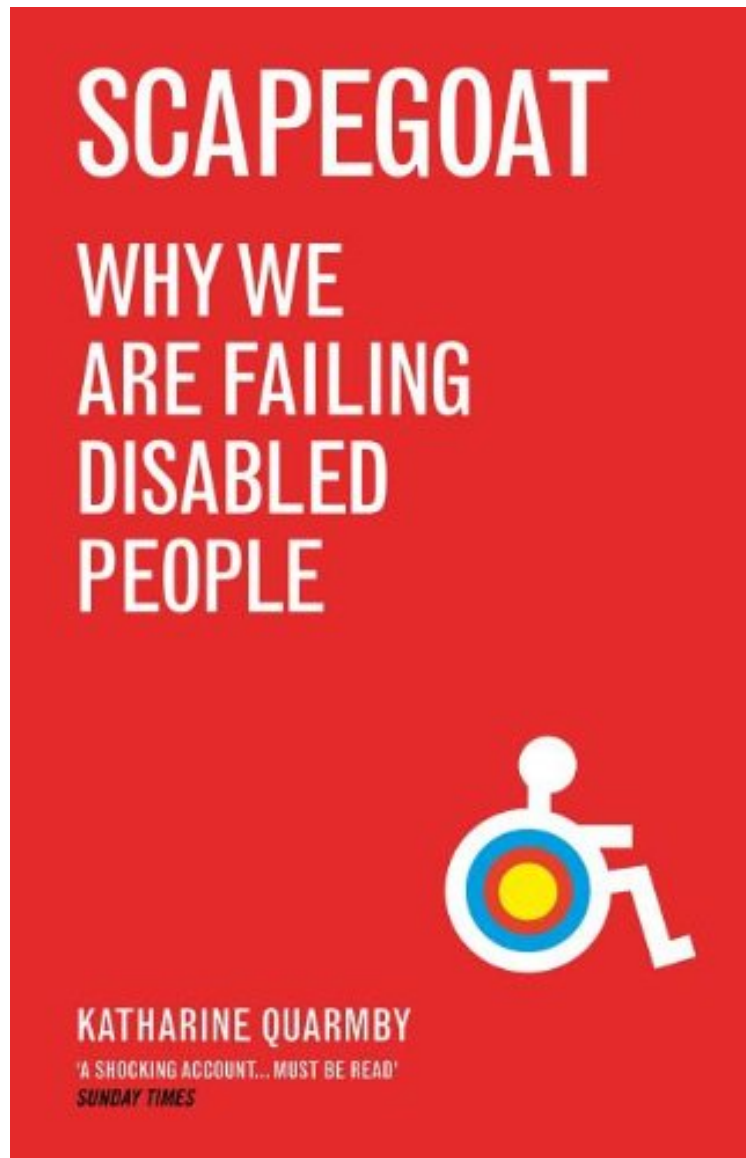


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Excellent. Everyone should read this book.By GracelikestoreadI thought this was a fantastic book. Very readable yet it was so well researched. The book opened my eyes to what disabled people have to endure every day.I have some personal experience of being a wheelchair user (temporarily) and I had one or two unpleasant experiences so I was drawn to read this book to see if what I experienced was

unusual. Reading Scapegoat made me realise that the bullying and harassment of disabled people is far from unusual. The reason we don't hear about it is because, I suspect, that the victims don't want to risk the further humiliation and isolation drawing attention to their plight might bring. I really wish this book was required reading in schools so that the issues raised could be discussed and perhaps change the minds of those who are inclined to treat disabled people with contempt and worse. An excellent book.

Every few months there's a shocking news story about the sustained, and often fatal, abuse of a disabled person. It's easy to write off such cases as bullying that got out of hand, terrible criminal anomalies or regrettable failures of the care system, but in fact they point to a more uncomfortable and fundamental truth about how our society treats its most unequal citizens. In Scapegoat, Katharine Quarmby looks behind the headlines to question and understand our discomfort with disabled people. Combining fascinating examples from history with tenacious investigation and powerful first person interviews, Scapegoat will change the way we think about disability - and about the changes we must make as a society to ensure that disabled people are seen as equal citizens, worthy of respect, not targets for taunting, torture and attack.

This is a stomach-turning book - but it must be read. - Dominic Lawson, Sunday Times  
In Scapegoat, Quarmby documents specific crimes in chilling detail puts them into the broader context of violence and prejudice against disabled people. I cannot imagine reading a more important book this year. - Tom Shakespeare  
Genuinely authoritative... Quarmby's sobering conclusion is that there needs to be a paradigm shift in the way that disabled people are viewed by society as a whole. - Paul Cockburn, Scotland on Sunday  
Katharine Quarmby has studied the plight of disabled people in this country over the past century and gathered her findings into a fireball of a book... A shocking, challenging call to action. - Alastair Mabbot, Herald