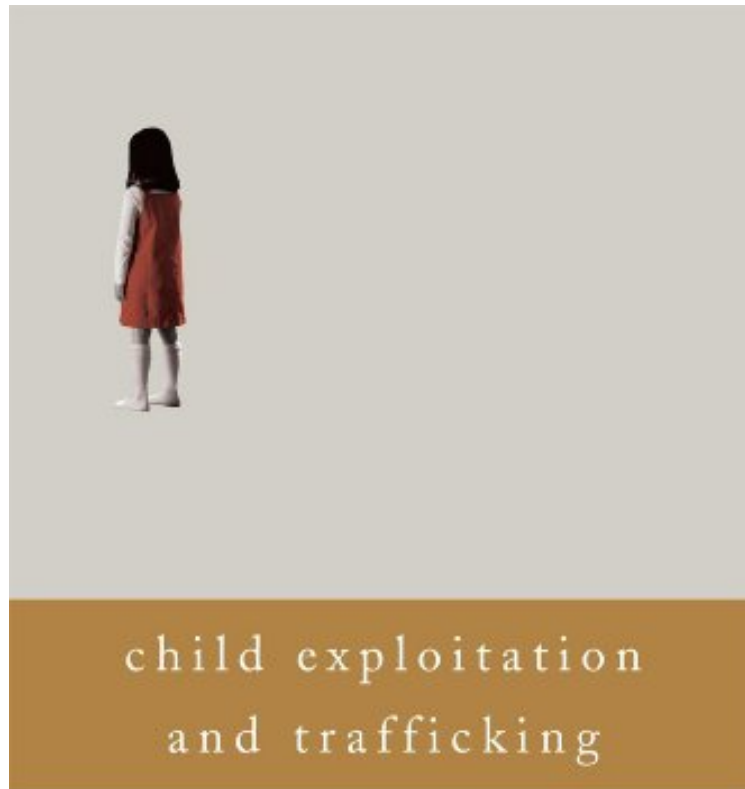


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Each year, more than two million children around the world fall victim to commercial sexual exploitation. The numbers of children sexually abused for non-commercial purposes are even higher. Put simply, the growing, increasingly-organized epidemic of child exploitation demands a coordinated response. The aim of this book is to bring some fresh thinking to this complicated area of the law, and to help erase some of its counterproductive mythology. The book provides the first comprehensive, practical introduction to the history and present-day reality of child sexual exploitation, as well as to the interconnected web of domestic and transnational federal laws and law enforcement efforts launched in response thereto. It is written from the distinctive perspective of those who have spent their careers in the trenches investigating, prosecuting, and adjudicating these intricate and commonly emotional cases. Relying on real-world examples, the authors offer proscriptive and descriptive practical advice and reform proposals aimed at those involved at all levels in this difficult area. Serving as a first-line resource for clear, practical thinking on the range of complex, and often misunderstood, investigative, prosecutorial, and rehabilitative issues surrounding child exploitation cases, this work is a must-have for anyone with interest in the protection of children from sexual exploitation and trafficking.

The book aims to present a one-stop source on the subject from child pornography to international human trafficking and the organized crime that is often behind it....[Funk and Kendall] wanted to provide a resource regarding not only victims, but various sex crimes, the court system, defense strategies and computer techniques perpetrators use to hide information, as well as how law enforcement can find it. (Chicago Sun-Times) Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation: Examining the Global Challenges and U.S. Responses is an excellent resource for practitioners, advocates, and policy makers. The intersection of child trafficking and exploitation is a complex issue, and one seldom addressed using a child rights based approach. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the topic, including the current national and international legal instruments that can be used to combat child trafficking and exploitation cases, the impact of these crimes on child survivors, and challenges and recommendations for moving forward to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. (Katherine Kaufka Walts, J.D., director, Center for the Human Rights of Children; Loyola University Chicago) From the Foreword: [A] milestone on the road to improved policy in this difficult and important area, this book will be an invaluable resource to judges, prosecutors, police, policy makers, criminologists, and the defense bar. I know that it will be of great value to me in dealing with the many appeals that my court receives from convictions and sentences in cases of sex crimes against children. (Richard A. Posner, U.S. Circuit Judge) This critically important book offers an essential, foundational element to a coordinated approach to end child sexual exploitation and trafficking. (Helen Stacy, director, Stanford University Program on Human Rights) This groundbreaking legal text, which comprehensively analyzes the accelerating worldwide crisis of the sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, comes at a critical time. . . . [A] compelling and authoritative treatise, clearly written, and filled with best practices and specific examples, this work challenges all citizens of our modern, global society to think creatively, mobilize our resources, and join forces to protect and save our children. (Hon. Ann Claire Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Lawyers Without Borders Program Director; Avon Global Center for Women and Justice Steering Committee Member; National Institute for Trial Advocacy Board Member) In authoring Child Exploitation and Trafficking, U.S. District Court Judge Virginia M. Kendall and former federal prosecutor T. Markus Funk, provide perhaps the first comprehensive history and current account of child sexual exploitation and trafficking as well as seeking to provide an analysis of the grid of U.S. and transnational laws that allow for the enforcement against these crimes and the resultant prosecutions. This is not an academic work per se, but the research and comprehensive approach is scholarly. Rather, this book could serve a wide range of members of the legal community: as a reference tool, text book for law students, guidance for prosecutors and NGOs seeking a brief synopsis of successful applications of laws both within the U.S. and in international forums. (American Society of International Law) About the Author Virginia M. Kendall is a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Before being elevated to the federal bench, Judge Kendall served as a deputy chief in the United States Attorneys Office in Chicago, where for more than ten years she served as the child exploitation coordinator. She travels extensively both domestically and internationally teaching judges and lawyers about crimes against women and children, and is an adjunct professor of law at Northwestern University School of Law and Loyola University School of Law. T. Markus Funk served as a federal prosecutor in Chicago for more than ten years, and spent two years in Kosovo as the USDOJ Resident Legal Advisor. He has taught law at, among other places, Oxford University, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the USDOJ National Advocacy Center; was awarded USDOJ and the State Departments highest service awards; and is the author of three books and dozens of criminal law related articles and book chapters. His legal work is featured in outlets such as CNBC, CNN, the Economist, the Los Angeles Times, the National Law Journal, National Geographic Channel, MSNBC, and the Wall Street Journal.