mass shooting. This well-researched, forcefully argued book answers some of the most pressing questions facing our society: Why do people go on killing sprees? Are gun-free zones magnets for

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deadly rampages? What can we do to curb the carnage of this disturbing form of firearm violence? Contrary to conventional wisdom, the author shows that gun possession often prods aggrieved, mentally unstable individuals to go on shooting sprees; these attacks largely occur in places

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where guns are not prohibited by law; and sensible gun-control measures like the federal Assault Weapons Ban—which helped drastically reduce rampage violence when it was in effect—are instrumental to keeping Americans safe from mass shootings in the future. To stem gun massacres,

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the author proposes several original policy prescriptions, ranging from the enactment of sensible firearm safety reforms to an overhaul of how the justice system investigates potential active-shooter threats and prosecutes violent crimes. Calling attention to the growing problem of mass shootings,

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Rampage Nation demonstrates that this unique form of gun violence is more than just a criminal justice offense or public health scourge. It is a threat to American security. From the Hardcover edition.

In 2010, more than 105,000 people were injured or killed in the United

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States as the result of a firearm-related incident. Recent, highly publicized, tragic mass shootings in Newtown, CT; Aurora, CO; Oak Creek, WI; and Tucson, AZ, have sharpened the American public's interest in protecting our children and communities from the harmful effects

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of firearm violence. While many Americans legally use firearms for a variety of activities, fatal and nonfatal firearm violence poses a serious threat to public safety and welfare. In January 2013, President Barack Obama issued 23 executive orders directing federal agencies to improve

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knowledge of the causes of firearm violence, what might help prevent it, and how to minimize its burden on public health. One of these orders directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to, along with other federal agencies, immediately begin identifying the most



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pressing problems in firearm violence research. The CDC and the CDC Foundation asked the IOM, in collaboration with the National Research Council, to convene a committee tasked with developing a potential research agenda that focuses on the causes of, possible

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interventions to, and strategies to minimize the burden of firearm-related violence. *Priorities for Research to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence* focuses on the characteristics of firearm violence, risk and protective factors, interventions and strategies, the impact of gun

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safety technology, and the influence of video games and other media.

A former firearms executive pulls back the curtain on America's multibillion-dollar gun industry, exposing how it fostered extremism and racism, radicalizing the nation and bringing cultural division to a boiling point. As

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an avid hunter, outdoorsman, and conservationist—all things that the firearms industry was built on—Ryan Busse chased a childhood dream and built a successful career selling millions of firearms for one of America's most popular gun companies. But blinded by the promise

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of massive profits, the gun industry abandoned its self-imposed decency in favor of hardline conservatism and McCarthyesque internal policing, sowing irreparable division in our politics and society. That drove Busse to do something few other gun executives have done: he's ending his

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30-year career in the industry to show us how and why we got here. Gunfight is an insider's call-out of a wild, secretive, and critically important industry. It shows us how America's gun industry shifted from prioritizing safety and ethics to one that is addicted to fear, conspiracy,

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intolerance, and secrecy. It recounts Busse's personal transformation and shows how authoritarianism spreads in the guise of freedom, how voicing one's conscience becomes an act of treason in a culture that demands sameness and loyalty. Gunfight offers a valuable perspective as the nation

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struggles to choose between armed violence or healing.

"Groundbreaking." Rachel Louise Snyder, bestselling author of *No Visible Bruises* An examination of the phenomenon of mass shootings in America and an urgent call to implement evidence-based strategies



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to stop these tragedies Using data from the writers ' groundbreaking research on mass shooters, including first-person accounts from the perpetrators themselves, The Violence Project charts new pathways to prevention and innovative ways to stop the social contagion of violence.

