

“I can think of no more important issue associated with safety and security of rural peoples and rural communities than gender-based violence. This book is an important contribution to the examination of violence against rural women.”

Joseph F. Donnermeyer, Ohio State University

“This collection debunks the still-popular myth that crime, including gender-based violence, is largely an urban problem. It provides an empirically based overview of GBV in rural communities that challenges readers to rethink the rural idyllic stereotype while recognising the complexity and diversity of victims’ experiences in rural places.”

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Gender-based violence (GBV) can take many forms and have detrimental effects across generations and cultures. The triangulation of GBV, rurality and rural culture is a challenging and essential topic and this edited collection provides an innovative analysis of GBV in rural communities.

Focusing on under-studied and/or oppressed groups such as immigrants and LGBTQIA+ people, the book explores new theories on patterns of violence. Giving insights into GBV education and prevention, the text introduces community justice and victim advocacy approaches to tackling issues of GBV in rural areas. From policy review into actionable change, the editors examine best practices to positively affect the lives of survivors.