

A Note from the Westminster Bookstore

As a father of two young children and an elder at a local church, it makes sense that this book would grab my attention and pique my interest. I want to protect the children at my church and the children in my home, so I ought to have delved right in to this book with eagerness. What I found, however, was that I consistently put off both reading the manuscript or even thinking about the book's release. Why? Why did I let this book, which is so highly commended and so clearly demands broad readership, sit in my inbox for months without ever looking at it?

First, I convinced myself I didn't need it. We haven't had to deal with this in my church. It isn't something my family has been confronted with. It's an issue that is *out there* somewhere—someone else's burden to bear.

Second, the topic was simply too sickening for me to think about. The fact that children are being sexually abused in houses of God is absolutely horrifying.

I think my response to this topic is all too typical. No one wants to read this book. It shouldn't have had to be written. The subject matter, and the torn apart lives of children that lie behind this book, make this the most difficult 'promotion' I've been part of in my years at the bookstore—and maybe the most necessary one. Indeed, I truly wish we could just give this book away every church leader.

In light of the seriousness of this book, and the gravity of the problem it addresses, can I encourage you to pray? Pray that this book would be a wake-up call to the leaders of God's people. Pray the suffering would be comforted, and the enemy stopped. Pray that God's house would be a safe place for the little ones to come to Jesus.

Blessings,

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P.S. We are deeply convinced that the church needs this book. Unfortunately, the publisher has not given us free copies to give away and the bookstore is still posting financial losses. Nevertheless, we do not want money to get in the way of you reading this important book. If for some reason you are unable to afford a copy, please email us at support@wtsbooks.com, and we will make our best effort to send you one for free.