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Praise for *Working with Female Offenders*

"Encyclopedic in scope and full of very relevant work drawn from the fields of biology, psychology, criminology, and corrections, this book is a must-read for those working with girl and women offenders."
—**Meda Chesney-Lind, Professor, Women's Studies University of Hawaii at Manoa**

"In this timely and thoughtful book, van Wormer provides a gender-sensitive lens through which the reader can examine pathways to female criminality, a global perspective on female crime and punishment, and innovative treatment approaches. This book is a must-have for any student or professional who wishes to truly impact and empower the lives of female offenders."

—**David W. Springer, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Social Work The University of Texas at Austin**

"This book is timely in light of promising developments that are taking place at every level of the criminal justice system. It is a must-read for policymakers, practitioners, academics, and students in criminal justice, social work, and other related fields."

—**Barbara E. Bloom, Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Sonoma State University, California**

The first book to combine elements from the social work, counseling, and criminology fields to create a framework tailored to working with female offenders

Taking into account the special needs of girls and women within a system designed by men for male offenders, *Working with Female Offenders* offers counselors, correctional officers, lawyers, probation officers—in short, anyone who works in some capacity with female offenders—an evidence-based, gentler approach for working effectively and successfully with girls and women in trouble with the law.

Working with Female Offenders provides coverage devoted to the nature of female crime and to the institutional settings in which much of the female-specific programming is designed to take place. This timely volume equips professionals with proven counseling strategies tailored to fit this population.

Practical guidelines are included for case management interventions, teaching skills of communication and assertiveness, and anger and stress management for female offender populations, as well as:

- A strengths/empowerment/restorative framework for counseling women in crisis
- Narratives from personal interviews with female offenders and correctional counselors
- Discussion of controversial topics such as prison homosexuality, AIDS in prison, girls in gangs, and women on death row
- Examples of successful, innovative programs for female offenders from the United States and abroad

Working with Female Offenders addresses the unique challenges of female offenders and those who treat them, and provides a much needed addition to the literature on innovative programming for female offenders.

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