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Frustrated by reactionary policy conversations that never seemed to convert into meaningful action, special investigator and psychologist Jill Peterson and sociologist James Densley built The Violence Project, the first comprehensive database of mass shooters. Their goal was to establish

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the root causes of mass shootings and figure out how to stop them by examining hundreds of data points in the life histories of more than 170 mass shooters—from their childhood and adolescence to their mental health and motives. They've also interviewed the living perpetrators of mass

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shootings and people who knew them, shooting survivors, victims' families, first responders, and leading experts to gain a comprehensive firsthand understanding of the real stories behind them, rather than the sensationalized media narratives that too often prevail. For the first time,

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instead of offering thoughts and prayers for the victims of these crimes, Peterson and Densley share their data-driven solutions for exactly what we must do, at the individual level, in our communities, and as a country, to put an end to these tragedies that have defined our modern era.

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How to End Gun Violence in a Divided  
America

The Devastating Consequences of  
Urban Violence--and a Bold New Plan  
for Peace in the Streets

A Critical Review

An American Summer

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Children Under Fire

The Politics of Gun Control

For years proposals for gun control and the ownership of firearms have been among the most contentious issues in American politics. For public

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authorities to make reasonable decisions on these matters, they must take into account facts about the relationship between guns and violence as well as conflicting constitutional claims and divided public opinion. In



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performing these tasks, legislators need adequate data and research to judge both the effects of firearms on violence and the effects of different violence control policies. Readers of the research

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literature on firearms may sometimes find themselves unable to distinguish scholarship from advocacy. Given the importance of this issue, there is a pressing need for a clear and unbiased assessment of the

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existing portfolio of data and research. Firearms and Violence uses conventional standards of science to examine three major themes - firearms and violence, the quality of research, and the quality of data available. The

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book assesses the strengths and limitations of current databases, examining current research studies on firearm use and the efforts to reduce unjustified firearm use and suggests ways in which they

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can be improved.

Perhaps never before has an objective, evidence-based review of the intersection between gun violence and mental illness been more sorely needed or more timely. Gun

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Violence and Mental Illness, written by a multidisciplinary roster of authors who are leaders in the fields of mental health, public health, and public policy, is a practical guide to the issues surrounding the relation

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between firearms deaths and mental illness. Tragic mass shootings that capture headlines reinforce the mistaken beliefs that people with mental illness are violent and responsible for much of the gun violence in the

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United States. This misconception stigmatizes individuals with mental illness and distracts us from the awareness that approximately 65% of all firearm deaths each year are suicides. This book is



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an apolitical exploration of the misperceptions and realities that attend gun violence and mental illness. The authors frame both pressing social issues as public health problems subject to a variety of

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interventions on individual and collective levels, including utilization of a novel perspective: evidence-based interventions focusing on assessments and indicators of dangerousness, with or without

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indications of mental illness.  
Reader-friendly, well-structured, and accessible to professional and lay audiences, the book: \* Reviews the epidemiology of gun violence and its relationship to mental

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illness, exploring what we know about those who perpetrate mass shootings and school shootings. \* Examines the current legal provisions for prohibiting access to firearms for those with mental illness and

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whether these provisions and new mandated reporting interventions are effective or whether they reinforce negative stereotypes associated with mental illness. \* Discusses the issues raised in accessing

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mental health treatment in regard to diminished treatment resources, barriers to access, and involuntary commitment.\* Explores novel interventions for addressing these issues from a multilevel and multidisciplinary

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public health perspective that does not stigmatize people with mental illness. This includes reviews of suicide risk assessment; increasing treatment engagement; legal, social, and psychiatric means of

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restricting access to firearms when people are in crisis; and, when appropriate, restoration of firearm rights. Mental health clinicians and trainees will especially appreciate the risk assessment strategies



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presented here, and mental health, public health, and public policy researchers will find *Gun Violence and Mental Illness* a thoughtful and thought-provoking volume that eschews sensationalism and embraces

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public health aspects of guns in American life. \* 450  
alphabetically organized entries, including 100 new for this edition, covering key issues (suicide, video games and gun violence, firearm injury

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statistics) and events  
(workplace shootings, the  
Virginia Tech massacre) \* 102  
expert contributors from all  
academic fields involved in  
studying the causes and effects  
of gun violence \* A chronology

