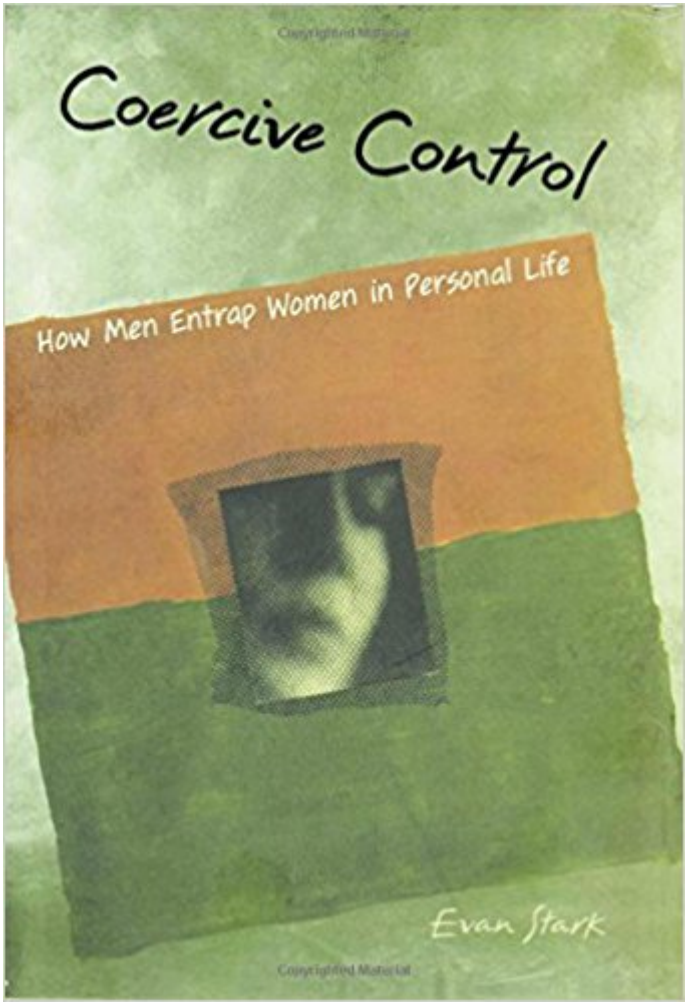
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Synopsis

One of the most important books ever written on domestic violence, Coercive Control breaks through entrenched views of physical abuse that have ultimately failed to protect women. Evan Stark, founder of one of America's first battered women's shelters, shows how "domestic violence" is neither primarily domestic nor necessarily violent, but a pattern of controlling behaviors more akin to terrorism and hostage-taking. Drawing on court records, interviews, and FBI statistics, Stark details coercive strategies that men use to deny women their very personhood, from "beeper games" to food logs to micromanaging dress, speech, sexual activity, and work. Stark urges us to move beyond the injury model and focus on the real victimization that allows men to violate women's human rights with impunity. Provocative and brilliantly argued, Coercive Control reframes abuse as a liberty crime rather than a crime of assault and points the way to bringing "real" equality for women in line with their formal rights to personhood and citizenship, freedom and safety.

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Evan Stark is an award-winning researcher and has served as an expert in over l00 cases involving battered women and their children. He teaches at the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration and Chairs the Department of Urban Health Administration at the UMDNJ School of Public Health. With Dr. Anne Flitcraft he is the coauthor of Women at Risk: Domestic Violence and Women's Health. He lives in Woodbridge, Connecticutt.

This is an amazing book. It provides a history of the domestic violence movement--what we've done right and wrong. It evaluates various interventions (such as shelters and groups for battering men) using statistics. It obligates us to face the fact that much of what we've done has not helped keep women safe. In persuasive language, the book urges that we look at ALL the ways women are controlled in their intimate relationships--not just physical violence.This book also provides three detailed case histories of extremely violent and controlling relationships, and shows how the concept of Coercive Control provides the missing piece to help us understand the victim's behavior, and suggests new legal and law enforcement approaches to intimate partner violence.This book entirely changed the way I view violence against women in intimate relationships. This book is especially well-suited to academics and people in the legal system.

An essential resource for anyone who works with women who have experienced coercive control. These women are not alone. This is abuse even with no visible broken bones or blood. No, they are not crazy. They should be believed. Coercive control may be a more devastating form of domestic violence abuse with longer lasting trauma.

Explains emotional abuse like no other text I've found. All lawyers and judges should have this appreciation (evidence based) in order to do justice to kids caught in the middle and victims who're trying to avoid stigma and regain their lives.

This should be mandatory reading for everyone in social services or other front line advocate for children and women, and especially the criminal justice system. A "must have" for any thinkers library. One of the most powerful books ever written. Jane Wells, Author of Run Jane Run: A Story of Murder and Courage

Books is very informative. Much of it is written for psychologists and researchers and not for lay people. But almost anyone impacted by domestic violence personally or professionally could get a lot out of this book. Very interesting!

I recommend this book to anyone working in the field of domestic violence. It brings in the emotional and verbal abuse so often overlooked by the legal community. Very helpful in identifying victims of domestic violence and abusers.

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