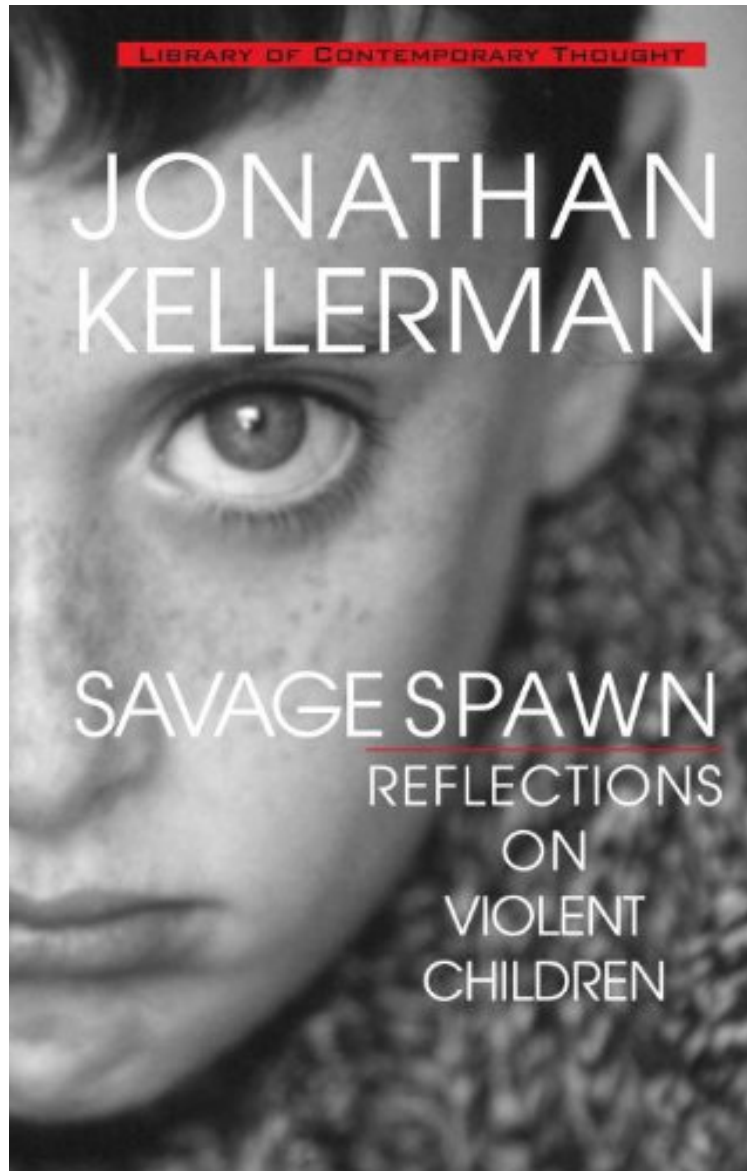


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Savage Spawn: Reflections on Violent Children (Library of Contemporary Thought):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I was disappointed in this book. The vast majority of the book seems to center around Dr. Kellerman's subjective views on psychopathy, guns, and criminality. The book was written shortly after a school shooting by two adolescent boys and it appears that Dr. Kellerman's work was emotionally driven with few facts. This book was recommended in a psychology course specifically for Dr. Kellerman's expertise in child psychology; unfortunately one only gets glimpses of this professionalism after trudging through the subjective views of the author.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More, please. Shorter than I expected. Didn't have as many spawn tales as I'd have liked. I wanted more, more details, more stories. A problem of patient confidentiality? Not enough examples to cite? I don't know, but these people lacking in compassion, fellow feeling, are fascinatingly different and Mr Kellerman's book was too short and not detailed enough to satisfy my fascination. It was a nice bite, but not a meal.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For anyone who has ever thought, "Am I raising the next Ted Bundy or what?"...By Hazel BrigzI originally gave this a 4-star rating only because of the subject matter. Then I went back and gave it the 5-star rating that it deserves. If you have a child, grandchild (as in my case), nephew or niece (it can happen with girls, as well. but not nearly as often) that seems to have an extremely violent streak, who is generally without remorse, yet who sleeps like a baby at night while the rest of the family lays awake in their beds, you will want - no, you will need - to read this book. While parts of it made me sick to my stomach (especially where I saw similarities in my own grandson), there are a lot of resources listed in this small book. It is somewhat comforting to know that others are, in fact, struggling with the same things that we are, but the thought of what we, as a society, as well as we, as relatives, will need to do and the decisions that will need to be made regarding these children is sobering at best. Written by well-known suspense author, Jonathan Kellerman, just remember that "truth can be stranger than fiction."

