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first comprehensive book on this topic, to my awareness - I have searched WorldCat (a catalogue of many libraries across the world) and have found nothing like it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Seminal Text By Ed Hammer This book is the basis for all others that follows. Abuse and violence toward persons who are disabled, elderly, or dependent on others is the "800 pound gorilla" in the room. It is time to explore the power differential that causes these persons to be vulnerable. 9 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A Real Eye-Opener For All Us Do-Gooders!! By A Customer "Violence and Abuse in the Lives of People with Disabilities. The End of Silent Acceptance?" provides the reader with a real insight into the "helping world" of people with disabilities. The author does not just speculate on the issues of violence and abuse, he provides statistics that should make those employed in the human service industry ashamed. I would highly recommend reading this book regardless of your field or profession. I would hope that this book would inspire people to initiate and make changes in both the individual lives of people with disabilities and the systems governing their services.

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