

Sue Roberts

Solutions to knife crime

International perspectives on the prevention of wildfire ignition

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This is a very timely book. It rightly claims that contemporary explanations have been left largely to journalists, so that the book has stolen the march on filling a void in academic research on the current surge in knife crime. The major strength of the book is in offering not just explanations, but also in offering solutions derived from a solid research base. Most notably, the approach used presents a richly textured context in which the research took place. Indeed, suggested solutions are developed from a combination of a solid public policy background, and also, crucially, from the voices and views of those most affected by, and involved in, knife crime. The resulting picture is a powerful one: of central government overlooking all of the above factors, but also of one where there is hope in the form of a reservoir of workable approaches to be tapped, along with an identification people who can lead and deliver change if only they are given the resources.

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Summary

This book addresses one of the UK's most persistent and serious concerns: knife crime. While research diagnosing the cause of rising knife crime abounds, few studies articulate effective solutions to this complex social problem. Drawing on data from cities across the UK, Sue Roberts suggests concrete forms of collaboration that may just spare future generations from the worst of this terrifying scourge.

"Solutions to knife crime: a path through the red sea?" will fascinate law-enforcers, policy-makers, criminologists and other specialists both within and outside academia. It will also appeal to anyone who's been affected, or is simply concerned, by this blight on British society.

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