The frequent occurrence of senseless deaths due to firearm violence is far too common for governmental entities to continue to brush aside. The issue of gun violence has been discussed, dissected, heavily debated in today’s sociopolitical milieu, and remains a highly politicized and partisan topic. Dr. Bailey’s book serves as a timely primer and “wake up call” on this pertinent issue, which has grown steadily in scale over the years, and threatens to infringe upon our everyday lives as Americans. Although firearm violence has been explored from legal and political perspectives, Dr. Bailey’s book presents the issue from the perspective of a healthcare provider - a forensic psychiatrist who has spent his career helping individuals to work through the psycho-social ramifications of firearm violence, and communities to mourn the victims of this epidemic. This book seeks to (1) discuss the notion that firearms escalate levels of violence, (2) address the multitude of factors influencing gun violence, and dispel the disproportionate blame attributed to persons with mental illness, and (3) explore the high prevalence of firearm violence in certain communities. Dr. Bailey emphasizes that while no single piece of legislation can change the face of firearm violence in America overnight, continued education can prevail over time. Communities will need to join forces and remain vigilant in confronting this issue, so that it may one day become an exception, rather than the norm. Firearm violence is not a niche concern limited to one culture or community. It permeates the very fabric of our society, cutting color, race, gender, and class, affecting all Americans. It is a public health crisis!

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