

# Free to be Children

## *Preventing child sexual abuse in Aotearoa New Zealand*

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### HOW TO COMBAT THE TRAGEDY OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse of children wrecks lives, families and communities. In this landmark book, well-known registered clinical psychologist Robyn Salisbury seeks the wisdom of those who have devoted many years, each in their own domain, to working with child sexual abuse. Driven by Salisbury's wish to challenge abused children's invisibility and abusive adolescents' and adults' power, this book makes a major and unique contribution to understanding how we can best tackle the tragedy of child sexual abuse as a nation, and how urgent it is that we do.

From its foreword by Children's Commissioner Judge Andrew Becroft to its chapters by survivors, clinical psychologists working with both victims and offenders, the Chief Censor, experts on child trafficking and psychotherapists working in damaged communities, the expertise contained in its pages offers a blueprint for best practice for both professionals and the community, and cannot be ignored.

**'I cannot recommend this book strongly enough' — Bernadette Berry, NZ College of Clinical Psychologists**

**'What a triumph' — Joy Haywards, New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists**

### ABOUT THE EDITOR

**Robyn Salisbury** is a registered clinical psychologist and sex therapist with many years' experience in private practice. Her particular interests are in-depth individual psychotherapy and dealing with issues of sexuality and intimacy with individuals and couples. For many years, as 'Mrs Salisbury', she has written a weekly magazine column, focusing on relationship and sexuality. Her practice is based in Palmerston North.

### SALES POINTS

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- High-profile author
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