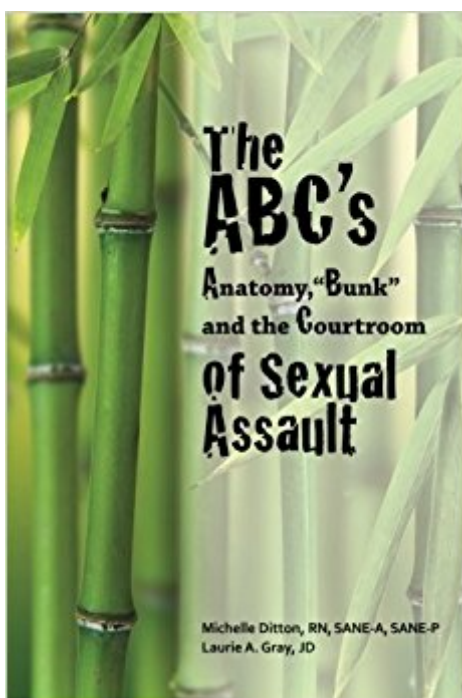


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# The ABC's Of Sexual Assault: Anatomy, "Bunk" And The Courtroom



## Synopsis

"The ABC's of Sexual Assault" provides a solid foundation of knowledge for every member of a Sexual Assault Response Team (law enforcement officers, child protection case managers, prosecutors, victim advocates, medical and mental health professionals, and forensic interviewers). This book is designed to be a reliable resource for anyone sorting through the unique forensic and legal aspects of a sexual assault case including judges, defense attorneys, defendants, and the media as well as any sexual assault victim, family member or friend. Michelle Ditton is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and the Chief Nursing Officer of the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center. Laurie Gray is an attorney, child forensic interviewer, and adjunct professor of criminal sciences at Indiana Tech. Together they walk lay persons and professionals alike through the labyrinth of sexual assault in the criminal justice system.

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"The ABC's of Sexual Assault by Michelle Ditton, RN, and Laurie A. Gray, JD, is a basic primer for the health care providers who deal with children where concern is sexual abuse.... This book will especially help new healthcare professionals as well as law enforcement and those working in the field of child abuse understand the basics of child sexual abuse so that they can help the families that are affected by this crime." ~Diana Faugno MSN, RN, CPN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAFS, DF-IAFN  
"I found this book to be a valuable resource for those involved in the assessment, treatment and support of victims of sexual assault....As an author of several books on homicide investigation and the series editor for over 65 titles..., I was impressed with the detail and practical

information presented by the two authors who are obviously experts in their respective fields. In fact, I would have liked to have had the authors publish in my series." ~ Vernon J. Geberth, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Former Commander of Bronx Homicide, N.Y.P.D."I found The ABC's of Sexual Assault to be immensely informative and extremely well assembled. Intelligently written, the guide presents a sensitive subject matter in a professional and easy to read and understand manner.... The use of real-life situations and stories -- from both the perspective of the victim and the many professionals involved in a case -- compel a reader to see not just the relevance of what is presented, but the necessity of knowing it." ~ Jamie Michele for Readers' Favorite "This book will be a great tool for all the members of the multidisciplinary team that work with victims of assault and their families to explain and challenge those myths." ~ Dr. Joyce A. Adams, Child Abuse Pediatric Specialist "This is a must have for Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Judges. Very informative and a great resource! I would recommend this for anyone investigating child abuse cases or sex crimes." ~ James E. Newbold, Assistant Chief/Detective, Berne Police Department "This easy-to-read guide gives medical and non-medical professionals who aren't familiar with the law a desk-top starting place to learn the lingo and assist them in understanding the process. ... I recommend this book to school nurses, CASA volunteers, and any person who's involved in sexual assault cases." ~ Michelle M. Weidenbenner, author of Cache a Predator