This thought-provoking and timely book from a #1 New York Times bestselling novelist and noted child psychologist reveals the factors that often lead to explosive and shocking juvenile violence. Ethically and morally, kids are works in progress. Throw in psychopathy and you've got a soul that will never be complete. In this powerful, disturbing book, bestselling author and noted child psychologist Jonathan Kellerman shines a penetrating light on antisocial youth--kids who kill without remorse--asserting that psychopathic tendencies begin very early in life, as young as three, and they endure. Criticizing our quick impulse to blame violent movies or a morally bankrupt society, Kellerman convinces us that it is the kids themselves who need to be examined. Carefully. How do children become cold-blooded killers? Kellerman warns that today's aggressive bully is tomorrow's Mafia don, cult leader, or genocidal dictator. Violently psychopathic youths possess an overriding need for power, control, and stimulation, and all display a complete lack of regard for the humanity of others. He examines the origins of psychopathy and the ever-shifting debate between nurture and nature, offering some controversial solutions to dealing with homicidal tendencies in children. As timely as today's headlines, more gripping than fiction, *Savage Spawn* is a provocative look at the links between society and biology, children and violence. Kellerman's sobering message will remain with you long after the last page is turned.

.com Jonathan Kellerman is best known as the author of a series of bestselling suspense novels starring psychologist sleuth Dr. Alex Delaware, but his nonliterary background is as a children's clinical psychologist. In *Savage Spawn*, inspired by the schoolyard shootings that took place in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Springfield, Oregon, in 1998, he brings his training to bear on the question of how children can become cold-blooded killers. Kellerman has as much--perhaps more--to say about the broader issue of the nature of psychopathy, however, than he does about youth violence, though he does occasionally bring the two themes together. But *Savage Spawn* is essentially a hundred-page-plus op-ed piece rooted in Kellerman's belief that there are fundamentally bad people in the world and that the response to the perpetrators of violent acts such as the shooting at Jonesboro should be to "lock them up till they die." (Although published shortly after the multiple-death shooting in Littleton, Colorado, in 1999, the book was clearly written before this incident took place.) Readers may ultimately prefer more detailed considerations such as William Pollack's *Real Boys* or *Lost Boys*, by James Garbarino. From Publishers Weekly

Novelist Kellerman, a child psychologist who often uses the fictional character of Dr. Alex Delaware as his foil, here tackles the hot topic of violent children in a nonfiction format. Apart of the ongoing Library of Contemporary Thought series. Using the recent school shootings in Oregon, Arkansas and Colorado as a hook, he vents his own views on "childhood criminality as a social destructor." Relying on personal case histories, he provides a general profile for kiddie psychopaths. Mostly boys, from all kinds of backgrounds, these habitually violent kids are marked by their bravado and lack of conscience. In short, they're cold-blooded monsters who, when given access to guns, become deadly threats. Kellerman's personal views can be shrill, even alarmist, as he rails against such ills as "Marxist-derived social science norms," yet this novelist-on-a-soapbox diatribe plays convincingly in Gilliland's forceful reading, like an artfully constructed public speech. Based on the 1999 Ballantine paperback. (July) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap

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