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#### Review

"James Alan Fox, who comes from academia, and Harvey Burstein, whose background is in security management, have collaborated to provide readers with a multifaceted perspective on school security. The result is a comprehensive blueprint that stakeholders can use to plan for and deter acts of school violence." - **Security Management**

#### Review

"Professors Fox and Burstein have teamed up to produce the most comprehensive guide to school violence and security to date. Using up-to-date evidence about the patterns, trends, and correlates of school violence, they dispel myths about school crime. They expose many of the extreme measures that are often taken in response to incidents of school crime as over-reactions, and describe more reasonable, evidence-based approaches. This book is a must-read for practitioners and policy-makers wishing to reduce school crime." (Denise C. Gottfredson, Ph.D., Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, and author of *School and Delinquency*)

"Fox and Burstein have written a remarkable book. With a wealth of data and a sophisticated analysis, they take us beyond the media hype and put issues of school violence in a meaningful context. This comprehensive volume covers a multitude of concerns, from safety on the school bus and the playground, to bullying, gangs, and school shootings; from protecting school assets to emergency preparedness and crisis communication. This is an important book for professionals in all levels of education." (Peter Langman, Ph.D., author of *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*)

"Fox and Burstein have made an outstanding contribution to our understanding of school violence and what to do about it. If this isn't the definitive work on school violence, then it comes closer than any previous volume. Administrators, researchers, and students who are concerned about school violence cannot afford to ignore this incredibly informative and carefully crafted book." (Jack Levin, Ph.D., the Brudnick Professor of Sociology and Criminology and co-director of the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, Northeastern University)

"Professors Fox and Burstein have written the most up-to-date and comprehensive examination of the phenomenon of school violence and security available. This complex work weaves together an examination of the varying facets of the problem, including data and trends concerning violence in schools and universities, the media dynamic involved in extreme cases such as school shootings, the development of public fear, and the increasing development of security measures in schools. They situate the analysis of school violence in America within its proper socio-historical context and the contemporary legal climate. This book is required reading for anyone wanting to understand the phenomenon of school violence and contemporary responses to such threats." (Glenn W. Muschert, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University)

"It seems that every time we turn around, there is another shocking incident of violence on campus. We worry about whether our children are safe and why these terrible events keep coming. This valuable book explores the causes of violence, from the less threatening forms of bullying to the most deadly rampage attacks. It is the most comprehensive examination of the problem to date and an essential resource for everyone concerned about prevention, detection, and social change in institutions that we need to consider if

we are ever to get at the root causes." (Katherine S. Newman, Ph.D., Princeton University, senior author of *Rampage: The Social Roots of School Shootings*)

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