Delve Deeper into *Pervert Park*
A film by Lasse Barkfors and Frida Barkfors

This list of fiction and nonfiction books, compiled by Hanna Lee of Batesville Public Library and Susan Conlon of Princeton Public Library, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the POV documentary *Pervert Park*.

How can we solve a societal problem that, for most people, is too horrifying to discuss or even contemplate? That is the central question raised by *Pervert Park* (60 min.), a film about the people nobody wants as their neighbors—those who have been convicted of sex offenses—that offers possible insight into preventing sexual crime in the United States.

**ADULT NONFICTION**


This handbook is designed to assist policymakers and practitioners in the process of assessing, and strengthening, their sex offender management approaches.

Fodor, Margie Druss. *Megan’s Law: Protection or Privacy*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2001. Following the murder of seven-year-old Megan Kanka by a neighbor who was a convicted sex offender, her outraged community took action. Author Margie Druss Fodor explores the laws that resulted. She shows both sides of the issue concerning the rights of people to know if a sex offender is living in their neighborhood versus the right of a person to privacy after serving time for committing a crime. The author also includes a history of sexual offender laws.


Horowitz, Emily. *Protecting Our Kids?: How Sex Offender Laws Are Failing Us*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2015. This thought-
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provoking work raises important questions about sex offender laws, drawing from personal stories, research, and data to prove the policies promote fear, destroy lives, and fail to protect children.

Katz, J. (2006). *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help.* Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks. Written for both women and men, *The Macho Paradox* provides women with original and creative ways of thinking about how to reverse this ongoing national tragedy. It also makes a powerful case to men that the only way to end the abuse and mistreatment of women is for many more self-identified “good guys” to make these issues their own.

Kalichman, Seth C. and John Q La Fond. *Protecting Society from Sexually Dangerous Offenders: Law, Justice, and Therapy.* Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2003. Legal and mental health experts explore the ramifications of the controversial sexual predator commitment laws, registration and community notification laws, and chemical castration laws that have come into existence since 1990. The increasing number of sex crimes, especially those committed by released sex offenders against young victims, has struck a public nerve.

Levenson, Jill S., and John W. Morin. *Treating Nonoffending Parents in Child Sexual Abuse*


Twenty Strategies for Advancing Sex Offender Management in Your Jurisdiction. (2008). United States Department of Justice, Center for Sex Offender Management. This document was developed for policymakers interested in advancing adult and juvenile sex offender management in their jurisdictions.

Yates, Pamela M., David Prescott, and Tony Ward. *Applying the Good Lives and Self-regulation Models to Sex Offender Treatment: A Practical Guide for Clinicians.* Brandon, VT: Safer Society, 2010. This comprehensive and readable handbook reviews the central constructs that serve as the foundations for treating individuals who have committed sexual offenses.