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of pivotal moments and controversies in the history of firearm ownership and use in the United States \* An exhaustive bibliography of print and online resources covering all aspects of the study of guns

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in the United States \*

Appendices on federal gun laws,  
state gun laws, and pro- and  
anti-gun-control organizations

As cultural, social, political, and  
historical objects, guns are rich  
with complex and contested

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significance. What guns mean, why they matter, and what policies should be undertaken to regulate guns remain issues of vigorous scholarly and public debate. Gun Studies offers fresh research and original

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perspectives on the contentious issue of firearms in public life. Comprising global, interdisciplinary contributions, this insightful volume examines difficult and timely questions through the lens of: Social



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practice Marketing and  
commerce Critical theory  
Political conflict Public policy  
Criminology Questions explored  
include the evolution of  
American gun culture from  
recreation to self-protection;

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the changing dynamics of the pro-gun and pro-regulation movements; the deeply personal role of guns as sources of both injury and security; and the relationship between gun-wielding individuals, the state,

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and social order in the United States and abroad. In addition to introducing new research, Gun Studies presents reflections by senior scholars on what has been learned over the decades and how gun-related research

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has influenced public policy and everyday conversations.

Offering provocative and often intimate perspectives on how guns influence individuals, social structures, and the state in both dramatic and nuanced

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ways, Gun Studies will appeal to students and researchers interested in fields such as sociology, political science, legal history, criminology, criminal justice, social policy, armaments industries, and

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violent crime. It will also appeal to policy makers and all others interested in and concerned about the use of guns.

Guns and Violence  
How Tragedy Sparked a  
Movement

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Polling Matters

How to Stop a Mass Shooting  
Epidemic

Under the Gun

Guns in American Society  
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*PRIZE WINNER From the bestselling author of There Are No Children Here, a richly textured, heartrending portrait of love and death in Chicago's most turbulent*



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*neighborhoods. The numbers are staggering: over the past twenty years in Chicago, 14,033 people have been killed and another roughly 60,000 wounded by gunfire. What*

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*does that do to the spirit of individuals and community? Drawing on his decades of experience, Alex Kotlowitz set out to chronicle one summer in the city, writing about*

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*individuals who have emerged from the violence and whose stories capture the capacity--and the breaking point--of the human heart and soul. The result is a spellbinding*

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*collection of deeply intimate profiles that upend what we think we know about gun violence in America. Among others, we meet a man who as a teenager killed a rival*

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*gang member and twenty years later is still trying to come to terms with what he's done; a devoted school social worker struggling with her favorite student, who*

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*refuses to give evidence  
in the shooting death of  
his best friend; the  
witness to a wrongful  
police shooting who can't  
shake what he has seen;  
and an aging former gang*

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*leader who builds a place of refuge for himself and his friends. Applying the close-up, empathic reporting that made There Are No Children Here a modern classic, Kotlowitz*

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*offers a piercingly honest portrait of a city in turmoil. These sketches of those left standing will get into your bones. This one summer will stay with you.*



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*Glimmer of Hope is the official, definitive book from The March for Our Lives founders. In keeping up with their ongoing fight to end gun-violence in all communities, the*

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*student leaders of March for Our Lives have decided not to be paid as authors of the book. 100% of net proceeds from this book will be paid to March For Our Lives Action Fund.*

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*"Glimmer of Hope provides a blueprint for launching social change."*—NPR.org \*A Seventeen Magazine Best Book of 2018\* *"This is a clarion call to action for teens, by teens, and is*

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*moving and  
powerful."—Booklist,  
Starred Review Glimmer of  
Hope tells the story of  
how a group of teenagers  
raced to channel their  
rage and sorrow into*

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*action, and went on to create one of the largest youth-led movements in global history. March For Our Lives Action Fund is a nonprofit 501c4 organization dedicated to*

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*furthering the work of  
March For Our Lives  
students to end gun  
violence across the  
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