Much of the information for this book comes from trainings, workshops and articles we have prepared together and presented professionally. We have organized the information into three sections: Anatomy, "Bunk" and the Courtroom. We have included a glossary at the end for quick reference as well as a list of recommended resources. Part 1: Anatomy is divided into sections on the examination and treatment of all patients, female anatomy, and male anatomy. Part 2: "Bunk" addresses common myths and misconceptions that often undermine the investigation and adjudication of sexual assault cases. We also look at the evolving definition of rape and the difference between criminal statutes that require force as an element and those that require only a lack of consent. Part 3: The Courtroom offers a very brief overview of criminal procedure for context and then considers the collection of forensic evidence and general guidance to assist attorneys and witnesses as they prepare for trial. About the cover: The broken letters used in the title reflect the physical and emotional condition of many patients when they first come to the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center and present for treatment. The broken letters can also represent members of a Sexual Assault Response Team who are overworked, underpaid, and conscientious

but feeling burnt out, as well as a team whose effectiveness is undermined by misinformation and miscommunication, and a court system designed to protect the rights of defendants, often with little regard for their victims. In contrast to this brokenness, the bamboo forest on the cover embodies our belief in the resilience of the human spirit and the need for each of us to be flexible enough to bend rather than break as we join together in the pursuit of justice in sexual assault cases. Bamboo is a giant but sturdy grass that grows quickly and regenerates fully. It symbolizes the healing and recovery we hope to cultivate through truth and understanding.

Excellent product

Must have text

Shipped in a timely manner. Nice overview.

Michelle Ditton, RN and Laurie A. Gray, JD's *The ABC's of Sexual Assault* is a guide to the medical protocol and legalities following a sexual assault. The book covers everything from basic human anatomy and definitions of sexual assault, to the response, reporting, and courtroom proceedings that occur in its aftermath. Detailed and comprehensive, despite its disclosure that it isn't all-encompassing, the scope of Michelle Ditton, RN and Laurie A. Gray, JD's *The ABC's of Sexual Assault* seems to leave no stone unturned. It further aids professionals in law enforcement, the medical field, and in the legal practice in weeding out their own misconceptions and myths about what is and isn't possible, with a chapter of "Bunks" inducing the acknowledgement and re-education of several incorrect, but all too common, beliefs. I found Michelle Ditton, RN and Laurie A. Gray, JD's *The ABC's of Sexual Assault* to be immensely informative and extremely well assembled. Intelligently written, the guide presents a sensitive subject matter in a professional and easy to read and understand manner. As a layperson, this book opened up my eyes to a topic I knew virtually nothing about, but did so in a way that invited every possibility to be explored. The use of real-life situations and stories from both the perspective of the victim and the many professionals involved in a case compel a reader to see not just the relevance of what is presented, but the necessity of knowing it. I would absolutely recommend Michelle Ditton, RN and Laurie A. Gray, JD's *The ABC's of Sexual Assault* as a foundational guide, not just to professionals who deal with the subject matter, but to parents, school teachers, and anyone else who may have cause to have an understanding of everything associated with sexual assault. Reviewed from an

ARC for Readers' Favorite.

This well-written and extensive handbook provides simple information about understanding the process behind a sexual assault case. It includes information about who's typically on an assault team--from law enforcement officers to forensic interviewers--to the way evidence is collected. This easy-to-read guide gives medical and non-medical professionals who aren't familiar with the law a desk-top starting place to learn the lingo and assist them in understanding the process. It will help those who care for and interact with the legal system in assault cases too. The women who wrote this book have fifteen years of experience working in the trenches on child abuse cases and spent hours compiling information for the book in hopes that they will help. I recommend this book to school nurses, CASA volunteers, and any person who's involved in sexual assault cases.

I am new to SANE/SAFE education and have recently purchased the "ABC's of Sexual Assault by Michelle Ditton and Laurie Gray. This book is the first book I have read cover to cover in such a short time. It is a MUST for law enforcement, attorneys, and all health professionals and students in the medial field. I believe every nursing school should add this to the curriculum's "must read" list. It encompasses anatomoy, myths, evidence collection protocol and preparation for SANE's before court. I cannot promote this enough! I am 50 years old and find this a SANE/SAFE MUST. It is easy to read and understand for those who are experienced or new to the field of forensic nursing. Highly recommend! You will learn a lot! Well worth the money. These authors are truly experts in the field. Sharon Johnson RN, MSN, FNP-BC

Wow! This book is a must-read for anyone in the field of child protection or the investigation of sexual assaults. The authors very clearly outline the ins-and-outs of sexual assault investigations and subsequent prosecutions. I learned a great deal about how sexual assault does... and importantly does NOT... present itself from a physical/medical standpoint. Kudos to authors Michelle Ditton RN and Laurie Gray JD for compiling such an excellent resource tool for investigators, law enforcement, medical professionals, prosecutors and anyone interested in learning more about these investigations.

This is perfect and so good to have

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