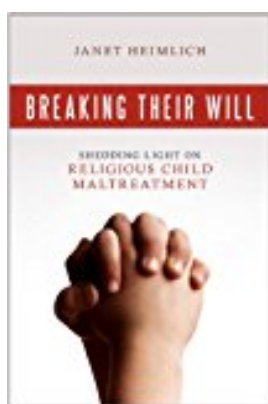


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Review "*Breaking Their Will* is a **powerful and deeply disturbing book**, wide ranging in its exploration of religiously based physical and mental abuse of children past and present, and richly informed by both personal and scholarly reflections and insights. This book will have a profound impact upon the consciences and actions of readers from a wide range of religious perspectives who surely will be convinced, after finishing this book, that children deserve to be free from all forms of

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"**Insightful, provocative**, exposing, and well written, Janet Heimlich casts a bright light on the presence of child abuse in institutional religion, forcing it out of the dark corners of denial and into the arena of honesty and reality. I hope it is widely read." --**Bishop John Shelby Spong**, author, *The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love*

"Child mistreatment, backed by religious tenets, is one of the most disturbing realities, especially when religions also have a unique capacity to cherish and protect children. With courage, compassion, and adept use of interviews and research on a wide range of violations, Janet Heimlich **grapples with causes and constructive solutions**. This is a book that all of us, but especially religious believers among us, should read as a first step to providing children the love and security they deserve. In my own teaching and research, I've looked for a book that focuses explicitly on how religion becomes entangled in harming children and am glad to have a book to recommend." --**Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore**, author of *Let the Children Come: Reimagining Childhood from a Christian Perspective*

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About the Author As a freelance reporter for National Public Radio, **Janet Heimlich** won nine journalism awards, including the prestigious Katie, given by the Press Club of Dallas; the Houston Press Club's Radio Journalist of the Year; and the Texas Bar Association's Gavel Award. In addition to her radio work, Ms. Heimlich has written non-fiction articles for such publications as *Texas Monthly*, the *Austin American-Statesman*, the *Texas Observer*, *Tribeza*, and *Edible Austin*. Her book *Breaking Their Will: Shedding Light on Religious Child Maltreatment* is the first to take an in-depth look at child abuse and neglect caused by religious belief.

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